

Jim Thorpe Area School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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: Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Dennis McGinley, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, and Mr. Paul Montemuro. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Atty. Jennifer Dambeck, *Solicitor*, Mr. David McAndrew Jr., *Penn Kidder Principal*, Mrs. Sandy Michalik *Director of Special Education*, Ms. Katherine Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, Laura McArdle, Debra Park, Jessica Knoll, Julie Renode, Janice Ohl, Kelly Atkinson, Anthony Thomas, Michael Dudak and representing the *Times News*, Chris Reber.

1. OPENING OF MEETING – BOARD PRESIDENT

1.01 & 1.02

Board Meeting Opened with Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03

Roll Call

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

3.01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters, no votes were taken.

5. FINANCIAL APPROVALS

5.01 APPROVAL/ REPOSITORY SALES

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante, to approve the Repository sales as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

6. CORRESPONDANCE No Report

7. OLD BUSINESS No Report

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**8. ATHLETIC &
CONCESSIONS
COMMITTEE** No Report

**9. CAFETERIA
BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
COMMITTEE** No Report

10. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

10.01 APPROVAL/ OFFER HALF-DAY CCTI CLASSES 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Montemuro **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante, to approve to direct High School Guidance Department to offer Half-Day CCTI classes to students effective 2020-2021 school year.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

10.02 INFORMATION CCTI AGENDA & MINUTES

Informational: CCTI JOC –Jan. 2020 Agenda & December 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

11. CLIU COMMITTEE No Report at this time, meeting is January 29, 2020.

12. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

12.01 INFORMATIONAL PA SMART TEACHER

Informational: PA Smart Grant Teacher Training. Ms. Doll reported a \$35,000 Grant was awarded for PDE Mandatory Teacher Training.

13. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No Report – There will be a property tax march on February 3, 2020 in Harrisburg, Mr. Pompa will be attending.

14. LCCC COMMITTEE

No Report – Orientation January 28, 2020 Mr. Pompa will be attending, February 3, 2020 LCCC will be coming to our Finance Meeting.

15. COMMITTEE REPORT – FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**15.01 APPROVAL/
INDIVIDUAL SERVICE
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN JTASD
SCHOOL DISTRICT
& WEATHERLY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley, to approve Individual Service Agreement for Student # 42145 between Jim Thorpe Area School District and Weatherly Area School District as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

**15.02 APPROVAL/
PAYMENT PLANS
FOR DELINQUENT
TAXES**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro, to approve Payment Plans for Delinquent Taxes as presented by Northeast Revenue Service, LLC.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Nay	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 1 Motion Passes

16. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

16.01 APPROVAL/ SECOND READING & ADOPTION OF REVISIONS OF DISTRICT POLICIES

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro, to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the Revisions of District Policies #'s 100-111 as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

16.02 APPROVAL/ ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT PARA PROFESSIONAL

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning, to approve acceptance of Retirement – Para Professional – Ms. Christine Kibler (effective last day of school year 2019-20).

Voice vote. AYE 8 NAY 1 Motion Passes

Mr. McGinley **Vote: NAY**

16.03 APPROVAL POSTING PARAPROFESSIONAL

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning, to approve Posting of Position – Paraprofessional

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

17. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE

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There will be a meeting this week to discuss issues and solutions.

18. NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGER CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve additions to Mr. Joseph Surridge's Interim Business Manager contract for payment for travel expenses and tolls.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

APPROVAL/ REFUND MILEAGE FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBER PAID FOR MILEAGE

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante, to approve pursuing a refund from a previous school board member who was paid for mileage from his home to the School District Administration Office, Penn Kidder, LB Morris, and High School to attend any meetings, for the past 3 years.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Nay	D. McGinley	Nay
G. Strubinger	Nay	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 6 NAY 3 Motion Passes

**APPROVAL/
FOLLOWING POLICY
FOR CHECK SIGNING**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro to return back to check signing policy of three signatures on checks (Board Secretary, Treasurer and Board President). No seconded was necessary, since we are returning back to policy. Also to keep Mr. Rushefski as an emergency signer.

**APPROVAL/
MAIL OPENING
TO GIVE TO
BOARD MEMBERS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, No motion seconded.

**APPROVAL/
NEW BOARD
MEMBERS BUIDLING
ACCESS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger, to allow Board Members access to buildings with badges.

Discussion

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to to **TABLE** previous motion made by Mr. Montemuro.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

**18.01 APPROVAL/
ENGAGEMENT
LETTER OF THE
LEVIN LEGAL GROUP**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler, to approve Engagement Letter of the Levin Legal group as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Abstain
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 1 Motion Passes

**18.02 APPROVAL/
CONCURRENT
REPRESENTATION
OF THE JTASD
RANIERO MARCIANTE,
PEARL SHECKLER,
DENNIS MCGINLEY,
GLENN CONFER, &
GERALD STRUBINGER
IN THE MATTER OF
PAUL MONTEMURO VS
JIM THORPE AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT,
RANIERO MARCIANTE,
PEARL SHECKLER,
DENNIS MCGINLEY,
GLENN CONFER,
AND GERALD STRUBINGER**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning, to approve Concurrent Representation of the School District and Jim Thorpe Area School District, Raniero Marciante, Pearl Sheckler, Dennis McGinley, Glenn Confer, and Gerald Strubinger in the matter of Paul Montemuro vs. Jim Thorpe Area School District, Raniero Marciante, Pearl Sheckler, Dennis McGinley, Glenn Confer, and Gerald Strubinger, in accordance with the acknowledgement and consent

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Abstain
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 1 Motion Passes

**18.03 APPROVAL/
OVERNIGHT FIELD
TRIP CIVIL WAR &
HISTORY CLUB
GETTYSBURG, PA**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning, to approve Overnight Field Trip – Civil War Class & History Club May 3-4, 2020 – Gettysburg, PA, approximately \$300.00

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

**18.04 APPROVAL/
SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICER AGREEMENT**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve School Resource Officer Agreements between JTASD and both Jim Thorpe and Kidder Townships Police Departments as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Aye
G. Strubinger	Aye	P. Montemuro	Aye
S. Pompa	Aye	T. Garritano	Aye
P. Sheckler	Aye	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 9 NAY 0 Motion Passes

**18.05 APPROVAL/
LCCC STUDENT
OBSERVATION
REQUESTS FOR PRE K**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve LCCC Student Observation Requests for Jim Thorpe School Pre-K classes as presented:

Voice vote. ALL AYE Motion Passes

18.06 RECOGNITION

Mr. Rushefski recognized our School Board Directors for School Board Director Recognition Month by handing out certificates of Appreciation.

**19. ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS**

No Reports

20. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ADJOURNMENT

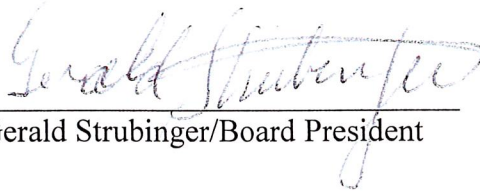
The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

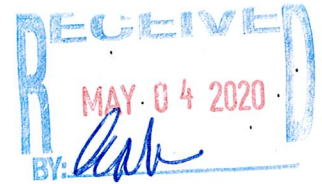
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Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

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Gerald Strubinger/Board President



Conflict of Interest Memorandum-Jim Thorpe Area School Board

Date: 1/27/2020

Board Member: Paul Montemuro

Agenda Item: 18.01 Engagement Letter of the Levin Legal Group

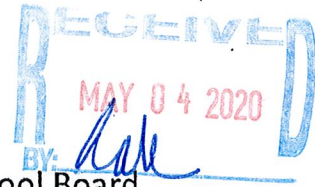
Reason for Abstension: I'm the one taking them to court.

Date provided to Board Secretary:

4/27/20 J. Henning

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

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Conflict of Interest Memorandum-Jim Thorpe Area School Board

Date: 1/27/2020

Board Member: Paul Montemuro

Agenda Item: 18.02 Concurrent Representation of STASD

Reason for Abstension: I'm the one taking them to court.

Date provided to Board Secretary:

04/27/20 C. J. Jennings

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