

**Jim Thorpe Area School District**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19  
Monday, September 28, 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. The following directors were present by phone and Google Meets: Mr. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, and Mrs. Pearl Sheckler. Absent was Mr. Dennis McGinley. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Ken Marx, *Business Manager*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Carl Beard, *Solicitor*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *Penn Kidder Principal*, Mr. Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Ms. Sandra Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, Mr. Randy Engle, *Penn Kidder Assist. Principal*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Principal*, Mr. Jeff White, *LB Morris Asst. Principal*, Ms. Doll Curriculum Coordinator, Ms. Lori Lienhard *Director of Security*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, BRC TV13 and Representing the *Times News*, Mr. Chris Reber.

## **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

### **2.01 READING OF COMMENTS & QUESTIONS BY EMAIL**

Due to the 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 meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020. No decisions were made.

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

There is no Old Business to be discussed.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **5.01 APPROVAL/ AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve August 2020 Financial Reports as presented:

- 1.) Budget vs Actual General Fund 2020-2021
- 2.) Tax Collector's Report
- 3.) Treasurer's Report

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**5.02 APPROVAL/  
BILLS PAYABLE  
GENERAL FUND &  
OTHER SEPT. 25, 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Bills Payable – General Fund & Other – September 25, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

|               |            |              |               |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| G. Confer     | <b>Aye</b> | D. McGinley  | <b>Absent</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>Aye</b> |              |               |

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**6.01 APPROVAL/  
RESPOSITORY SALES**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Repository Sales as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**6.02 APPROVAL – CMP DRUG & ALCHOHOL AGREEMENT** - Removed from agenda.

**6.03 APPROVAL/  
CONTRACT – ELA  
SPORTS FOR THE  
DESIGN**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Contract – ELA Sports for the design specifications and construction administration of the running track project at a cost of \$9,750, contingent on solicitor review of contract as presented:

Roll call vote.

|               |            |              |               |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| G. Confer     | <b>Aye</b> | D. McGinley  | <b>Absent</b> |
| G. Strubinger | <b>Nay</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>Aye</b> |              |               |

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

**7. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**7.01 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE LETTER  
OF INTENT TO  
RETIRE – J.KINTZ**

**Motion** by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Acceptance – Letter of Intent to Retirement – J. Kintz, Effective December 31, 2020 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**7.02 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE –  
LETTER OF INTENT  
TO RETIREMENT  
R.BRUGAN**

**Motion** by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Acceptance – Letter of Intent to Retirement – R. Brugan, Effective November 2, 2020 as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**7.03 APPROVAL – POSTING ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER** - Moved to October 14, 2020 Agenda.

**7.04 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – TEACHERS ACHIEVING TENURE**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Jennifer Holder  | 5. Marissa Andrews  |
| 2. Pam McElmoyle    | 6. Samantha George  |
| 3. Victoria Nichols | 7. Brianna Pisaurro |
| 4. Blake Yurchak    |                     |

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS- ATHLETICS, FIELDS & CONCESSION**

**8.01 APPROVAL/  
EMPLOYMENT  
ASSISTANT GIRLS  
SOCCER COACH  
CATHERINE CONDLY**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Employment – Catherine Condly as Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach at a salary of \$1,885.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| G. Confer     | <b>Aye</b> | D. McGinley  | <b>Absent</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>Aye</b> |              |               |

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

**8.02 APPROVAL/  
KEYSTONE SPORTS  
CONSTRUCTION  
CHANGE ORDER #3**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Keystone Sports Construction – Change Order #3 – Track Resurfacing as presented:

Roll call vote.

|               |            |              |               |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| G. Confer     | <b>Nay</b> | D. McGinley  | <b>Absent</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>Aye</b> |              |               |

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

**8.03 APPROVAL/  
COVID 19  
AGREEMENT  
JIM THORPE USE  
PANTHER VALLEY FOOTBALL  
FIELD**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve the COVID 19 Agreement – Jim Thorpe use of Panther Valley Football Field as presented:

Roll call vote.

|               |            |              |               |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| G. Confer     | <b>Nay</b> | D. McGinley  | <b>Absent</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>Aye</b> |              |               |

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

**8.04 APPROVAL/  
COVID 19 SAFETY  
PLAN SPECTATORS  
AT SPORT EVENTS  
NOT TO EXCEED  
50% CAPACITY**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve COVID 19 Safety Plan – Spectators at Sporting Events – not to exceed 50% capacity as presented:

1. Two (2) tickets will be allotted to each participant.
2. A total of 100 tickets will be allotted to the away team.
3. Attendance not to exceed 50% capacity.



## **9. COMMITTEE REPORT – CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

### **9.01 APPROVAL/ ACTION ON CARBON COUNTY LEASE**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Action on Carbon County Lease as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 5 NAY 2 Absent 1 Abstain 1 : Motion PASSES**

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORT CLIU**

No Report

## **11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **NUTRITION GROUP**

Update on start of 2020-2021 School Year - Mrs. Karrie Flaim,  
Food Service Director.

### **PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Shawn Albert, LB Morris Principals presented school updates.

Mr. Lesisko Sr. High Administrative Report for September 2020 was presented in the Committee Mtg.

**DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Mr. Ted Larizzio presented an update.

**12. INFORMATIONAL**

**12.01 CCTI**

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**12.02 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE** – Fall Sports Schedule Updated September 25, 2020 through October 10, 2020 – Mr. Dustin McAndrew.

**12.03 CURRENT ENROLLMENT** – Current Enrollment Update as of September 29, 2020

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business to report.



**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Strubinger/Board President



JIM THORPE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST MEMORANDUM

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 28, 2020

NAME OF BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Scott Pompa

AGENDA ITEM: #9.01 Approval Carbon County Lease

REASON FOR ABSTENTION: As A Employee of Carbon County

I felt it would be a conflict for me to  
vote on this motion.

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Scott R. Pompa*

DATE 11-11-2020

DATE RECEIVED BY RECORDING SECRETARY:

References: School Code- 24 P.S. Sec. 324, 1111 State Ethics Commissions Regulations – 51 PA Code Sec. 15.2, 15.3 Whistleblower Law – 43 P.S. Sec. 1421 et seq. Public Officials and Employees 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.