

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, September 9, 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, Mr. Dennis McGinley, and Mrs. Pearl Sheckler 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 before the Regular Board Meeting tonight to discuss Personnel and Contract matters. No decisions were made.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Comments, Statements and Question were read together under 2.01.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to be discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.01 APPROVAL/ MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes – Regular Meetings August 31, 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

7. FINANCIAL APPROVALS

7.01 & 7.02 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Bills Payable for both 7.01 & 7.02 Cafeteria Fund, General Fund & Other for September 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Absent	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 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

8.01 APPROVAL/ RESPOSITORY SALES

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Repository Sales as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**8.02 APPROVAL/
PER BUSINESS
MANAGER'S
RECOMMENDATION
HIRING JONES &
COMPANY AS SCHOOL
DISTRICT AUDITORS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve per Business Manager's Recommendation – Hiring Jones & Company as the School District Auditors – at a cost of \$19,000.00 per year as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

8.03 WAS REMOVED FROM AGENDA – Approval of item #8.02, item # 8.03 was not necessary.

**8.04 APPROVAL/
POLICE SECURITY
FOR SPORTING EVENTS**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Police Security for Sporting Events as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

***** 7:25 p.m. Mr. Glen Confer joined the meeting.

**8.05 APPROVAL/
CONTRACT WITH
COUNTY SECURITY**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Contract with County Security 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

**8.06 APPROVAL/
LVHN CONTRACT
QUARANTINE ROOM**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve LVHN Contract – Quarantine Room 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

9. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**9.01 APPROVAL/
SECOND READING
AND APPROVAL
OF REVISION
POLICY #806**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Second Reading and Approval of Revision – Policy #806 Child/Student Abuse as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.02 APPROVAL/
SECOND READING
AND APPROVAL - LIVE
STREAM VIDEO
POLICY #831**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Second Reading and Approval – Live Stream Video Policy #831 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.03 APPROVAL/
COMPLETED
APPLICATIONS**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Completed Applications as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**9.04 APPROVAL/
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER LIST**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Substitute Teacher List as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10. CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

10.01 WAS REMOVED FROM AGENDA – Waiting on Solicitors' Review.

11. INFORMATIONAL

11.01 CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Update on Current Enrollment as of September 8, 2020 – Mr. John Rushefski, Superintendent.

11.02 FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Update on Fall Athletic Schedule – September 4, 2020 until September 19, 2020 – Mr. Dustin McAndrew, Athletic Director.

11.03 NUTRITION GROUP

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

11.04 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, Penn Kidder K-8 and Mr. Shawn Albert, LB Morris Principals presented back to school updates.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.01 APPROVAL/ DONATION OF FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTS TO PENN FOREST TWP

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Donation of Football Field Lights to Penn Forest Township as presented:

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	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 6 NAY 3 : Motion PASSES

12.02 APPROVAL/ 50 % CAPACITY TO ALLOW PARENTS INTO SPORTING EVENTS AS PER GOVENOR WOLFE'S ORDERS

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve 50 % capacity to allow parents and immediate family members to attend sporting events as per Governor Wolfe's COVID 19 Orders:

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

**12.03 APPROVAL/
TELEWORK FOR
TEACHERS ON
FRIDAYS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Mr. Rushefski the authority to permit teachers to Telework at home on Fridays to allow deep cleaning in the buildings:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

Mr. Marciante

Request to see an Electric Schedule in reference to the Turf Field Project.

Ms. Sheckler

Request an update on the Athletic Banners.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Gerald Strubinger/Board President