

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
August 10, 2015

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: John Ciavarella, Robert Schaninger, Walter Schulz, Glenn Confer, and Gerald Strubinger. Administrators present: Brian Gasper, *Superintendent*, Lauren Kovac, *Business Manager/Board Secretary*, Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Holly Mordaunt, *L.B Morris Principal* David McAndrew Jr., *Penn Kidder Principal*, and Also present: Attorney Gregory Mousseau, *Solicitor*, Katherine Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*, Jerome Brown, *Director of Technology*, Laurie Munding, *Director of Transportation*, and Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*. Visitor present: Kathy Schulz, Nancy Shiner, Robert Lee and representing the Times News, Judy Kramer.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS

Ms. Nancy Shiner addressed the Board with a proposal to be a math tutor for Keystone testing and Title I. She would work three days a week for three hours at a rate of \$30.00 an hour. Mr. Brian Gasper asked to refer to Policy and Personnel Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held for personnel matters. Action will be taken during the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve the consent agenda as presented:*

- *Approval / Minutes of July 13, 2015 Board Meetings*
- *Approval / Acceptance of School Bank Report (4/30/15-6/30/15)*
- *Approval / Real Estate Property Tax Exemption – Disable Veteran - EF*
- *Approval / Repository Sales*
- *Correspondence – Thank You – Albrightsville Volunteer Fire Company*
- *Approval / Completed Applications*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

MINUTES

Mr. G. Strubinger feels that the minutes do not contain enough information and Mr. W. Schulz believes that not all items appear in the minutes that were discussed during the meeting. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that all items that are voted upon appear in the minutes.

FINANCIAL APPROVALS

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the financial agenda as presented.*

- *Approval/Bills Payable – Area*
- *Approval/Bills Payable – Cafeteria*

Roll call vote: **MOTION FAILS (4-0-1) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

W. Schulz	Aye	R. Schaninger	Abstain
W. Allison	Absent	G. Confer	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	M. Principe	Absent
D. McGinley	Absent	P. Sheckler	Absent
J. Ciavarella	Aye		

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve bills payable as follows:*

- *Approval/Bills Payable – Area (with the exception of transportation bills)*
- *Approval/Bills - Cafeteria*

Roll call vote: **MOTION PASSES (5-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the Treasurer’s Report*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the Tax Collector's Report.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Mr. G. Strubinger would like to see more details on the bills. Mrs. L. Kovac will make sure copies of purchase orders are included in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

NO REPORT

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

RESIGNATION:

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL

COACH: MR. MICHAEL

MCGONIGAL

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve the resignation of Mr. Michael McGonigal as Assistant Football Coach (effective July 15, 2015).*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

EMPLOYMENT:

ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL

COACH: MS. SIERRA

FOGAL

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the employment of Ms. Sierra Fogal as an Assistant Volleyball Coach with a stipend of \$1,765.00.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (5-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

MOVE VOLUNTEER
FOOTBALL COACH TO
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL
COACH – MR. JOSEPH

HALENAR

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve moving Mr. Joseph Halenar from Volunteer Football Coach to Assistant Football Coach with a stipend of \$3,085.00.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (5-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

VOLUNTEER BOYS’
SOCCER COACH -
MR. KYLE LAWRENCE

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve Mr. Kyle Lawrence as a Volunteer Boys’ Soccer Coach..*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

VOLUNTEER BOYS’
SOCCER COACH -
MR. JUSTIN KAMINSKI

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve Mr. Justin Kaminski as a Volunteer Boys’ Soccer Coach.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CAFETERIA/BUILDING COMMITTEE
HONEYWELL
ENERGY AUDIT

Motion by Mr. R. Schaninger, seconded by Mr. G. Confer to *approve the Honeywell Energy Audit.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

TEACHERS CONTRACT Mr. G. Strubinger stated that the teachers are in negotiations with their contract. He also feels that there should be a common contract county-wide.

CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT
NO REPORT

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

STATE BUDGET

Mr. G. Confer stated that there still is no budget. Mr. G Strubinger said what went thru the house is a bill to reduce property taxes with a rebate up to \$1,900.00.

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NO REPORT

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

EMPLOYMENT:

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER:

MS. TANYA HOHERCHAK

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve Ms. Tanya Hoherchak as a Long-Term Substitute Learning Support Teacher.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (5-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

EMPLOYMENT:

PARA-PROFESSIONAL:

MS. CYNTHIA DEPUE

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the employment of Ms. Cynthia DePue as a Para-professional at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (5-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

EMPLOYMENT:
 PARA-PROFESSIONAL:
 MS. GAIL SACELARIS

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve the employment of Ms. Gail Sacelaris as a Para-professional at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (5-0) WITH THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

RESIGNATION:
 MS. SARAH HILL
 SPANISH TEACHER

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the resignation of Ms. Sarah Hill – Spanish Teacher.*

Voice Vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:
 SPANISH TEACHER

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the posting of a Spanish Teacher.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY
 NEW BUS STOP
 PENN FOREST STREAMS &
 INDIAN MTN. LAKES

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *create new bus stop in Penn Forest Streams at Leslie Lane Pool and Indian Mountain Lakes at the mailboxes.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. G. Confer asked about getting test results. Ms. K. Doll said she would get the results to Mr. G. Confer.

Mr. G. Confer feels that Board Members are not getting information that they requested. He also feels that here is money being spent without Board approval.

TRUANCY
OFFICER

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. R. Schaninger, to *give the Truancy position to the Security Officer.*

Mr. W. Schulz stated that this has been brought up before and no action was taken.

Motion by Mr. R. Schaninger, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *table the motion of the Truancy position going to the Security Officer.*

Mr. R. Schaninger said

Mr. J. Ciavarella stated that he appreciates the job that everyone is doing for the District.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SUSPENSIONS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

Suspensions and Administrative Reports were included with the agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President

Conflict of Interest Memorandum-Jim Thorpe Area School Board

Date: 8-10-15

Board Member: ROBERT SCHAWINGEN

Agenda Item: 5.01 & 5.02

Reason for Abstension: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Date provided to Board Secretary: 8-10-15

References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 324, 1111 State Ethics Commission Regulations – 51 PA Code Sec. 15.2, 15.3 Whistleblower Law – 43 P.S. Sec. 1421 et seq. Public Officials and Employee Ethics Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1101 et seq. Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 – 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7201 et seq. Whistleblower Protection – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1513 Board Policy – 004, 609