

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
February 12, 2018

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, Pearl Downs-Sheckler, Raniero Marciante, Dennis McGinley, Wilmer Redline, and Gerald Strubinger. Administrators present: Brian Gasper, *Superintendent*, Lauren Kovac, *Business Manager/Board Secretary*, David McAndrew Jr., *Penn-Kidder Principal*, Holly Mordaunt, *L.B. Morris Principal*, Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Sandra Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, Katherine Doll, *Curriculum Director*, Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Michelle Searfoss, *Business Manager Secretary*, and Attorney Gregory Mousseau, *Solicitor*. Visitors present: Dorothy Gasker, Paul Montemuro, Shawn Bierman, Thea Bierman, Julie Renode, Jaz Gajourich-Protich, Elena Monaco, Laura McArdle, Christine Hallihan, Renee Marciante, Jason Capper, Kim Ziegnufus and representing the Times News, Chris Reber.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS

No visitors addressed the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held for personnel matters. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- *Approval/Minutes – January 22, 2018*
- *Approval/Homebound Instruction – Secondary Student (Medical)*
- *Approval/Athletic Report*
- *Approval/Repository Sales*
- *Correspondence - Thank You - Scholastic Scrimmage Team and Adviser*
- *Approval/Completed Applications*
- *Informational – JTASD Substitute List*

Voice vote: **MOTION PASSES**

FINANCIAL APPROVALS **Motion** by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve the financial consent agenda as presented.*

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

Roll call vote: **MOTION PASSES (5-1)** with the vote as follows:

W. Redline	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
G. Strubinger	Nay	P. Sheckler	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	M. Principe	Absent
G. Confer	Absent	J. Ciavarella	Aye
C. McGinley	Absent		

OLD BUSINESS

NO REPORT

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

EMPLOYMENT:

ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH –

MAGGIE PLATKO

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mrs. P. Sheckler, to *approve the employment of Ms. Maggie Platko as Assistant Softball Coach with a stipend of \$2,000.00 (split salary).*

Roll call vote: **MOTION PASSES (6-0)** with the vote as follows:

G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Sheckler	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	M. Principe	Absent
G. Confer	Absent	J. Ciavarella	Aye
R. Marciante	Aye	C. McGinley	Absent
W. Redline	Aye		

EMPLOYMENT:

ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACHES –

BRIAN SCHWARTZ

PATRICK JOYCE

MICHAEL WAGNER

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. G. Strubinger, to *approve the employment of Assistant Baseball Coaches as presented:*

- *Mr. Brian Schwartz - \$1,965.00*
- *Mr. Patrick Joyce - \$2,340.00*
- *Mr. Michael Wagner - \$1,965.00*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (6-0)** with the vote as follows:

D. McGinley	Aye	M. Principe	Absent
G. Confer	Absent	J. Ciavarella	Aye
R. Marciante	Aye	C. McGinley	Absent
P. Sheckler	Aye	W. Redline	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye		

RESIGNATION:

HEAD CHEERLEADING COACH –

JULIE ROMANISKO

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve the resignation of Ms. Julie Romanisko as Head Cheerleading Coach, effective April 2, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:

**HEAD CHEERLEADING
COACH**

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve the posting for Head Cheerleading Coach.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked how much Ms. Romanisko gets paid to be the Head Coach. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that she receives \$3,975.00.

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CAFETERIA & BUILDING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING Mr. J. Ciavarella stated that they will be setting up a Committee Meeting in the near future.

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

2018-2019 BUDGET The CCTI 2018-2019 Proposed Operating Budget was distributed to Board Members.

CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT

MEETING Mr. D. McGinley reported that the next CLIU meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2018.

REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. D. McGinley stated that they will be seeking a nomination to the CLIU.

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve Mr. Dennis McGinley as the JTASD representative to the CLIU.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that there will be an election for a new Governor.

REVENUE

Mr. G. Strubinger reported that there is more money coming in than anticipated.

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES –
AT-LARGE POSITION

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that there is an open at-large position on the Board of Trustees. If anyone is interested, contact LCCC to apply.

DONLEY SITE

Mr. G. Strubinger reported that the Donley site seems to be moving along. He added that it is revenue neutral.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

CLIU #21 2018-2019
OPERATING BUDGET

Motion by Mr. W. Redline, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the CLIU #21 2018-2019 Proposed Operating Budget.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if our cost will be going up. Mr. D. McGinley replied that our cost will be going down.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (6-0)** with the vote as follows:

R. Marciante	Aye	M. Principe	Absent
P. Sheckler	Aye	C. McGinley	Absent
G. Strubinger	Aye	J. Ciavarella	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	G. Confer	Absent
W. Redline	Aye		

LCCC 2018-2019
OPERATING BUDGET

Motion by Mrs. P. Sheckler, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the LCCC 2018-2019 Operating Budget.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (6-0)** with the vote as follows:

P. Sheckler	Aye	W. Redline	Aye
M. Principe	Absent	G. Strubinger	Aye
J. Ciavarella	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
C. McGinley	Absent	G. Confer	Absent
R. Marciante	Aye		

ACCELERATED
BUDGET OPT-OUT
RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mrs. P. Sheckler, to *approve the Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. W. Redline asked if this means we won't raise taxes. Mrs. L. Kovac responded that it means we will not raise taxes above the index.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (6-0)** with the vote as follows:

J. Ciavarella	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
C. McGinley	Absent	G. Confer	Absent
W. Redline	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Sheckler	Aye
M. Principe	Absent		

POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. R. Marciante, to *approve a one-month unpaid leave of absence for an employee #1247.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (6-0)** with the vote as follows:

G. Confer	Absent	C. McGinley	Absent
W. Redline	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
D. McGinley	Aye	G. Strubinger	Aye
J. Ciavarella	Aye	M. Principe	Absent
P. Sheckler	Aye		

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE

SOLICITATION OF BIDS:
TWO SCHOOL VANS AND
TWO SCHOOL VEHICLES

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mrs. P. Sheckler, to *approve the solicitation of bids for two (2) school vans and two (2) school vehicles.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

SOLICITATION OF BIDS:
SALE OF TWO JTASD
VEHICLES

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mrs. P. Sheckler, to *approve the solicitation of bids for the sale of two (2) JTASD vehicles.*

- 2005 Chrysler Van
- 2000 Chevrolet Wheelchair Bus

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEETING
NOTIFICATION

Mr. R. Marciante would like an “all-call” to go out to the community announcing when and where Board Meetings are being held.

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

Administrative Reports were included with the Agenda.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STUDENT ROTARIANS

The February Student Rotarians are Trevor Keefer (Jim Thorpe) and Sharin Fischer (CCTI).

STUDENT OF
THE MONTH

The Student of the Month for February is Alexis Capria (Art).

SUSPENSIONS

Suspension Reports were included with the Agenda.

CURRENT
ENROLLMENT

The current enrollment is 2,465.

CYBER/HOMESCHOOL

Mr. B. Gasper gave a presentation on Cyber/Homeschooling and discussed the enrollment figures for each school.

Mrs. H. Mordaunt added that many cyber school students come back to Jim Thorpe.

TEACHER DEGREES

Mr. G. Strubinger noted that he feels that teachers in our two K-8 buildings who are teaching grades six (6) to eight (8) should have a Bachelor's Degree. Mrs. P. Sheckler stated that this should be discussed at the next Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President