

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at the Jim Thorpe Administration Building, with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. School Board Directors were present by phone and Google Meets: Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Scott Pompa, Mr. TJ Garritano, , Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Dennis McGinley and Mrs. Cindy Henning. Mr. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Glenn Confer and Mr. Paul Montemuro were absent. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Ken Marx, *Business Manager*, Attorney Carl Beard, *Solicitor* Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *Penn Kidder Principal*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Principal*, Mr. Jeff White, *LB Morris Asst. Principal* Mr. Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Ms. Katherine Doll *Curriculum Coordinator*, Mrs. Lori Lienhard *Director of Security*, and Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*. Visitors present: BRC TV13 and the Times News.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

2.01 READING OF COMMENTS & QUESTIONS BY EMAIL

Due to COVID-19, the public was invited to email questions to Kim Hill. There were no comments or questions from the public. Mr. Randy Engle, PK Assistant Principal made a statement.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session before the meeting for Real-Estate and Personnel items. No decisions were made.

4. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.01 APPROVAL/ MINUTES REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2020 & DECEMBER 7, 2020

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meetings November 23, 2020 and December 7, 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

6.01 APPROVAL/ NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve November 2020 Financial Reports as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

6.02 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE GENERAL FUND, CAFETERIA FUND & OTHER DECEMBER 16, 2020

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Bills Payable General Fund, Cafeteria & Other- December 16, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote:

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

**6.03 APPROVAL/
PNC PURCHASING
CARD STATEMENT
OCTOBER –
NOVEMBER 2020**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve the PNC Purchasing Card Statement – October 27, 2020 to November 25, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 2 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

**7.01 APPROVAL/
ACCELERATED
BUDGET OPT OUT
RESOLUTION FOR
2021-2022 SCHOOL YR**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution for 2021-2022 School Year as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**7.02 APPROVAL/
DISABLED VETERAN
REAL ESTATE TAX
EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATION**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Disabled Veteran Real Estate Tax Exemption Certification as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**7.03 APPROVAL/
DONATION TO
DIMMICK LIBRARY
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$5,000.00**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Donation to Dimmick Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

8. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**8.01 APPROVAL/
COMPLETED
APPLICATIONS
NOVEMBER 1, 2020
THROUGH
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Completed Applications for November 1, 2020 through December 14, 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**8.02 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE LETTER
OF INTENT TO RETIRE
EMPLOYEE #147**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Acceptance Letter of Intent to Retire Employee #147 (effective February 27, 2021) & to waive the return to work requirement as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**8.03 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE LETTER
OF INTENT TO RETIRE
BRANDON KNAPP**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** Mr. McGinley to Approve Acceptance Letter of Intent to Retire Mr. Brandon Knapp (effective January 23, 2021) and Posting the position for a Secondary Math Teacher as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

8.04

Item was removed from Agenda

**8.05 APPROVAL/
COMBINING SALARY
DIRECTOR OF
SECURITY & TRUANCY
OFFICER STIPEND**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** Mr. Strubinger to Approve Combining Salary Director of Security and Truancy Office Stipend for a total Salary of \$71,000.00 (pro-rated) as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

**8.06 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF
(2) ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION
TEACHERS**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Posting of (2) Elementary Education Teachers as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**8.07 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT
MS. JESSICA CRUZ**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment of Ms. Jessica Cruz as Full Time Custodian (pending receipt of clearances) at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour as presented:

**FULL TIME
CUSTODIAN**

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

9. ATHLETICS, FIELDS & CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE

9.01 INFORMATIONAL Winter Sports Schedule – December 4, 2020 to February 27, 2021.

9.02 INFORMATIONAL Keystone Sports Construction – Turf Warranty

10. CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

**10.01 APPROVAL/
HONEYWELL QUOTE
APPRAISAL AGENCY
FOR APPRAISAL
JTASD ADMIN BUIDLING**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Honeywell quote to replace the condensing units that control the bomb shelter freezer at a cost of \$16,860.00 as presented:

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion PASSES

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11.01 PENN KIDDER CAMPUS - PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *Penn Kidder Campus Principal* – December 2020 Administrative Report

11.02 L.B. MORRIS BUILDING – PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Building Principal* – December 2020 Administrative Report

11.03 HIGH SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *Sr. High Principal* - December 2020 Administrative Report

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.01 CURRENT ENROLLMENT FOR DECEMBER 2020 REPORT

12.02 NUTRITION GROUP REPORT - Update November 2020

12.03 CCTI REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING – December 17, 2020

13. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve to bring back Delinquent Tax Collection to Carbon County Courthouse.

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to **TABLE** above Motion until further information can be provided.

Roll call vote.


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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Absent 3 : Motion TABLED

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Scott Pompa/Board President