

Jim Thorpe Area School District
School Board Special Meeting for General Purposes
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Monday, May 18, 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 Special 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, Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Paul Montemuro, and Mr. Dennis McGinley. Absent was Mr. Glenn Confer. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Joseph Surridge, *Interim Business Manager*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *LB Morris Principal*, Mr. Dave McAndrew, *Principal Penn Kidder K-8*, Mr. Ted LaRizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Ms. Sandra Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, Ms. Kathy Doll, *Coordinator of Student Services*, Ms. Lori Lienhard, *Director of Security*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, 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 Board via Google Meets. 1 anonymous statement was received, not read.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION An executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters, no actions were taken.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**4.01 APPROVAL/
ASSISTANT GIRLS'
BASKETBALL COACH
MS. JOHANNA FREY**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach – Ms. Johann Fey - \$3,300.00 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

**4.02 APPROVAL/
HEAD VOLLEYBALL
COACH MR. WILLIAM
RAMEY**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve Head Volleyball Coach – Mr. William Ramey - \$4,720.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 1 Abstain 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**4.03 APPROVAL/
ASST. VOLLEYBALL
COACH MS. ALYSSA
SMITH**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve Assistant Volleyball Coach – Ms. Alyssa Smith- \$1,885.00 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	Absent	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 7 NAY 0 Abstain 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**4.04 APPROVAL/
VOLUNTEER
VOLLEYBALL COACH
MRS. CAROL
MONTEMURO**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Volunteer Volleyball Coach – Mrs. Carol Montemuro as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 0 Abstain 2 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**4.05 APPROVAL/
ASST. BOYS' SOCCER
COACH MR. CHRIS
GEISER**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach – Mr. Chris Geiser - \$1,885.00 presented:

Roll call vote.	G. Confer	Absent	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 7 NAY 0 Abstain 1 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

5. FINANCE & INSURANCE

**5.01 APPROVAL/
2020-2021 PROPOSED
FINAL BUDGET**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to approve 2020-2021 Proposed Final Budget at 45.52 mills, this is a zero mill increase 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

**5.02 APPROVAL/
ADOPT THE ATTACHED
RESOLUTION
AUTHORING AND
SECURING A \$1,740,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION
NOTE UNDER THE
TERMS OF THE ATTACHED
LOAD PROPOSAL LETTER
OF THE JIM THORPE
NEIGHBORHOOD BANK TO
CONSTRUCT ATHLETIC
FACILITIES**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Adopt the attached resolution authorizing and securing a \$1,740,000 maximum principal amount General Obligation Note under the terms of the attached loan proposal letter of the Jim Thorpe Neighborhood bank to construct athletic facilities 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

6. NEW BUSINESS

**6.01 APPROVAL/
FBLA NATIONALS
REGISTRATION FEES**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve payment of Registration Fees for students to participate on the National Level for 3 FBLA members at \$65.00 per student 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		

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6.02 PK PRINCIPAL

Mr. Engle opened a brief discussion on posting the position for PK Building Principal.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Gerald Strubinger/Board President

Conflict of Interest Memorandum-Jim Thorpe Area School Board

Date: May 18, 2020

Board Member: Paul Montemuro

Agenda Item: 4.04 Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Reason for Abstention:

My wife

Date provided to Board Secretary:

6/17 C. Fleming

References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 324, 1111 State Ethics Commission Regulations – 51 PA Code Sec. 15.2, 15.3 Whistleblower Law – 43 P.S. Sec. 1421 et seq. Public Officials and Employee 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





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CONFLICT OF INTEREST MEMORANDUM

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 18, 2020

NAME OF BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Dennis McGinley

AGENDA ITEM: 4.02 Head Volleyball Coach

REASON FOR ABSTENTION: WAS NOT IN ON

INTERVIEW

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE: Dennis McGinley

DATE OF SIGNATURE: 6-18-20

DATE RECEIVED BY RECORDING SECRETARY: 6/18/2020 AK

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AGENDA ITEM: 4.03 Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

REASON FOR ABSTENTION: WAS NOT IN ON

INTERVIEW

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INTERVIEW

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