

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
May 14, 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, Glenn Confer, Pearl Downs-Sheckler, Raniero Marciante, Clement McGinley, Dennis McGinley, Michael Principe, Wilmer Redline, and Gerald Strubinger. Administrators present: Brian Gasper, *Superintendent*, Lauren Kovac, *Business Manager/Board Secretary*, Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, David McAndrew Jr., *Penn-Kidder Principal*, Holly Mordaunt, *L.B. Morris Principal*, Kathy Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*, Jerome Brown, *Director of Technology*, Laurie Mundinger, *Director of Transportation*, Lori Lienhard, *Director of Security*, Sandra Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, and Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*. Also present: Michelle Searfoss, *Business Manager Secretary*, Attorney Gregory Mousseau, *Solicitor*. Visitors present: Drea Buzeskie, Jenn Bevilacqua, Dana Lezoche, Trudy Miller, Marcuis Lawrence, Rob Renode, Julie Renode, Jasmina Gajovich Protich, Renee Marciante, Ron Kruma, Chris Lukasevian, Paul Montemuro, James Warren, Lynn Curran, Kate Harleman, Christine Hallihan, Melissa Acker, Owen Acker, Cathy Searchrist, Laura McArdle, Tassy Clausius, Karen Nace, Bob Schaninger, Jack Phillips, Molly Phillips, Amy Burkey, Diane Gabrielle, Elena Monaco, Kris Newbern, Megan Riley, Melissa Fox-Wasko, Trevor Keefer, Christian Gould, Nick Rosahac and representing the Times New, Brian Myszkowski.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS

THE FLAME

Mrs. Trudy Miller and Miss Drea Buczeskie gave a presentation on the High School Magazine, The Flame. They received three (3) national awards. From the American Scholastic Press Association: 1st Place with Special Merit, Most Outstanding Literary Art Magazine for 2017. From the National Council of Teachers of English: Recommended for the Highest Honors Award.

CARBON COUNTY CHAPTER OF
PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RETIREES –
LAURETTA WOODSON
AWARD

Molly Phillips and her husband, John Phillips, on behalf of the Carbon County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

presented the Laretta Woodson Award to Diane Gabrielle and Lynn Curran.

Mr. B. Gasper spoke about the award winners and thanked them for all they do for the students.

ROBERT
SCHANNINGER

Mr. R. Schanninger addressed the Board with concerning several topics. First, he believes that the History Club advisors deserve a raise for all the work that they do.

Next he expressed concerns about the boys' basketball team.

He also stated that the girls' basketball team is excellent.

Next he stated that he feels the Softball team needs a 7th/8th grade program and that he would like to see a hitting and pitching coach come to the program.

He then noted that Mrs. Mordaunt and Mr. Albert are doing a great job.

Lastly he expressed that he was not happy with the Board on the talks of Mr. Gasper's contract. He added that Mr. Gasper is a star.

CHRISTIAN GOULD
TREVOR KEEFER
NICK ROSAHAC

Mr. C. Gould provided a list of 165 signatures from teachers and students in support of adding an Economics class and a Political Science class. They would also like to request open discussion and civil discourse on issues which are important to the outgoing seniors, before they enter the voting public.

Mr. B. Gasper stated that they will look into this.

Mr. G. Confer congratulated the students as members of the Scholastic Scrimmage Team.

PAUL
MONTEMURO

Mr. P. Montemuro addressed the Board to note that he spoke with Mr. W. Redline to come up with a reassessment solution.

He also noted that Mr. Gasper is now registered as the Right-to-Know Officer.

He also expressed concern over the funding of non-sponsored sports with taxpayer money.

Lastly, he expressed concern that YSA funds were never billed.

DANA LEZOCHÉ

Ms. D. Lezoche addressed the Board with concerns about the L.B. Morris.

JULIE RENODE
JASMINE GAJOVICH-
PROTICH

Ms. J. Renode and Ms. J. Gajovich-Protich addressed the Board with an update on the performances of the High School Band.

They also announced that the Booster Club will give two senior awards.

Next they announced that they received a refund of \$800.00 for the uniforms that were ordered.

Lastly, they expressed concern about the District's funding of out-of-state field trips. In October 2016 they addressed the Board asking for funding for an out-of-state field trip. They were told that the district does not fund out-of-state trips. This school year, however, out-of-state trips received funding. Dr. M. Principe stated that they will look into this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the consent agenda as presented:*

- *Approval/Minutes of April 30, 2018 Board Meeting*
- *Approval/Athletic Report (April)*
- *Approval/Repository Sales*
- *Informational: JTASD Substitute List*

FINANCIAL APPROVALS **Motion** by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve the financial consent agenda as presented.*

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

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if the motion included the Treasurer's Report. Mr. D. McGinley replied that it does not.

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

G. Strubinger	Nay	R. Marciante	Aye
M. Principe	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	J. Ciavarella	Aye

G. Confer Aye C. McGinley Aye
W. Redline Aye

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the Financial consent agenda as presented.*

- *Treasurer's Report*
- *Tax Collectors' Report*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked why we spent \$2,570.50 in April on Apple shirts. Mr. B. Gasper stated that they purchased the shirts instead of the gifts that are usually distributed at the beginning of the school year. This was discussed at a committee meeting.

Mrs. P. Sheckler asked why there is a voided check at the bottom of the statement. Mrs. L. Kovac stated that it could be a printing error or a check was lost.

Mrs. P. Sheckler asked about the GoFundMe deposit. Mrs. L. Kovac replied that Student Council held dress down day at the High School for the victims of the Parkland shooting. The funds were deposited and a donation to Parkland's GoFundMe account will be made.

Mr. G. Strubinger asked about the CapitalOne credit card relating to lunch meetings and the new teacher orientation luncheon. He feels that the school district should not be paying for lunch meetings and the individuals should pay for themselves. He added that we should get rid of the new teacher luncheon.

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (6-3)** with the vote as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

NO REPORT

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

RESIGNATION:

ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL COACH

NICOLE MURPHY

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the resignation of Ms. Nicole Murphy as Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective May 4, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

COMMITTEE MEETING

An Athletic Committee meeting has been scheduled for June 4, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

CAFETERIA & BUILDING COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

UPDATE

Mr. G. Strubinger reported that things are going very well at CCTI and stated that he hopes that our students will be able to go there part-time.

CARBON-LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT

NO REPORT

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ELECTION DAY

Mr. G. Strubinger told those in attendance to not forget to vote tomorrow.

REP. HEFFLEY

Mr. G. Strubinger would like a meeting with Representative Doyle Heffley.

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

UPDATE

Mr. G. Strubinger reported that things are going good at LCCC.

HAMILTON STREET
BUILDING

Mr. G. Strubinger reported that LCCC wants to put money into the Hamilton Street building.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

SOLICITATION OF BIDS:
DIESEL FUEL, FUEL OIL &
GASOLINE

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve the solicitation of bids for diesel fuel, fuel oil, and gasoline for the 2018-2019 school year.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

2018-2019
PROPOSED FINAL
BUDGET

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the 2018-2019 Proposed Final Budget at 45.52 mills (zero increase).*

Under the Header of a Question

Dr. M. Principe asked Atty. Mousseau if the budget can be amended. Atty. Mousseau stated no, not without a motion and a seconded.

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

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

POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

REVISION OF
POLICY #907

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the revision of Policy #907 – School Visitors.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

RESIGNATION:
PARA-PROFESSIONAL –
NICOLE MURPHY

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the resignation of Ms. Nicole Murphy as a Para-professional, effective May 4, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

Dr. M. Principe noted that Ms. Murphy is going to graduate school in Florida.

RETIREMENT:
CAFETERIA WORKER –

SUSAN FARRELL

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the retirement of Ms. Susan Farrell as a Cafeteria Worker, effective June 30, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:
TWO PARA-
PROFESSIONALS

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the posting of two (2) para-professional positions.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

EMPLOYMENT:
SUMMER WORKERS

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the employment of summer workers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour with hours to be determined by the Director of Buildings and Grounds.*

- *Derek Joyce*
- *Aaron Joyce*
- *Jonathan Simmons*
- *Cassandra Simmons*
- *Emily Hydock*
- *Christy Moore*
- *Tassy Clausius*

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

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

COMMENCEMENT SPEECH ADVISOR:
JEFFERY GETZ

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve Mr. Jeffrey Getz as the Commencement Speech Advisor with a stipend of \$220.00.*

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

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

WAGE CORRECTION:

NATHAN KMETZ

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the wage adjustment for custodian Mr. Nathan Kmetz from \$12.00 per hour to \$11.00 per hour.*

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

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

SUMMER SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN
CAMP TEACHERS

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the Summer School Kindergarten Camp Teachers from July 9-19, 2018 (pending number of students registered) at the hourly compensation rate, as stated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, of \$40.00 per hour.*

- *Kelli Reese*
- *Lisa Warren*
- *Jamie Kunkle*
- *Sherry Ohl*

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

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

SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHERS JULY 9-25,
2018

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. J. Ciavarella, to *approve the Summer School Teachers from July 9-26, 2018 (pending number of students registered) at the hourly compensation rate, as stated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, of \$40.00 per hour.*

- *Susan Becker*
- *Victoria Nichols – Penn-Kidder*
- *Lorraine Robins – Penn-Kidder*
- *Amy Kresge – Penn-Kidder*
- *Ashley Andrews – Penn-Kidder*
- *James Bumbulsky – L.B. Morris*
- *Marissa Andrews – L.B. Morris*
- *David Marino – L.B. Morris*
- *Daniel Rossino – L.B. Morris*
- *Tonia Schaeffer – Business, Computers*

- Robert Kovac, Jr. – English
- Frank Miller – Biology, Science
- Patrick Morgans – Math
- Michael McGonigal – Social Studies
- Michael Pascoe – Science

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

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

EXTENSION OF
UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE
EMPLOYEE #1107

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. R. Marciante, to *approve the extension of the existing 90-day unpaid leave of absence for Employee #1107 from June 11, 2018 through June 14, 2018.*

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

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

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY

PURCHASE OF VANS

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mrs. P. Sheckler, to *approve the purchase of one (1) new van from Rohrer Bus Co. in the amount of \$29,270.00 and one (1) used van from Brandywine in the amount of \$32,000.00, per bids received.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Strubinger asked why the used van costs more than a new van. Mrs. L. Kovac responded that the used van has modifications to the door that will allow it to open like a school bus door.

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

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

R. Marciante Aye

COMMITTEE MEETING A Transportation & Security Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP:
SCHOLASTIC

Motion by Mrs. P. Sheckler, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve the out-of-state field trip for the Scholastic Scrimmage Team to attend a National Academic Quiz Tournament in Atlanta, GA from May 25-30, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

RESCHEDULE
BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve the rescheduling of the June 11, 2018 Board Meeting until June 18, 2018.*

Mr. W. Redline stated that this is because the budget must be on public display for thirty (30) days.

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

AMEND BUDGET

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *amend the Proposed Final Budget to include up to \$3,500.00 or 50% for an out-of-state field trip for the band.*

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

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

CHORUS CONCERT

Mr. W. Redline stated that the chorus concert was excellent. Mrs. P. Sheckler added that she had people coming into her workplace to praise how well the chorus concert was.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STUDENT ROTARIANS The May Student Rotarians are Rita Squillace (Jim Thorpe) and Alyssa Stamets (CCTI).

STUDENT OF
THE MONTH

The Student of the Month for May is Jason Scott (Computer Technology).

SUSPENSIONS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT

Reports were included in the Agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President