

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
December 3, 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, Wilmer Redline, Raniero Marciante, Clement McGinley, Dennis McGinley, Michael Principe, and Gerald Strubinger. Administrators present: Brian Gasper, *Superintendent*, Lauren Kovac, *Business Manager/Board Secretary*, Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Kathy Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*, Sandra Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, Laurie Mundinger, *Director of Transportation*, Michelle Scarfoss, *Business Manager Secretary*, and Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*.. Visitors present: Renee Marciante, Cindy Henning, MA Lewellyn, Julie Renode, Christine Hallihan, Kris Newbern, Elena Monaco, Melissa Acker, Jenn Bevilacqua, Carl Beard, Joshua McCartney, T.J. Garritano, Bonnie McElmoyle, Jason McElmoyle, Brian McElmoyle, Patti Bausse, Karrie Flamin, Vincent Capria, Paul Montemuro, Dan Smelas and from the Times News, Chris Reber.

NOMINATION / ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT/
VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. D. McGinley nominated Mrs. Pearl Sheckler for President.

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *close the nominations for President.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. R. Marciante to *elect Mrs. Pearl Scheckler as President.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (8-0-1)** with the vote as follows:

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

Mr. D. McGinley nominated Mr. Glenn Confer for Vice President.

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *close the nominations for President.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *elect Mr. Glenn Confer as Vice President.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (8-0-1)** with the vote as follows:

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

ELECTION OF
SOLICITOR

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *name The Beard Group as Solicitor.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (7-1-1)** with the vote as follows:

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

Mr. Carl Beard was introduced and took his seat at the table.

BOARD &
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the School Board Meeting Schedule as presented.*

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *amend the motion and have the Board Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.*

Regular Meetings

Second Wednesday of the Month

7:00 PM- District Office

Executive Session (if needed)-6:00 PM

Committee Meetings

First and Last Mondays and Third Wednesday of the Month (if needed)
6:00 PM- District Office.

Committee Meeting on last Monday of the month may be used for a
Regular Board Meeting (if needed).

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (8-1)** with the vote as follows:

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

Dr. M. Principe stated he voted nay, because he teaches class on a
Wednesday.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS

PAUL MONTEMURO

Mr. P. Montemuro stated that he is going to meet with someone from
Philadelphia about the 4605 and he explained to the Board that the form is
like a birth certificate. He also asked about Little O's insurance and if the
school pays for it. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that there a few elementary
programs that fall under the school's insurance. He would like to know if
they are paying the use the gym.

Mr. P. Montemuro asked Dr. M. Principe if he got the information about
the YSA billing that he asked for at last month meeting. Dr. M. Principe
replied that he did receive it from the Business Manager.

CINDY HENNING

Ms. C. Henning asked the Board to look into the reimbursements for Mr.
Brown. She also asked about the letter that Mr. D. McGinley read at the
August meeting and how he was misinformed. She wants to know when
the minutes from August will be posted.

Ms. C. Henning asked about the security charge that Tumble with Denise
had to pay for the use of the gym. Dr. B. Gasper explained how facility
rentals work.

Ms. C. Henning asked Atty. C. Beard how he will charge the School
District for his services. Atty. C. Beard responded that all charges will be
billed as attorney fees.

T.J. GARRITANO

Mr. T.J. Garritano asked the Board if they have come to an agreement about getting a turf field. Mr. J. Ciavarella stated we are still waiting to hear back from our Financial Advisor to see if we have the money to do it.

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that the citizens do not want to spend \$1.2 million on a turf field. He feels we should invite Panther Valley to join us and we should use their field. Mr. Garritano responded that we would have to move up a class or two and that it would be difficult to be competitive in districts. Mr. Strubinger responded that we are not competitive now.

PATTY BARESSE
KARRIE FLAIM

Ms. P. Baresse of The Nutrition Group gave the Board an update on the status of the cafeteria. She stated that we are having a fantastic year so far. She stated that we are \$8,000.00 a head of budget.

Ms. P. Baresse noted that the District received a Breakfast Grant and breakfast numbers have improved.

Mr. G. Strubinger asked our lunch prices compare to other districts in our area. Ms. Baresse stated that our price is average for this area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was reported that personnel matters were discussed in executive session.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- *Approval/Minutes – November 12, 2018 Board Meeting*
- *Approval/FMLA Request – Employees #886, 1187, 370 and 277*
- *Approval/Homebound Instruction – Secondary (Medical)*
- *Correspondence – PDE Division of Federal Programs*
- *Approval/Real Estate Tax Exemption – Disabled Veteran-FK*
- *Thank You – Rep. Doyle Heffley*
- *Approval/Completed Applications*
- *JTASD Substitute List*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

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

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

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (8-1)** with the vote as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

NO REPORT

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

RESIGNATION:

HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH –

DREW BENYO

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve the resignation of Mr. Drew Benyo as Head Cross Country Coach.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:

HEAD CROSS COUNTRY
COACH

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the posting for a Head Cross Country Coach.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

VOLUNTEER POWERLIFTING COACH –

RUSSELL BAILOR

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve Mr. Russell Bailor as a Volunteer Powerlifting Coach (all clearances are on file).*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CAFETERIA & BUILDING COMMITTEE

UPGRADES TO L.B. MORRIS AND

PENN KIDDER CAMPUSES -

\$25,000.00 SCHOOL SAFETY

GRANT

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve upgrades to the L.B. Morris and Penn Kidder Campus lobbies to be funded by a \$25,000.00 School Safety Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked what upgrades will be done. Dr. B. Gasper replied that the vestibules will be increasing security.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (9-0)** with the vote as follows:

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

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

REPRESENTATIVE:

CCTI JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE –

GERALD STUBINGER **Motion** Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve Mr. G. Strubinger as the member of the Joint Operating Committee of CCTI representing the Jim Thorpe Area School District. Term of office beginning January 2019 for a period of three (3) years.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE:

CCTI JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE –

RANIERO MARCIANTE **Motion** by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve Mr. R. Marciante as the alternate member of the Joint Operating Committee of CCTI representing the Jim Thorpe Area School District. Term of office beginning January 2019 for a period of one (1) year.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT

FUNDING

Mr. D. McGinley stated that funding is dropping a couple thousand dollars.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

STATE FUNDING

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that we get the least amount of funds from the state. We need to get after Doyle Heffley. He also feels that we need to get rid of the property tax.

Mrs. P. Sheckler asked Mr. G. Strubinger to contact Mr. Heffley to come in for a meeting.

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LCCC

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that being a part of the college is a wonderful thing. He also stated that at CCTI we could be doing a lot more but the other four (4) districts didn't want to expand it.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

REAL ESTATE
TAX REFUND

Motion by Mr. W. Redline, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve a real estate tax refund for parcel #12A-51-MV2556.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if this was for a veteran. Mrs. L. Kovac responded that it is not. It is due to a reassessment.

Mr. G. Strubinger stated that if we follow through with reassessments there is a million dollars we could get.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (9-0)** with the vote as follows:

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

POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ADOPTION AND REVISION
OF POLICIES

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the adoptions and revisions of policies.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if this was through PSBA. Mr. W. Redline responded that it is.

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

UNPAID LEAVE
OF ABSENCE

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve an unpaid leave of absence for eight (8) days for an employee.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Mrs. P. Sheckler stated that the employee asked to improve herself at no cost to the district. Dr. M. Principe said that she is training overseas.

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING A Transportation & Security Committee Meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2019, along with a Policy & Personnel Committee Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGH SCHOOL
GERMAN CLUB

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the request for the creation of new High School German Club, advised by Ms. Susanne Semuta.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. W. Redline asked if this was on a volunteer basis. Dr. B. Gasper responded that it is.

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE
TAX COLLECTION

Motion by Mr. G. Strubinger to *send all of our delinquent taxes to the County.*

MOTION DIES for lack of second.

Mr. J. Ciavarella asked about the collection rate of the current Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector. Dr. C. McGinley responded that they are doing a great job. Mr. J. Ciavarella noted that he thinks we should keep them.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
LEGAL SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. G. Confer, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *no longer retain the services of King Spry for Special Education.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (9-0)** with the vote as follows:

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STUDENT ROTARIANS The Student Rotarians for October 2018 are Emma Gavornik (JT) and Scan Bevilacqua (CCTI). November 2018 Rotarians are Kiya Jenkins (JT) and Wyatt Cassidy (CCTI).

**STUDENTS OF
THE MONTH**

The Student of the Month for October is Andrew Rusbarsky – Business Education. The Student of the Month for November is Jean Carlos Sandoval – Physical Education.

**CURRENT ENROLLMENT
SUMMARY**

The current enrollment is 2,439.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President