

Jim Thorpe Area School District
School Board Special Meeting for General Purposes
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Monday, May 4, 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. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, and Mr. Dennis McGinley. Absent was Mrs. Pearl Sheckler. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Joseph Surridge, *Interim Business Manager*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Carl Beard, *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*, Mr. Randy Engle, *Asst. Principal Penn Kidder K-8 Building*, Mr. Shawn Albert, *Asst. Principal LBM Morris Elementary*, Mr. Mark Rosenberger, *Asst. Principal Jim Thorpe High School*, 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. 6 statements were received and read to the board.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters, litigation and contract discussions, no actions were taken.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

5. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. ATHLETIC & FIELDS & CONCESSIONS

No Report

7. CAFETERIA AND BUILDINGS, & GROUNDS

Next meeting May 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the District Office.

**8. CARBON CAREER
& TECHNICAL
INSTITUTE**

No Report

**9. CARBON – LEHIGH
IU #21 BOARD**

CLIU were having issues but they were able to work through them with their students.

10. CURRICULUM

Mr. Rushefski stated update next week on E-Learning with the parent's survey results and a Guidance Update. Continue to meet the initiatives connected to the Continuity of Learning, looking to do flexible instructional days application after June 15, 2020. This will benefit the school district 3 years, will be able to go back to E-Learning for snow days.

11. LEGISLATIVE

PSBA report May 4, 2020, PA Schools to be reopen in the fall. School District stand to 1 billion in local revenue.

**12. LEHIGH CARBON
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

No meeting in April, there will be a meeting virtual meeting this Thursday May 7, 2020.

**13. FINANCE &
INSURANCE**

Review of Preliminary Budget, Budget meeting will be May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

14. POLICY & PERSONNEL

**14.01 APPROVAL/
EMPLOYMENT OF
BUSINESS MANAGER
KENNETH MARX**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve the Employment of Business Manager, Mr. Kenneth Marx - \$100,000.00 as per contract presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**14.02 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
REGISNATION
MR. MCANDREW
PENN KIDDER
PRINCIPAL**

Motion by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve the acceptance of resignation Mr. David McAndrew Jr., Penn Kidder Principal, (Effective June 14, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE Motion: PASSES

**14.03 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF
POSITION K-12
PRINCIPAL**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to TABLE the approval to post for K-12 Principal 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion TABLED

**14.04 APPROVAL/
APPOINTMENT OF
SECRETARY TO
SUPERINTENDENT
YAICH
MRS. REGINA**

Motion by Mr. Confer, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve appointment of Mrs. Regina Yaich, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent, she will receive \$5,000.00 in additional wages to perform the duties of Confidential Secretary to Superintendent, 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSES

**14.05 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIGNATION
MRS. KIM HILL**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to accept Resignation Mrs. Kim Hill as Recording Secretary, Right to Know Officer, District Notary, Volunteer Majorette Coach, and Volunteer Glee Advisor (effective 4/28/2020) as presented:

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Ms. McGinley to TABLE this Motion until Policy and Personnel Meeting on May 18, 2020.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 7 NAY 1 Absent 1 : Motion TABLED

15. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY

15.01 APPROVAL/ RENEGOTIATION BUS CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Renegotiation of Bus Contract between JTASD and Brandywine Transportation 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 8 NAY 0 Absent 1 : Motion PASSED

16. NEW BUSINESS

16.01 APPROVAL/ MOVE FORWARD ON PAPERWORK JTNB 1.78 LOAN

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to move forward on the paperwork to complete a 1.78 tax exempt loan from Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 4 Absent 1 : Motion NOT PASSED

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PAPERWORK JTNB
1.78 LOAN**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to move forward on the paperwork to complete a 1.78 tax exempt loan from Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank.

2ND ROLL CALL ON SAME MOTION

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 4 Absent 1 : Motion NOT PASSED

**16.02 APPROVAL/
HOLD ON FOOTBALL
FIELD PROJECT**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Confer to approve a hold on the football field project.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 3 NAY 5 Absent 1 : Motion NOT PASSED

**16.03 APPROVAL/
EVOLVE**

Motion by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano approval to replace ETA Insurance Company with Evolve as presented:

Motion by Mr. Marciante, Seconded by Ms. Henning to TABLE above motion.

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 5 NAY 3 Absent 1 : Motion TABLED

17.01 FOR YOUR INFORMATION

17.01 Informational: Results for Water Testing

ADJOURNMENT

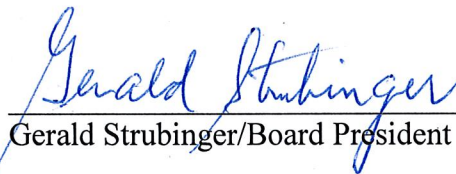
The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Henning", written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald Strubinger", written over a horizontal line.

Gerald Strubinger/Board President