

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Monday, July 27, 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. Mark Rosenberger, *Asst. High School Principal*. 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

No Report

4. FINANCIAL APPROVALS

4.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE CAFETERIA

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Cafeteria Bills Payable as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	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 8 NAY 0 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.01 THANK YOU

Thank you for Awards – Mr. Raymond O’Neil

6. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on CoStars Program and Track Replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

7.01 APPROVAL/ COVID 19 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve COVID 19 Safety Plan as presented:

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to add to the motion as presented:

Motion of resolution to the reopening plan with the understanding that all positions identified therein are identified to the board and approved by the board. The inclusion of the positions in this plan for reopening are not a guarantee for the reopening of our schools.

Roll call vote.

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

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

AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES

8. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

**8.01 APPROVAL/
CHANGE ORDER
FOR TURF FIELD
ELECTRIC GRID
REVISIONS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Change Order – Turf Field – Electric Grid Revisions – Option 1 or Option 2 as presented:

OPTION 1 – Relocation of Wiring Only - \$189,547.00

OPTION 2 – Musco LED – Lighting with Relocation of Wiring \$489,756.00

Motion was made for **Option #2** as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 5 NAY 4 : Motion PASSES

**8.02 APPROVAL/
TRACK RENOVATIONS
RESURFACING REPAIRS
3 OPTIONS**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Track Renovation – Entire Resurfacing and Added Lanes – Option 1, Option 2, or Option 3 as presented:

OPTION 1 – Black Spurtan BS. Black Spurtan and Respray on Existing Pole Vault and Javelin Runway - \$596,790.00

OPTION 2 – Red Spurtan BSS. Red Spurtan Seal and Respray on Existing Pole Vault and Javelin Runway- \$654,703.00

OPTION 3 – Red Spurtan BV with Berlin Blue Exchange Zones. Red Rekortan Resurface on Existing Pole Vault and Javelin Runway – \$721,646.00

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Confer to
TABLE the motion as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 4 ABSENT 1 : Motion FAILS TO TABLE

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve
Track Renovations as per **Option #3** as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 2 NAY 7 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Track Renovations as per **Option #2** as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 6 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Track Renovations as per **Option #1** as presented:

OPTION 1 – Black Spurtan BS. Black Spurtan Seal and Respray on Existing Pole Vault and Javelin Runway - \$596,790.00.

Keystone Construction has offered to change the color from Black to Red as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 5 ABSENT 1 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

**8.03 APPROVAL/
TENNIS COURT
RECONSTRUCTION
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$362,012.00**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Tennis Court Reconstruction in the amount of \$362,012.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 2 NAY 6 ABSENT 1 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

**8.04 APPROVAL/
CAMPUS PAVING
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$529,243.00**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve High School Campus Paving in the amount of \$529,243.00 as presented:

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to **TABLE** motion and to go out to bid for this project 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	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion TABLED

**8.05 APPROVAL/
CSIU FINANCIAL
INFORMATION:
START DATE
JANUARY 1, 2021**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa
to Approve – CSIU Financial Software: State Date January 21, 2021
as presented:

Annual Rate - \$22,229.00

One time to date conversion rate - \$3,800.00

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/
TERMINATION OF
CONTRACT WITH
TYLER TECHNOLOGY
AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano
to Approve – Termination of Contract with Tyler Technology as
June 30, 2021 as presented Financial Package only:

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

**8.07 APPROVAL/
BUSINESS MANAGER
TO HAVE ALL
ACCESS TO ON-LINE
BANKING**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to Approve Business Manager – to have all access to on-line banking as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**8.08 APPROVAL/
JONES AND COMPANY
CPA'S TO ENGAGE
IN A TAX COLLECTOR
AUDIT \$2,000.00**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve Jones and Company CPA's to engage in a Tax Collector Audit (Cost per tax collector - \$2,000.00) as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Aye	D. McGinley	Abstain
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 ABSTAIN 1: Motion PASSES

**8.09 APPROVAL/
JULY PSHIC CHECK
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$365,308.49**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve – July PSHIC Check in the amount of \$365,308.49 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

**8.10 APPROVAL/
STUDENT ATHLETE
ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Taken off agenda

**8.11 APPROVAL/
CSI COSTARS
PROPOSAL -
TELECENTER U
UPGRADE COVERED
BY PCCD 2019-2020
SCHOOL SAFETY AND
SECURITY COMPETITIVE
GRANT #32151**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to Approve CSI Costars Proposal – Telecenter U Upgrade Cost \$89,318.00 covered by PCCD 2019-2020 School Safety and Security – Competitive Grant #32151 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

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

AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES

**8.12 APPROVAL/
RESIDENT REQUEST
FOR REMOVAL OF
TAX BILL PENALTIES
IMPLEMENTATION OF
PAYMENT PLAN
\$100/MONTH**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa
to Approve Resident Request for Removal of Tax Bills Penalties
Implementation of Payment Plan - \$100.00 per month as presented:

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to **TABLE**
motion as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 4 ABSENT 1: Motion FAILS

Roll call vote on original motion:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 0 NAY 9 : Motion FAILS

Mr. Marciante wanted to update everyone on the Construction Project costs are: \$1.740 Million to start, 1st change orders \$1.837 Million, latest change orders the project is now at \$2.326 Million.

Ms. Henning would like to point out these are corrections to the field that should have been resolved previously.

9. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

9.01 APPROVAL/ FIRST READING - SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL POLICY #805.2

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to Approve First Reading – School Security Personnel Policy #805.2 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

9.02 APPROVAL/ TO POST ELEMENTARY TEACHER POSITION

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve to post – Elementary Teacher position as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

9.03 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYEE MR. FRANK MERTZ FULL TIME CUSTODIAN

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Employment – Mr. Frank Mertz Full Time Custodian at an hourly rate of \$11.75 pending MOU/Notification from Teamsters Labor Union on the rate of \$11.75 per hour as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 9 NAY 0 : Motion PASSES

10. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS

10.01 APPROVAL/ EMPLOYMENT OF WALT SCHLENNER 7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS ASST.BASKETBALL COACH

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to Approve Employment of Walt Schlenner – Assistant Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball Coach as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.02 APPROVAL/ ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION - ASSISTANT GIRLS' SOCCER COACH MR. CAMERON CONDLY

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve Acceptance of Resignation Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach - Mr. Cameron Condly (Effective July 16, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

10.03 APPROVAL/ MR. CAMERON CONDLY VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT GIRLS SOCCER COACH

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to Approve Mr. Cameron Condly Volunteer Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**10.04 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIGNATION –
ASSISTANT GIRL’S
SOCCER COACH
MR. JONATHAN
CONDLY**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve Acceptance of Resignation Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach – Mr. Johnathan Condly (Effective July 20, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**10.05 APPROVAL/
POSTING ASSISTANT
GIRLS SOCCER
COACHES (2)
POSITIONS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Approve/Posting (2) positions for Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coaches as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

11. INFORMATIONAL

11.01 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ADMIN REPORT

Mr. Lesisko - Very busy preparing for new school year.

11.02 LB MORRIS ADMIN REPORT

Mr. Albert - starting to settle in, will start next month with written Admin Report, this week was round one of Assistant Principal Interviews. Mr. Pompa asked why no board members are present at interviews, Mr. Albert stated it is policy no board members attend round one of interviews, Thursday will be 2nd round of interviews.

11.03 PENN KIDDER K-8 ADMIN REPORT

Ms. Mordaunt – settling into Penn Kidder, preparing Admin Report for July and preparing the school and staff for return to school. It has been a pleasure to be at Penn Kidder this past month, everyone is very welcoming. Guidance Counselor interviews will be next week.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Added Agenda Item

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Approve Mr. Joe Green, Volunteer JH Assistant Football Coach as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

DRESS CODE

Mr. Garritano requested an update on Dress code for the school year. Students are allowed to wear their spirit wear and dress for comfort. This will be similar to dress downs days. This will be posted to the JTASD Website. Also wanted an update on Fall Sports using the gym.

9th GRADE ORIENTATION Mr. Pompa is looking for an update on Freshman Orientation. We are currently looking at a Virtual Orientation.

SWIVEL DEMO

Mr. Garritano asked Mr. Brown to do a demonstration of Swivel. Mr. Brown said he would have a demonstration.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS Mr. Garritano questioned when we could go back to School Board Meetings being held in person.

MR. MONTEMURO

Girls Basketball are missing uniforms, also Girls Volleyball is missing uniforms are well. Mr. McAndrew responded that Volleyball uniforms have been accounted for. Also one student was allowed to play basketball in the district office gym.

MR. MARCIANTE

Asked Mr. Pompa for an Executive Session to review the Superintendent's review. Mr. Marciante asked Mr. McAndrew for the Provisions for the football field since it will not be used for this seasons Football or Soccer Season. Mr. McAndrew is looking into swap home games with away games, there should be no costs.

MR. MCGINLEY

Looking for an update of the banners, including a banner for ALL STATE Athletes, for all sports. Mr. McAndrew will look into this and report back to Mr. McGinley.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Gerald Strubinger/Board President