

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
May 12, 2014

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at the District Office with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following directors were present: William Allison, John Ciavarella, Pearl Downs-Sheckler, Robert Schaninger, Dennis McGinley, Walter Schulz, Glenn Confer, John Partenio, and Gerald Strubinger. Administrators present: Barbara Conway, *Superintendent*, Lauren Kovac, *Business Manager/Board Secretary*, Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Holly Mordaunt, *L.B. Morris Principal*, Brian Gasper, *Penn Kidder Principal*, Kathy Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*, and David McAndrew, Jr., *L.B. Morris Assistant Principal*. Also present: Attorney Gregory Mousseau, *Solicitor*, Brian Baddick, *Director of Special Education*, Jerome Brown, *Director of Technology*, Michelle Searfoss, *Business Manager Secretary*, Laurie Munding, *Director of Transportation*, and Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*. Visitors present: Nicole Martin, Grace Martin, Denise Nowicki, Vincent Rodgers, Stanley Nowicki, Ed Moyer, Mark Laubach, Christine Griffaton, Jasmyn Strohl, Tyler Kittle, Annette Kittle, Michele Searfoss, Meg Varno, Laura Marzen, Linda DiGilio, Dorothy Reis, Kendra Hogarty, Michael Pope, Mary Vaush, Cheryl Putt, Frances Ines, Robert Lee, Kathy Schulz, Tom Ciavaglia, Lori Giglotti, Charles Getz, Patty Baresse, Jeff Reese, Kris Newbern, Julie Renoda and Dr. Cristina Veal.

GENERAL BUSINESS

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS**

Linda DiGilio from the Penn Kidder Cafeteria spoke on behalf of the workers stating how important their jobs are to the students and how they have known the kids for several years. She also feels that their jobs are as important as the teachers.

Steve Nowicki also spoke on behalf of the cafeteria moms. They work very hard and they deal with the everyday problems that the children have.

Mark Laubach the Teamsters Business Agent spoke on behalf of the cafeteria workers. He also said that the Union will agree to the terms of the last sit-down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board broke for an executive session for personnel matters. The regular meeting was resumed at 7:22 PM.

An executive session was also held for personnel matters prior to the regular Board meeting. Action will be taken during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. R. Schaninger, to *approve the consent agenda as presented:*

- *Approval/Minutes of April 7, 2014 Board Meeting*
- *Approval / Athletic Report (April)*
- *Approval/Homebound Instruction-Secondary (Medical)*
- *Informational: Thank You - LCCC*
- *Informational: Student Hazleton Standard Speaker Create an Ad Winners.*
- *Approval/Out-of-State Field Trip – ACE Team – National Championship, Washington, D.C. – 5/29-6/1/14.*
- *Approval/Completed Applications*
- *Informational: Current JTASD Substitute List*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

FINANCIAL APPROVALS **Motion** by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the financial reports as presented.*

Approval/Bills Payable- Area
Approval/Bills Payable-Cafeteria

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. R. Schaninger, to *approve the financial reports as presented.*

Approval/Treasurer's Report
Approval/Tax Collector's Report

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ed Moyer addressed the Board regarding the placement of the Commemorative bench. Mr. T. Larizzio feels the best place would be in the High School Courtyard.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER BASEBALL
COACH – DONALD
REIS

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Partenio, to *approve Mr. Donald Reis as a volunteer baseball coach.*

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSES**

RESIGNATION:
ASSISTANT
FOOTBALL COACH-
SCOTT MCGONIGAL

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Partenio, to *approve the resignation of Assistant Football Coach- Mr. Scott McGonigal.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

EMPLOYMENT:
ASSISTANT
FOOTBALL COACH-
KYLE POREMBO

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve moving Volunteer Football Coach to Assistant Football Coach- Mr. Kyle Porembo- \$3,085.00*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

VOLUNTEER GIRLS'
BASKETBALL COACH-
EUGENE BINDER

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve Mr. Eugene Binder as a Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CAFETERIA/BUILDING COMMITTEE

FOOD SERVICE
MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. R. Schaninger, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *award the Food Service Management Contract to The Nutrition Group, as presented*

Roll call vote: **MOTION PASSES (8-1) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

W. Schulz	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
W. Allison	Aye	R. Schaninger	Aye
G. Strubinger	Nay	G. Confer	Aye
J. Partenio	Aye	P. Sheckler	Aye
J. Ciavarella	Aye		

Ms. Patty Baresse of The Nutrition Group stated that they will keep all current employees at the hours they are working.

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if the employees will be able to collect unemployment through the summer. Ms. Baresse said they will be able to collect unemployment.

BUILDING
REPAIRS

Mr. R. Schaninger asked Mr. T. Larizzio if anything was going to be done about fixing the cracks in the parking lots at Penn Kidder and at the L.B Morris. Mr. R. Schaninger feels it would be beneficial if we would do this over the summer. Mr. T. Larizzio said he would get quotes on how much it would cost to fix the cracks at both schools.

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Mr. G. Strubinger informed the board that the Daycare Building was sold.

CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT

CLIU #21 FACILITIES
PLAN

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the CLIU #21 Facilities Plan committee report.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CLIU #21 BOARD

MEETING CALENDAR

The Board Meeting Calendar was included in the agenda packet.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR 2014-2017

Motion by Mr. R. Schaninger, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the Graduation requirements for 2014-2017.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Mr. T. Lesisko informed the board that we are meeting all requirements that are necessary for graduation.

HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE ADDITIONS

2014-2015

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. R. Schaninger, to *approve the High School Course additions for 2014-2015.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

SIXTH SENSE

The JTASD Sixth Sense team took first place in the competition that was held at the Panther Valley High School.

ACE TEAM

The JTASD 8th grade Ace team also took first place at their competition.

NEW FUNDING

FORMULA FOR

BASIC EDUCATION

A sample resolution for the establishment of a new funding formula for Basic Education was included in the agenda packet.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE

CANDIDATE FORUM

The 17th District Legislative Candidate Forum will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Lehighon American Legion.

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. R. Smith will submit the LCCC minutes to the board.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

2014-2015 PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET

Motion by Mr. W. Schulz, seconded by Mr. J. Partenio, to *approve the Proposed Final Budget @ 45.52 mills with no increase.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (7-2) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

J. Partenio	Nay	W. Schulz	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	W. Allison	Nay
R. Schaninger	Aye	G. Strubinger	Aye
G. Confer	Aye	J. Ciavarella	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye		

SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR GASOLINE, DIESEL AND OIL

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the solicitation of bids for gasoline, diesel fuel, and fuel oil for the 2014-2015 school year.*

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSES**

SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR WASTE REMOVAL

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the solicitation of bids for waste removal.*

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSES**

RESIGNATION: DIANE GABRIELLE- YEARBOOK ADVISER

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. J. Partenio, to *approve the resignation of Mrs. Diane Gabrielle as yearbook adviser.*

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSES**

EMPLOYMENT:
YEARBOOK ADVISER-
BRIAN SCHWARTZ

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve Mr. Brian Schwartz as the Yearbook Advisor with a stipend of \$3,495.00.*

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSES**

EMPLOYMENT:
PRINCIPAL-
DAVID MCANDREW
JR

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the employment of Mr. David McAndrew Jr. as Principal at a salary \$81,500.00 (Effective July 1, 2014)*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (9-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

G. Strubinger	Aye	R. Schaninger	Aye
G. Confer	Aye	J. Partenio	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
J. Ciavarella	Aye	W. Schulz	Aye
W. Allison	Aye		

POSTING:
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL K-12

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve the posting for Assistant Principal K-12 Certification.*

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. R. Schaninger, to *table the Assistant Principal posting.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION TO TABLE PASSES (5-4) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

G. Confer	Aye	G. Strubinger	Aye
P. Sheckler	Nay	J. Partenio	Nay
J. Ciavarella	Aye	D. McGinley	Nay
W. Schulz	Aye	R. Schaninger	Aye
W. Allison	Nay		

Mr. R. Schaninger feels that we don't need an assistant principal at any of the buildings. Mr. G. Confer feels that best people are in the classrooms and not the administration.

Mr. B. Gasper, Mrs. H. Mordaunt and Mr. W. Allison spoke on behalf of the Assistant Principals.

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella to *remove the Assistant Principal posting from the table.*

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the posting for Assistant Principal. K-12 certification, with a salary to be determined.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

RESIGNATION:
KATHRYN
ROLAND-PART-TIME
GERMAN LANGUAGE
TEACHER

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *accept the resignation of Ms. Kathryn Roland as the part-time German Teacher.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING
PART-TIME
GERMAN TEACHER

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to approve the posting for a part-time German Teacher at the High School.

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

SALARY INCREASES

ERIC HILL

ORELL GAYNOR
STACEY TOMKO
MINDY SANDO
HEATHER HALENAR

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the salary increases at 2%, retroactive from July 1, 2013.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (7-2) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

J. Ciavarella	Aye	W. Schulz	Aye
W. Allison	Aye	R. Schaninger	Nay
J. Partenio	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Confer	Aye	P. Sheckler	Aye
G. Strubinger	Nay		

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE

ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the assignment of the Getz Transportation contract to Brandywine Transportation.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (9-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

W. Allison	Aye	G. Strubinger	Aye
J. Partenio	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
R. Schaninger	Aye	G. Confer	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	J. Ciavarella	Aye
W. Schulz	Aye		

NEW BUSINESS TREASURER

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. J. Partenio, to *approve Mr. J. Ciavarella as the Treasurer for 2014-2015.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

2014-2015 SCHOOL
CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. W. Schulz, to *approve the School Calendar for 2014-2015.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STUDENT ROTARIANS The May Student Rotarians are Jasmyn Strohl (JT) and Alexis Young (CCTI).

STUDENT OF
THE MONTH The Student of the month for May is Haley Cope (Computer Technology).

SUSPENSIONS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS Suspension and Administration Reports were included with the agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President

