Jim Thorpe Area School District

Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

1. OPENING OF MEETING – BOARD PRESIDENT

<u>1.01 & 1.0</u>2

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. Mark Rosenberger, Asst. High School 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 Executive Session meetings on August 10, 2020, August 17, 2020 and August 19, 2020 before the Regular Board Meeting tonight to discuss Personnel and Contract matters.

4. CORRESPONDENCE Comments, Statements and Question were read together under 2.01.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.01 APPROVAL/ MEETING MINUNTES <u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Pompa to Approve School Board Meeting Minutes – Regular Meetings July 14, 2020 and July 27, 2020 as presented:

7. FINANCIAL APPROVALS

7.01 & 7.02 APPROVAL BILLS PAYABLE

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to Approve Bills Payable for both 7.01 & 7.02 Cafeteria Fund for August 10, 2020 and General Fund & Other for August 19, 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/ PAYMENT TO ECKERT SEAMANS ATTORNEYS AT LAW

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Payment to Eckert Seamans Attorneys at Law – Professional Services Rendered - \$4,752.28 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 2 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

8.02 APPROVAL/ **APPLICATION &** FEES FOR **RELOCATION OF SOD** TO PRACTICE FIELD

Motion by Mr. Garritano, Seconded by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Application and Fees for Relocation of Sod to Practice Football Field – Cost \$2,800.00 as presented:

****Mr. Confer has joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 2 NAY 7 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

8.03 APPROVAL/ STUDENT ATHLETE **POLICY**

Motion by Mr. Marciante Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Student Athlete Accident Insurance Policy with Bollinger Specialty -**ACCIDENT INSURANCE** Cost \$38,534.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES

8.04 APPROVAL/ REMOVE ETA BENEFITS AS BROKER OF RECORDS

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve Removal of ETA Benefits as broker of record for PSHIC/Benecon Health Insurance Consortium as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 5: Motion DOES NOT PASS

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Retain ETA Benefits as Broker of record for Dental, Vision, Long Term Disability, and Life Insurance Policies as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

8.06 APPROVAL/
ZEKENKOFSKE
AXELROD LLC AS
DISTRICT AUDITORS
FOR JUNE 30, 2020
SCHOOL YEAR AUDIT

Motion by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC as District Auditors for the June 30, 2020 school year audit – Cost \$17,750.00 as presented:

<u>Motioned</u> by Mr. Confer, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. McGinley to <u>TABLE</u> Motion and go out to bid for Audit Services 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 TABLED

8.07 APPROVAL/ TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (PRINTERS)

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. McGinley, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Toshiba Business Solutions Maintenance Contract (Printers) as presented:

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G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Absent
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

8.08 APPROVAL/ HEWLETT PACKARD PROPOSAL-DISTRICT SERVER REPLACEMENT

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve Hewlett Packard Proposal – District Server Replacement Lease as presented:

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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

8.09 APPROVAL/ INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT EXACQVISION HYBRID NVR SERVER FOR SECURITY CAMERAS

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve Installation of Replacement ExacqVision Hybrid NVR Server for Security Cameras – at a cost of \$13,583.00 as presented:

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to <u>TABLE</u> motion and check into insurance covering damages since camera was struck by lightning:

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 TABLED

8.10 APPROVAL/ TRANSFER OF \$1,002,095 TO CAPITAL PROJECTS CHECKING FROM GENERAL FUND <u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve the Transfer of \$1,002,095 to Capital Projects Checking from General Fund Checking 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	Nay	R. Marciante	Nay
C. Henning	Ave		

AYE <u>5</u> NAY <u>4</u> : Motion <u>PASSES</u>

8.11 APPROVAL/
TRANSFER \$1,500,000
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<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve the Transfer of \$1,500,000 from PSHIC Health Care Fund to Capital Capital Projects Checking Account 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	Nay	R. Marciante	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 5 NAY 4 : Motion PASSES

8.12 APPROVAL/ RESPOSITORY SALES

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Pompa, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Repository Sales as presented:

8.09 APPROVAL/ **INSTALLATION OF** REPLACEMENT **NVR SERVER FOR SECURITY CAMERAS**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Installation of Replacement ExacqVision Hybrid NVR Server for Security Cameras – at a cost of \$13,583.00 if insurance should not **EXACQVISION HYBRID** cover the costs as previously present back on item #8.09:

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	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

8.13 APPROVAL/ **RESCIND MOTION TO REIMBURSE TAX COLLECTORS/OFFICE** SUPPLIES/OFFICE **SPACE/OFFICE STAFF**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, Seconded by Ms. Henning to Approve Rescinding the Motion to Reimburse Tax Collectors/Office Supplies/ Office Space/Office Staff as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 6 : Motion FAILED

9. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

9.01 APPROVAL/
OPENING OF SCHOOL
COVID 19 YELLOW
CATEGORY
(HYBRID/BLENDED
MODEL)

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Garritano, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to Approve Opening of School COVID 19 Yellow Category (Hybrid/Blended Model) at the Recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrative Team as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES

9.02 APPROVAL/
START AND END
TIMES OF SCHOOL
DAYS FOR STUDENTS
(per Covid 19 Reopening
Plan)

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to Approve Start and End Times of School Days for Students (per Covid 19 Reopening Plan) as presented:

<u>Penn Kidder Campus/LB Morris</u> – 8:35 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Jim Thorpe Area High School – 7:50 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

<u>Pre-K Counts – Penn Kidder Campus –</u> 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. <u>JT High School</u> - 12:45 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1: Motion PASSES

10. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITEE

10.01 APPROVAL/ ACCEPT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS <u>Motion</u> by Mr. Pompa, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Montemuro to Approve/Accept Completed Applications as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.02 APPROVAL/
POSTINGS FOR
PART TIME
CUSTODIAL
POSITIONS

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. McGinley, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Marciante to Approve Postings for Part Time Custodial Positions as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.03 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT MR. JEFF WHITE ASSISTANT Motion by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Employment – Mr. Jeff White - Assistant Principal LB Morris Elementary \$73,000.00 (prorated) as presented:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LB MORRIS ELEMENTARY

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

10.04 APPROVAL/
VOLUNTEER
MARCHING BAND &
COLOR GUARD
COACHMS. CHRISTINE
GALLAGHER

Motion by Ms. Henning, Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Volunteer Marching Band & Color Guard Coach Ms. Christine Gallagher as presented:

Voice Vote: <u>ALL AYE</u>

10.05 APPROVAL/ RETIREMENT ELEMENTARY TEACHER MS. LORRAINE ROBINS Motion by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Ms. Henning to Approve Retirement – Elementary – Lorraine Robins (Effective December 24, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.06 APPROVAL/ MATERNITY LEAVE EMPLOYEE #1438 <u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve Maternity Leave – Employee #1438 (effective-contingent on 1st day of school) as presented:

Voice Vote: <u>ALL AYE</u>

10.07 APPROVAL/
HEALTH
RESTORATION LEAVE
EMPLOYEE #147
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Health Restoration Leave – Employee #147 – 2020-2021 School Year as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.08

Moved on agenda

10.09 APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT OF Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve Appointment of Ms. Ashley Rully, Guidance Counselor at Step 1, **GUIDANCE COUNSELOR** Masters +15, (Prorated) \$48,925.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 5 NAY 3 ABSENT 1: Motion PASSES

*** Mr. McGinley would like it noted that he was not absent, he lost phone connection and his vote would have been NAY.

10.08 APPROVAL/
POSTING LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE TO
REPLACE HEALTH
RESTORATION LEAVE
EMPLOYEE # 147
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Strubinger to Approve posting LTS to replace Health Restoration leave Employee #147, 2020-2021 school year as presented:

10.10 APPROVAL/ SECOND READING & APPROVAL OF THE <u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to Approve Second Reading and Approval of Revisions of District Policies #'s as presented:

REVISIONS OF DISTRICT POLICIES #117, 118, 121 & 122

#117 – Homebound Instruction

#118 – Independent Study

#121 - Field Trips

#122 – Extracurricular Activities

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.11 APPROVAL/
SECOND READING
AND APPROVAL OF
SCHOOL SECURITY
PERSONNEL POLICY #805.2

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Second Reading and Approval of School Security Personnel Policy #805.2 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.12 APPROVAL/ FIRST READING OF REVISION POLICY #806 <u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to Approve First Reading of Revision of Policy #806 Child/Student Abuse as presented:

- 1. PA Auditor General News Release
- 2. JTASD Board Policy #806 Child/Student Abuse (Last Revised 2013)
- 3. PSBA Board Policy #806 Child/Student Abuse (Newest Version)
- 4. Policy News Network + worksheet outlining changes

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.13 APPROVAL/ FIRST READING JTASD

<u>Motion</u> by Ms. Henning, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Montemuro to Approve First Reading – Jim Thorpe Area School District – Procurement Card Policy (East Procure) as presented:

PROCUREMENT CARD
POLICY (EASY PROCURE)

11. ATHLETICS AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS

11.01 APPROVAL/
PAYMENT – KEYSTONE
payment – Keystone Sports for Construction/Change Orders #1 and SPORTS FOR #2 in the amount of \$1,010,952.38 as presented:

CONTRUCTION/CHANGE

ORDERS #1 AND #2 - \$1,010,952.38

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

AYE 5 NAY 4 : Motion PASSES

12. CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

12.01 APPROVAL/ HONEYWELL CONTRACT	<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Confer, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. McGinley to Approve Honeywell Contract as presented:			
Roll call vote.	G. Confer G. Strubinger S. Pompa P. Sheckler C. Henning	Aye Aye Nay Aye Aye	D. McGinley P. Montemuro T. Garritano R. Marciante	Aye Nay Aye Aye

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

12.02 APPROVAL/
COUNTY LEASE
AGREEMENT
(REVISED DRAFT
VERSION)

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Confer, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Garritano to Approve the County Lease Agreement (Draft Version) as presented:

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

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

13. INFORMATIONAL

13.01 CURRENT ENROLLMENT Enrollment as of August 19, 2020

13.02 PSBA - Free Protective Face Masks Offer

13.03 CLIU 21 – Title III Memorandum of Understanding 2020-2021

13.04 PENN KIDDER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT July 2020

13.05 LB MORRIS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT August 19, 2020

13.06 CCTI JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE Meeting Agenda August 20, 2020

14. NEW BUSINESS

Added Agenda Items:

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Garritano, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Henning to Reject the The Track Bids that was received on August 17, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 5 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to Award The Track Bid from Grace Industries in the cost of \$506,887.00 which is \$138,00 less, Contingent upon receipt of satisfactory documentation regarding the scope of the project and execution of a mutually acceptable agreement of the parties subject to review of the solicitor as presented.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 3 : Motion PASSES

<u>Motion</u> by Ms. Henning, <u>Seconded</u> by Mr. Strubinger to Approve All Board Members attend Board Meetings in Public unless they have a medical condition and not attend by Electronic Communication.

This motion would have been against school policy #006.1

<u>Motion</u> by Mr. Montemuro, <u>Seconded</u> by Ms. Henning to have the District Office Building Appraised to be possibly be sold as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 2 NAY 5 ABSENT 2: Motion DOES NOT PASS

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Gerald Strubinger/Board President