

**Jim Thorpe Area School District**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19**  
**Wednesday, July 15, 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. Paul Montemuro, Mr. Dennis McGinley, and Mrs. Pearl Sheckler. Mr. Glenn Confer, was absent. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Joseph Surridge, *Interim Business Manager*, Mr. Ken Marx, *Business Manager*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Carl Beard Jr, *Solicitor*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *LB Morris 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 Assist. Principal*, Ms. Kathy Doll *Coordinator of Student Services*. 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **3.01 APPROVAL/ SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve School Board Meeting Minutes - Regular Meetings June 17, 2020 & June 29, 2020 as presented.

Mr. Montemuro requested an addition to the June 17, 2020 minutes. This is in reference to Mr. Confer's exchange of words and the language he used in regards to Ms. Henning.

**Voice Vote: ALL AYES**

## **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

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

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE** No Report

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Mr. Pompa**

Ask for an update on a 3 point banner that was approved on February 19, 2020 that was Motioned by Ms. Sheckler, Seconded by Mr. Marciante in 9-0 vote to be purchased. Mr. Rushefski reported that as of Friday, June 12, 2020 Uniforms for All Seasons is currently processing our banners. One 3 point banner for Girls Basketball and one 3 point banner for Boys Basketball.

### **Mr. Pompa**

Requested an update on Summer School.

### **Mr. Lesisko HS - Reported:**

2 Science Teachers, 24 students  
2 Math Teachers, 20 students  
\$140 per student, covers the cost of the classes

### **Mr. Albert LBM – Reported**

14 Students, 4 Teachers, 2 Students are PK Students  
Teachers are teaching multiple grades

### **Mr. Engle PK – Reported**

Ms. Becker Kindergarten 9 students  
Ms. Scott 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, teaching Math & ELA  
Ms. Reilly 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades, teaching Math & ELA  
Mr. McElmoyle 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math  
Mr. Condly sharing with LBM students  
Mr. Rowe 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Ms. Mordaunt PK - Reported**

Mr. Wagner 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade sharing with LBM

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

#### 7.01 APPROVAL/ COVID 19 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

Motion by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Mr. McGinley to approve COVID 19 Safety Plan as presented:

Motion by Mr. Pompa, Seconded by Mr. Montemuro to TABLE the motion.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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 TABLED**

### 8. FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

#### 8.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE

Motion by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Ms. Henning to approve Bills Payable as presented:

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, Seconded by Ms. Henning to TABLE the check payable to PSHIC.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	ABSENT	
G. Strubinger	<b>YES</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all other bills
S. Pompa	<b>YES</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all other bills
P. Sheckler	<b>NO</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all bills
C. Henning	<b>YES</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all other bills
D. McGinley	<b>NO</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all bills
P. Montemuro	<b>YES</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all other bills
T. Garritano	<b>YES</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all other bills
R. Marciante	<b>NO</b> to table check PSHIC	<b>YES</b> to pay all bills

<b>5 YES to table check PSHIC</b>	<b>5 YES to pay all other bills</b>
<b>3 NO to table check PSHIC</b>	<b>3 YES to pay all bills</b>
<b>PAYMENT OF PSHIC IS TABLED</b>	<b>PAYMENT OF ALL OTHER PASSES</b>

**8.02 APPROVAL/  
ATHLETIC REPORT  
JUNE 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve the June 2020 Athletic Report as presented:

**Voice Vote: ALL AYE**

**8.03 APPROVAL/  
REPOSITORY SALES**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Repository Sales as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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**

**8.04 APPROVAL/  
TAX EXEMPTION  
DISABLED  
VETERAN**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Tax Exemption – Disabled Veteran as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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**



**8.05 APPROVAL/  
APPLICATION FOR  
EASY PROCUREMENT  
CARD FOR  
SUPERINTENDENT &  
BUSINESS MANAGER TO  
BE ACTIVATED FOLLOWING  
DISTRICT POLICY APPROVAL**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve application for the Easy Procure/Education Procurement Card for Superintendent and Business Manager to be activated following District Policy approval as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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>Nay</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

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

**8.06 APPROVAL/  
CONTRACT WITH  
EVOLVE INSURANCE  
ADVISORS**

Taken off agenda

**8.07 APPROVAL/  
CAPITAL PROJECT  
EXPENDITURES -  
TURF FIELD  
\$1,587.50**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Capital Project Expenditures – Turf Field \$1,587.50 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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**

**8.08 APPROVAL/  
CHANGE ORDER  
FOR TURF FIELD -  
ELECTRIC GRID  
REVISIONS**

Removed from agenda – waiting on pricing.

**8.09 APPROVAL/  
CHANGE ORDER  
FOR TURF FIELD -  
STORM WATER  
MANAGEMENT  
REVISIONS \$97,112.94**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve change order for Turf Field – Storm Water Management Revisions \$97,112.94 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Nay</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>Nay</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 6 NAY 2 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES**

**8.10 APPROVAL/  
TRACK RENOVATION  
ENTIRE RESURFACING  
AND ADDED LANES  
\$741,052.70**

**Motion** by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve Track Renovation – Entire Resurfacing, Replacing and Repairs to Lanes - \$741, 052.70 as presented:

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to **TABLE** motion.

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 6 NAY 2 ABSENT 1 : Motion TABLED**

## **9. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

### **9.01 APPROVAL/ STUDENT TEACHER BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve student teacher as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

### **9.02 APPROVAL/ APPLICATIONS K-8 GUIDANCE COUNSELOR JULY 15, 2020**

**Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve applications received K-8 Guidance Counselor as of July 15, 2020 as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

### **9.03 APPROVAL/ RESIGNATION MS. PEGGY COPE LB MORRIS 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE TEACHER**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to accept the resignation Ms. Peggy Cope – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher – LB Morris (effective August 1, 2020) as presented:

**Voice Vote : 6 AYES 2 NAYS**



**9.04 APPROVAL/  
SECOND READING  
AND APPROVAL OF THE  
REVISIONS OF DISTRICT  
POLICIES #117, 118,  
121 & 122**

**Motion** by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to **TABLE** until after Policy meeting next month:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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 TABLED**

**10. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS**

**10.01 APPROVAL/  
ACCEPTANCE OF  
RESIGNATION 7<sup>TH</sup> &  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS  
BASKETBALL COACH  
MR. BRIAN O'DONNELL**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to accept resignation 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Mr. Brian O'Donnell (effective July 12, 2020) as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

**10.02 APPROVAL/  
MR. BRIAN O'DONNELL  
VOLUNTEER ASSIST.  
COACH BOYS HIGH  
SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve Mr. Brian O'Donnell – Volunteer Assistant Coach Boys High School Basketball as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

**10.03 APPROVAL/  
POSTING POSITION  
ASSISTANT 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL  
COACH**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve posting position – Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

**Addition to Agenda**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to allow Volleyball/Fall Sports to start practicing in the gym.

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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>Nay</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

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

**11. INFORMATIONAL**

**11.01 INFORMATIONAL SCHOOL BANK REPORT**

**JTASD SCHOOL BANK  
REPORTS**

**Motion** by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to accept school bank reports as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

**11.02 INFORMATIONAL – LB MORRIS ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORT**

Monthly Report July 15, 2020.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**12.01 APPROVAL/  
JTASD/SHINE  
NUTRITION PROGRAM  
2020-2021**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve JTASD – Shine Nutrition Program 2020-2021 as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

**12.02 APPROVAL/  
ADAPTION OF  
REVISED 2020-2021  
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Adaption of Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented:

**Voice Vote : ALL AYES**

**LCCC**

Mr. Pompa reported LCCC 53<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony will be held on August 12, 2020 starting at 5:40 p.m. with mosaic pictures and Ceremony starting at 6:00 p.m.

**DELINQUENT TAXES**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to move delinquent tax collections from Elite/North East Revenue back to Carbon County Tax Claim Bureau.

Roll call vote.

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

**AYE 3 NAY 5 ABSENT 1 : Motion DOES NOT PASS**

**WRESTLING TEAM**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to allow Panther Valley Wrestlers to join our Wrestling program as presented:

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to **TABLE** motion:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Absent</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</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 TABLED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Strubinger/Board President