

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Monday, June 29, 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. 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*, 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 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 comments were read regarding plans to open school in the Fall.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION There was not an Executive Session tonight before the board meeting.

4. COORESPONDENCE

4.01 THANK YOU

Thank You Received from the Schatz and Lombardo Families.

5. OLD BUSINESS

No Report

6. COMMITTEE REPORT – FINANCE & INSURANCE

**6.01 APPROVAL/
2020-2021 FINAL
BUDGET**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve 2020-2021 Final Budget at 45.52 mills as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 6 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

**6.02 APPROVAL/
REPOSITORY
SALES**

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

Lot #23A-51-A232, #23A-511A22, #22A-51-A273, #12A-51-MV2254 and #12A-51-MV2256

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

**6.03 APPROVAL/
APOLO EDISON LLC
FOR ENERGY
CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR JTASD**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve Apollo Edison LLC for Energy Consulting Services for JTASD 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

**6.04 APPROVAL/
\$10.00/PER
PERSON PER VISIT
FOR DENTAL PPE
PROCEDURE CODE
D1999 FROM MAY 1, 2020
TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve \$10.00 per person, per visit for Dental PPE Procedure Code D1999 - from May 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 6 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

**6.05 APPROVAL/
2020-2021 SCHOOL
LEADERS LEGAL
LIABILITY POLICY**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve 2020-2021 School Leaders Legal Liability Policy (CM Regent Insurance) 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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

**APPROVAL/
FUEL OIL
BIDDING COSTARS**

Motion by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to approve to use CoStars for our Fuel Bidding 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

**APPROVAL/
WASTE MANAGEMENT
CONTRACT**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Waste Management contract for 3 years 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

**APPROVAL/
INSURANCE
PACKAGES**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve Brick Street for our Package and Worker Comp Insurance at a cost of \$229,978 in addition to that increase the violent protection policy to a million dollars for a premium of \$9,668.00 and also included a pollution Liability for a million dollars at a premium of \$10,500.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.	G. Confer	Nay	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 1 : Motion PASSES

**APPROVAL/
FINAL BUDGET**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve
The Final Budget as presented:

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

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

Ms. Henning voting yes as long as there are YTD reports, Mr. Pompa and Ms. Sheckler also voting yes as long as there are Workshops and monthly reports on all expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**7.01 APPROVAL/
APPOINT MR. SHAWN
ALBERT PRINCIPAL
LB MORRIS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve
appointment of Mr. Shawn Albert as Principal of LB Morris Elementary
School - \$90,000.00 (Effective July 1, 2020) as presented:

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

AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion PASSES

**7.02 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF
POSITION OF
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve Posting of Position – Assistant Principal for LB Morris Elementary 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

**7.03 APPROVAL/
RESIGNATION OF
CUSTODIAN MR.
EDWARD REHRIG**

Motion Mr. Montemuro **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to accept Resignation of Mr. Edward Rehrig – Custodian – (Effective June 23, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: 8 Ayes 1 Nay Motion: PASSES

**7.04 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF
CUSTODIAN POSITION**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve posting of position – Custodian 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

**7.05 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT OF
SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHER – MR.
THOMAS CONDLY
LB MORRIS**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve Employment of Summer School Teacher – Mr. Thomas Condly – LB Morris – July 6 – 24, 2020 @ the hourly compensation rate according to current CBA - \$40./hr.

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. NEW BUSINESS

**8.01 APPROVAL/
TO REMOVE MR.
BRIAN GASPER AND
MR. DAVID MCANDREW, JR
FROM THE MCT
PENN KIDDER ACCOUNT**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve to remove Mr. Brian Gasper and Mr. David McAndrew, Jr. from the JTASD – Penn Kidder MCT Account #XXXXXX4503 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

**8.02 APPROVAL/
TO ADD MR. RANDY
ENGLE AND MRS.
HOLLY MORDAUNT
TO THE MCT PENN KIDDER
ACCOUNT**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve to add Mr. Randy Engle and Mrs. Holly Mordaunt to the MCT Account #XXXXXX4503 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

**8.03 APPROVAL/
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
GRANT**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve Pre-Kindergarten Cares COVID Grant in the amount of \$5,800.00 and the approval of Superintendent's E-signature on file with the E-Grants Program 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

ADDITION TO AGENDA

EVOLVE BROKERS

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve
To rescind change of Brokers from Evolve back to ETA as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 5 : Motion DOES NOT PASS

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Garritano

Looking for an update/status on the 2018-19 Schuylkill League Championship Banner, Leila Hurley 3 point banner, Eastern Conference Football Championship banner, and Boys Schuylkill League Soccer Title banner. Also asking can the Tennis Courts be opened to the public?

Mr. Rushefski

Will check into the Banner with Mr. Dustin McAndrew.

Mr. LaRizzio

The Tennis Courts can be opened to the public.

Mr. Strubinger

Made the motion to put Spot Assessments back in operation, motion failed for lack of a seconded.

Ms. Sheckler

Would like to check into Honeywell contract if changing filters now fall under custodians responsibilities.

Mr. Rushefski

Reminders of upcoming meetings for July 2020:

July 13, 2020 Curriculum & Budget, Finance & Insurance

July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

July 27, 2020 Curriculum & Budget, Buildings & Grounds

Ms. Henning

Checking into Mr. Surridge's last date of work.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Gerald Strubinger/Board President