

**Jim Thorpe Area School District**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19  
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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**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. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, Mrs. Pearl Sheckler and Mr. Dennis McGinley. Mrs. Cindy Henning was 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*, Mrs. Sandy Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, 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 or comments to Kim Hill, Recording Secretary to be read to the Board via Google Meets.

### **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

Item #10.01 Bid on Appraisal of Administration Building.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **5.01 APPROVAL/ MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting October 14, 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**6.01 APPROVAL/  
OCTOBER 2020  
FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**6.02 APPROVAL/  
BILLS PAYABLE  
GENERAL FUND,  
CAFETERIA FUND  
& OTHER  
NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Bills Payable General Fund, Cafeteria & Other- November 11, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote: **General Fund**

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

**AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

Roll call vote: **Cafeteria Fund**

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

**AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

**6.03 APPROVAL/  
ATHLETIC  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
OCTOBER 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Athletic Financial Report, Mr. Dustin McAndrew Athletic Director for October 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**7.01 APPROVAL/  
REPOSITORY SALES**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Repository Sales on vacant land as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**7.02 APPROVAL/  
CYBER LIABILITY  
POLICY THROUGH  
MIERS INSURANCE  
\$19,000.00**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Cyber Liability Policy through Miers Insurance at a cost \$19,000.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

**7.03 APPROVAL/  
PAYMENT TO  
HIGHMARK FOR  
CLAIMS DETAIL  
\$3,500.00**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Payment to Highmark for Claims Detail at a cost of \$3,500.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 5 NAY 3 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

**8. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**8.01 APPROVAL/  
COMPLETED  
APPLICATIONS  
OCTOBER 1, 2020  
THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Completed Applications for October 1, 2020 through November 1, 2020 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**8.02 APPROVAL/  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER LIST  
FOR NOVEMBER 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Substitute Teacher List for November 2020 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**8.03 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
MEGAN LEBLOND  
ART TEACHER**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Employment Megan Leblond as Art Teacher at 80% of Bachelors Step 2 Salary (pro-rated) as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

**8.04 APPROVAL/  
MEDICAL LEAVE  
REQUEST  
EMPLOYEE #1136**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Medical Leave Request, Employee #1136 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**



**8.05 APPROVAL/  
RESIGNATION OF  
CHESS CLUB  
MODERATOR  
THOMAS WARD**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Resignation of Chess Club Moderator Mr. Thomas Ward effective October 29, 2020 & Posting of the Moderator Position as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**8.06 APPROVAL/  
POSTING OF  
(3) PARAPROFESSIONAL  
POSITIONS**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Posting of (3) Paraprofessional Positions as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**8.07 APPROVAL/  
POSTING OF  
(2) CUSTODIAN  
POSITIONS**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Posting of (2) Custodial Positions as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**8.08 APPROVAL/  
POSTING OF  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** Ms. Sheckler to Approve Posting of Assistant Principal as presented:

**Motion** by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** Mr. McGinley to **TABLE** motion:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 2 NAY 6 Absent 1 : Motion FAILS**

**Roll Call Vote on Original Motion 8.08:**

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

**AYE 6 NAY 2 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

**9. ATHLETICS, FIELDS & CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE**

**9.01 LVHN GUIDELINES** Attached LVHN Return to Sports Competitions Guidelines for  
**WINTER SPORTS** Winter Sports Updates 10/14/2020, Winter Sports Begin 11/20/2020.  
**2020 UPDATE**

**9.02 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
KATIE ALBERT  
ASSISTANT GIRLS  
7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
BASKETBALL COACH**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Employment Katie Albert as Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach \$3,300.00 Salary 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	Absent		

**AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**



**9.03 APPROVAL/  
VOLUNTEER  
ASSISTANT 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE GIRLS  
BASKETBALL COACH  
KRISTEN SCOTT**

**Motion** by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Volunteer Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach Kristen Scott as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**9.04 APPROVAL/  
VOLUNTEER  
JT HIGH SCHOOL  
WRESTLING COACH  
2020-2021 SEASON  
WILLIAM SCHWARTZ**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Volunteer JT High School Wrestling Coach 2020-2021 Season William Schwartz as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**9.05 APPROVAL/  
PAYMENT  
KEYSTONE  
CONSTRUCTION  
FINAL INVOICE #1434**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Payment to Keystone Construction Final Invoice #1434 in the amount of \$280,723.09 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 5 NAY 3 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

## **10. CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

### **10.01 APPROVAL/ CONTRACTING AN APPRAISAL AGENCY FOR APPRAISAL JTASD ADMIN BUILDING**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Contracting Person Agency Incorporated for the purpose of Appraisal of the JTASD Administration Building at the cost of \$1,500.00 as presented:

**Motion** by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to **TABLE** Previous motion of Approval Contracting an Appraisal Agency as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 3 NAY 5 Absent 1 : Motion FAILS**

### **Roll Call Vote on Original Motion 10.01:**

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 6 NAY 2 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES**

## **11. CARBON-LEHIGH IU 21**

No Report

### **11.01 APPROVAL/ ACCEPTANCE RESIGNATION MRS. CINDY HENNING CLIU BOARD**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Acceptance Mrs. Cindy Henning Resignation Carbon Lehigh IU Board Resignation effective immediately as presented:

Voice Vote: **ALL AYE**

## **12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **12.01 PENN KIDDER CAMPUS - PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Mrs. Holly Mordaunt**, *Penn Kidder Campus Principal* – October 2020 Administrative Report, Happy Veterans Day. Thank you to the School Board for posting the Paraprofessional and Assistant Principal Positions. Everyone is encouraged to go to the school district's YouTube Channel "Olympian Way" to watch videos from Halloween Festivities and Veterans Day Program.

### **12.02 L.B. MORRIS BUILDING – PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Mr. Shawn Albert**, *LB Morris Building Principal* – October 2020 Administrative Report, Happy Veterans Day, same as Penn Kidder please check out YouTube Olympian Channel for videos of the Halloween Festivities and Veterans Day Program. Thanks to parents & staff, very successful 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.

### **12.03 HIGH SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Mr. Thomas Lesisko**, *Sr. High Principal* - October 2020 Administrative Report, Happy Veterans Day. Shout out to History Club and Teachers for the videos on the YouTube Channel. Also thank you for posting the Paraprofessional Positions.

### **13. INFORMATIONAL**

#### **13.01 CURRENT ENROLLMENT**

No changes since last report October 14, 2020.

#### **13.02 NUTRITION GROUP REPORT**

Mrs. Rebecca Farina updated Nutrition is currently helping with meals in the classrooms, classroom parties, trying to get counts up and take home meal distributions.

#### **13.03 LV CANCER INSTITUTE**

Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute 3D Mammography hosted by Jim Thorpe Rotary will be mobile in Jim Thorpe in November 2020.

#### **13.04 LCCC** – Enclosed Fall fact sheet September 2020

### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Mr. McGinley would like to appoint a Nominating Committee tonight for the re-organization meeting in December 2020. It will be discussed at the November 23, 2020 Meeting.

Mr. Pompa would like to thank everyone with sincere gratitude to teachers and students who got us where we are today, and asked Mr. Rushefski for an update on COVID.

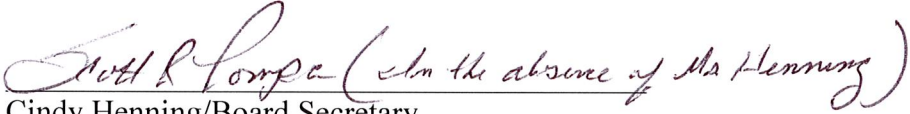
Mr. Rushefski updated everyone on COVID, also a reminder to everyone on November 23, 2020 there will be a Special Meeting for Personnel and General Purposes. He also updated everyone on COVID within our School District.

Mr. Montemuro also thanked everyone for their hard work and with the COVID update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Strubinger/Board President