

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education
March 26, 2018

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at District Office with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following directors were present: John Ciavarella, Glen Confer, Raniero Marciante, Clement McGinley, Dennis McGinley, Michael Principe, 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*, Lori Lienhard, *Director of Security*, Laurie Munding, *Director of Transportation*, Jerome Brown, *Director of Technology*, and Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*. Also present: Attorney Gregory Mousseau, *Solicitor*. Visitors present: Cathy DeMarco, Justin George, Samantha George, Pamela McElmoyle, Joann Donati, Renee Marciante, Jasmina Gajovich Protich, Julie Renode, Robert Coit, Karen Nace, Tassy Clausius, Dane Warl, Jonah Csit, Daniel DeMarco, Kyle Kim, Phoenix Ralavoda, Laura McArdle, Elena Monaco, Kris Newbern and representing the Times News, Brian Myszkowski.

GENERAL BUSINESS

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS**

Boy Scouts from Troop #555 were present at the meeting working on their Communication merit badge and Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Jaz Gajovich Protich addressed the board to compliment Laurie Munding and the bus drivers on their performance during the winter season. She also asked the Board how many substitute teachers the District has due to her concern about the number of classes students are spending in the auditorium. Mr. B. Gasper responded that the District has a substitute shortage and have revamped the daily rate in the hopes of bringing more substitutes into the district. We currently have seventy (70) substitutes on the list but only about ten (10) come in per day.

Mr. G. Strubinger asked about the quality of the lighting in the auditorium. Mr. T. Lesisko replied that it is good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- *Approval / Minutes of February 12, 2018 Board Meeting*
- *Approval / Homebound Instruction - Three (3) Secondary Students (Medical)*
- *Approval / Athletic Report*
- *Approval / Repository Sales*
- *Approval / Real Estate Tax Exemptions - Disabled Veterans: NR/PC/PP*
- *Approval / Completed Applications*
- *Informational: JTASD Substitute List*

Voice vote: **MOTION PASSES**

FINANCIAL APPROVALS

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

- *Bills Payable - Area*
- *Bills Payable - Cafeteria*
- *Treasurer's Report*

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

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

- *Tax Collectors' Report*

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

NO REPORT

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER BASEBALL COACHES:

THOMAS GARRITANO
TIMOTHY HUBBARD

Motion by Dr. C. McGinley, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve Mr. Thomas Garritano and Mr. Timothy Hubbard as Volunteer Baseball Coaches.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

COMMITTEE MEETING Mr. R. Marciante will schedule a Committee Meeting in April to review Fall and Winter Coaches.

CAFETERIA/BUILDING COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

2018-2019 PROPOSED
OPERATING BUDGET

Motion by Mr. D. McGinley, seconded by Dr. C. McGinley, to *approve CCTI's 2018-2019 Proposed Operating Budget.*

Roll call vote. **MOTION PASSES (7-0-1)** with the vote as follows:

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

CARBON LEHIGH INTERMEDIATE UNIT

NO REPORT

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING A Transportation Committee Meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with a Transportation Committee Meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY Mr. G. Strubinger stated that the general assembly is back in session and they promised more money for basic education.

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DONLEY CENTER Mr. G. Strubinger stated that LCCC is working on the Donley Center on 6th and Linden.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING A Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting will be scheduled to discuss the 2018-2019 budget.

POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

EMPLOYMENT:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TEACHER –

SAMANTHA GEORGE **Motion** by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Dr. C. McGinley, to *approve the employment of Ms. Samantha George as an Elementary Education Teacher at a salary of \$44,170.00 (BS Step 1).*

Under the Head of the Question:

Mr. G. Confer asked if there were any local candidates. Mr. B. Gasper replied that Ms. George has been a long-term substitute with the District since the beginning of the school year.

Mr. G. Strubinger asked if this was a new position. Mr. B. Gasper stated that this was created from internal movement related to the gifted position.

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

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

RETIREMENT:
PARAPROFESSIONAL –
SARAH WOODMAN

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the retirement of Ms. Sarah Woodman as a para-professional, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:
PARA-PROFESSIONALS

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

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE –
EMPLOYEE #1107

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. W. Redline, to *approve the request for a 90-day unpaid leave of absence for employee #1107 beginning March 13, 2018.*

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

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

RETIREMENT:
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TEACHER –
KATHRYN MCFADDEN

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the retirement of Ms. Kathryn McFadden as an Elementary Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
TEACHER

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, second by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve the posting for an Elementary Education Teacher.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

RETIREMENT:
PARA-PROFESSIONAL –
MARY McHUGH

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the retirement of Mrs. Mary McHugh as a para-professional, effective June 30, 2018.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

POSTING:
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, second by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the posting for a Long-Term Substitute – Secondary Special Education.*

Voice vote. **MOTION PASSES**

EMPLOYMENT:
CUSTODIAN –
NATHAN KMETZ

Motion by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Dr. M. Principe, to *approve the employment of Mr. Nathan Kmetz as a Full-Time Custodian at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.*

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

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

TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY

NO REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN

Motion by Dr. M. Principe, seconded by Mr. D. McGinley, to *approve the Corrective Action Plan Response to Audit Findings for Fiscal Years July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.*

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

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STUDENT ROTARIANS The March Student Rotarians are Sierra Pollard (Jim Thorpe) and Kody Mulderig (CCTI).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH The Student of the Month for March is John Fedora (Technical Education).

SUSPENSIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Reports were included in the Agenda packet.

NSBA CONFERENCE **Motion** by Mr. J. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. G. Confer, to *approve two (2) Board Members to attend NSBA Conference.*

Under the Head of the Question:

Dr. M. Principe stated that he feels you learn so much as these conferences.

Mr. G. Confer stated according to school code the only ones who can go to the conference are directors.

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

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

CURRENT ENROLLMENT Information on current enrollment was included in the agenda.

PENN FOREST RECREATION PARK An update on the Penn Forest Recreational Park was included in the agenda.

PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) – Five (5) first place finishers (will compete at State competition at PSU in May) and eight (8) second place finishers.

**MRS. CERIMELE'S
FIRST GRADE CLASS**

Mrs. Cerimele's First Grade Class finished 4th in the Northeast Region Mathseeds Challenge, which included 18 states, and 17th overall, which included the United States and Canada. Mathseeds is an APP sponsored by Reading Eggs Co. Students had to complete as many lessons as possible.

OLYMPIAN BAND

The Olympian band attended and performed at the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins game on March 17, 2018.

COMPUTER FAIR

Computer Fair Results –

- Middle School Digital Movie 2nd place
- TORCH Program, 1st place
- Middle School Graphic Design Recycling 2nd & 1st place
- Middle School CF Logo 3rd & 2nd place,
- High School Digital Movie 3rd place,
- High School Graphic Design 1st place
- High School CF Logo 3rd & 1st place.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren K. Kovac
Business Manager/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

President