

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Monday, August 31, 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. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Dennis McGinley, and Mrs. Pearl Sheckler. Mr. Glenn Confer and Mr. Paul Montemuro were absent. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Ken Marx, *Business Manager*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Carl Beard Jr, *Solicitor*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *Penn Kidder Principal*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Principal*, Mr. Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Mr. Randy Engle, *Penn Kidder Assist. Principal*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *LB Morris Assist. Principal*, Mr. Jeff White, *LB Morris Assist. Principal*, Ms. Kathy Doll *Coordinator of Student Services*, 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. There were no questions or comments to be read at this meeting.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board met prior to the Regular Board Meeting. There was discussion on personnel issues and contracts, no decisions were made.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You – Scholarship Award – Dylan Letcher

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.01 APPROVAL/ SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes - Regular Meetings August 19, 2020 as presented.

Voice Vote: ALL AYES

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE & 7.02 APPROVAL/ CAFETERIA BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve
7.01 Bills Payable General Fund & Other August 31, 2020 and
7.02 Cafeteria Bills Payable August 31, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 ABSENT 3: Motion PASSES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

8.01 APPROVAL/ REPOSITORY SALES & 8.02 APPROVAL/ TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST – DISABLED VETERAN

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve
8.01 Repository Sales and 8.02 Tax Exemption Request Disabled
Veteran as presented:

***** Mr. McGinley has entered the meeting at 7:14 p.m. stating he was in the meeting since 7:00 p.m.
but he couldn't be heard.

Voice Vote : ALL AYES

9. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

9.01 APPROVAL/ ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MR. RANDY ENGLE

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve/
Accept Retirement of Assistant Principal Mr. Randy Engle
(Effective – 12/24/2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: 6 AYES 1 NAY Motion PASSES

9.02 APPROVAL/ RESIGNATION (2) PARA PROFESSIONALS

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve
resignations of (2) Para Professionals – Ms. Kelly Hurley and
Ms. Minke Pfeiffer as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYES

9.03 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT MS. AMANDA BUTCH LTS – LB MORRIS

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve
Employment – Amanda Butch- Long Term Elementary
Substitute Teacher – Bachelor's Step 1 - \$46,675.00 (Prorated)
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	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 : Motion PASSES

**9.04 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT**

**MS. CRISTY CLEMSON
ELEMENTARY TEACHER
LB MORRIS**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Employment – Ms. Cristy Clemson – Elementary Teacher- Masters Step 15 - \$54,425.00 (Prorated) 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	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 : Motion PASSES

**9.05 APPROVAL/
FIRST READING
AND APPROVAL
LIVE STREAM VIDEO
POLICY #831**

Motion Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Live Stream Video Policy #831 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYES

**9.06 APPROVAL/
SECOND READING
JTASD PROCUREMENT
CARD POLICY
(EASY PROCURE)**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Second reading and Approval – Jim Thorpe Area School District Procurement Card Policy (Easy Procure) 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	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 4 NAY 3 ABSENT 2 : Motion PASSES

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.01 CLIU 21 CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Graduates of
CLIU Program!

1. Tucker Fitzsimmons
2. Laura Ann McDevitt
3. Sabrina Steigerwalt
4. Richard MoDavis IV

11. INFORMATIONAL

11.01 CURRENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS **District Total:** 2,335 (as of August 25, 2020)

In House:

JT High School:	582
LBM K-8:	687
PK K-8:	662

OLC (on line):

JT High School:	188
LBM K-8:	211
PK K-9:	265

11.02 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Update - Fall Sports Schedule and Live Streaming Events.

11.03 FOOTBALL STADIUM UPDATE

Mr. LaRizzio presented an update on the progress on the Football Field and Keystone Preliminary Schedule.

11.04 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Lesisko presented an update on the return to school by students according to COVID guidelines.

12. NEW BUSINESS

**12.01 APPROVAL/
THE APPLICATION FOR
FLEXIBLE ADDITIONAL
INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS
2020-2021 & 2021-2022
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve the Application for (5) Additional Flexible Instructional Days to the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 School Calendars as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer
G. Strubinger
S. Pompa
P. Sheckler
C. Henning

Absent
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

D. McGinley
P. Montemuro
T. Garritano
R. Marciante

Aye
Absent
Aye
Aye

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 : Motion PASSES

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Gerald Strubinger/Board President