

Jim Thorpe Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, May 13, 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. 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. Kathy Doll, *Coordinator of Student Services*, Ms. Lori Lienhard, *Director of Security*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, TV13 and Representing the *Times News*, Mr. Chris Reber.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Mr. Dirst, Pocono International Raceway presented Graduation procedures at Pocono Raceway for the 2020 Graduates of Jim Thorpe High School.

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve the Jim Thorpe School District pay for all fees incurred during 2020 Graduation at the Pocono Race Track.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

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 Board via Google Meets. 3 statements were received and read to the board.

3. APPROVAL/MINUTES **Motion** by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve the April 15, 2020 Minutes as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION There was an Executive Session tonight before the board meeting, Personnel and litigation issues, no decisions or actions were made.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

**5.01 APPROVAL/
AREA AND
CAFETERIA BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve the Area (5.01 Area & 5.02 Cafeteria) and the Cafeteria Bills as presented:

5.01 Area Bills:

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

5.02 Cafeteria Bills:

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

**5.03 APPROVAL/
TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** Mr. Garritano to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

**5.04 APPROVAL/
TAX COLLECTOR'S
REPORT**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to approve the Tax Collector's Report for March 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence at this time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**8.01 APPROVAL/
GIRLS' HEAD
BASKETBALL
COACH**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Nadia Gauronsky - \$7,000.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 2 ABSTAIN 1 : Motion PASSES

**8.02 APPROVAL/
HEAD GOLF COACH**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve Head Golf Coach Mr. Michael Chapman - \$3,300.00 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

**9. CAFETERIA AND
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

No Report

**10. CARBON CAREER &
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

No Report – next meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2020.

11. CARBON-LEHIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**11.01 APPROVAL/
2020-2021 CLIU #21
FACILITIES PLAN**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve 2020-2021 CLIU#21 Facilities Plan as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

**** Mr. Confer left the meeting.

12. CURRICULUM

Mrs. Mordaunt presented to the board School Counselors responsibilities and the need for an additional Guidance Counselor.

12.01 APPROVAL/ POSTING THE POSITION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to approve the posting of the position of Guidance Counselor 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

12.02 PRESENTATION

Building Principals Ms. Holly Mordaunt and Mr. Lesisko presented updates on E-Learning, Mr. Brown presented results on the E-Learning survey.

13. LEGISLATIVE

Mr. Strubinger reported according to the election results around the country there is a big increase in voting from home.

14. FINANCE & INSURANCE

**14.01 APPROVAL/
RESCIND MOTION
MADE ON 5/8/17
FOR REIMBURSEMENT
ON SUPPLIES, STAFF
AND SPACE**

Motion to rescind the motion made on May 8, 2017 – Reimbursement for reasonable & necessary expenses for Tax Collectors for office supplies, office space and office staff as presented:

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to TABLE above motion and meet with Tax Collectors.

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	Nay		

AYE 7 NAY 1 ABSENT 1 : Motion PASSES

**4.02 APPROVAL/
REAL ESTATE TAX
EXEMPTION DISABLED
VETERAN BH**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Real Estate Tax Exemption – Disabled Veteran – BH as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

**14.03 APPROVAL/
POWERSCHOOL
CONTRACT**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve PowerSchool Renewal Contract (5 years) between CLIU #21 and JTASD 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

14.04 INFORMATIONAL PDE Single Audit Report

**14.05 APPROVAL/
REIMBURSEMENT
RESOLUTION SENT
PREVIOUSLY UNDER
COVER OF EMAIL
DATED 4/3/2020**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve Reimbursement Resolution sent previously under cover of email dated April 3, 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

**14.06 APPROVAL/
PASS DEBT
RESOLUTION THAT
WILL ALLOW ATTY.
DAMGARRD TO
PROCEED ON TAX
EXEMPT LOAN
THROUGH JIM THORPE
NEIGHBORHOOD BANK**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve to pass Debt Resolution that will allow Atty. Damgaard to proceed and file the necessary paperwork and advertisements and proceed with the Closing on the tax exempt loan through Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**14.07 APPROVAL/
AUTHORIZE ATTY.
DAMGAARD OF
ECKERT SEAMANS
TO PROCESS THE
NECESSARY PAPERWORK
TO CLOSE ON THE TAX
EXEMPT LOAN WITH
JTNB**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Authorize Atty. Damgaard of Eckert Seamans to process the necessary paperwork to comply with the Local Government Unit Debt Act and close on the Tax Exempt Loan with Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

15. LCCC

No Report

16. POLICY & PERSONNEL

**16.01 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RETIREMENT
MRS. CHRISTINE BOTT**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve acceptance of Retirement for Mrs. Christine Bott (Effective June 10, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

**17. TRANSPORTATION
& SECURITY**

No Report

18. NEW BUSINESS

18.01 ATHLETIC REPORT

No Report

18.02 APPROVAL/ COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve completed applications as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

19. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Presentations were presented on E-Learning.

20. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

20.01 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

1. Joshua Kauffman – Computer Technology

20.02 STUDENT ROTARIANS – MAY 2020

1. Holly Skrimcovsky – Jim Thorpe

2. Owen Rarick – CCTI

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Gerald Strubinger/Board President

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JIM THORPE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – BOARD OF EDUCATION

JTASD - SUPT.'S OFFICE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST MEMORANDUM

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 13, 2020

NAME OF BOARD MEMBER: Mrs. Pearl Sheckler

AGENDA ITEM: 8.01 Girls' Head Basketball Coach

REASON FOR ABSTENTION: I had no information on the interview.

When it was held, who was invited & her overall resume. I don't feel comfortable casting a vote that I have no involvement.

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE: Pearl A. Sheckler DATE 7/8/2020

DATE RECEIVED BY RECORDING SECRETARY:



References: School Code- 24 P.S. Sec. 324, 1111 State Ethics Commissions Regulations – 51 PA Code Sec. 15.2, 15.3 Whistleblower Law – 43 P.S. Sec. 1421 et seq. Public Officials and Employees Ethics Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1101 et seq. Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 – 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7201 et seq. Whistleblower Protection – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1513 Board Policy – 004, 609.