

Jim Thorpe Area School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, April 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 ATTENDANCE/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, Mr. Paul Montemuro, and Mr. Dennis McGinley. Ms. Pearl Sheckler and Mr. Glen Confer were absent. 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*, Ms. Katherine Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*, Mr. Ted Larizzio, *Director of Buildings and Grounds*, Ms. Sandra Michalik, *Director of Special Education*, Ms. Lori Lienhard, *Director of Security*, and Ms. Karrie Flaim, *Food Service Director*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, TV13 and Representing the Times News, Chris Reber.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Public comments and questions were emailed and read aloud by Kim Hill.

Mrs. Henning acknowledged Kristen Scott on her Senior Project. The project was Gift/Care Bags for children admitted to the hospital or need emergency care. Mrs. Henning will be mailing a letter of acknowledgement on behalf of the school board.

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. 9 statements were received and read to the board.

3. APPROVAL/BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Cindy Henning to approve minutes for January 27, February 12, February 19, March 2, March 11, March 25 and April 6, 2020 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There have been three (3) Executive Sessions: April 2, April 9, and April 15, 2020 for Coaches Review, Transportation and Health Benefits no actions were taken.

5. FINANCIAL APPROVALS

5.01 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE AREA

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve Area Bills 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
	C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

5.02 APPROVAL/ CAFETERIA BILLS

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve Cafeteria Bills 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
	C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

**5.03 APPROVAL/
TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2020 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

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

Motioned by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve the Tax Collector's Report for February 2020 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.01 THANK YOU

Thank you – Doll Family

7. OLD BUSINESS

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**8.01 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIGNATION HEAD
GIRLS' BASKETBALL
COACH MR. ROBERT
KOVAC, JR.**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve acceptance of resignation – Head Girls' Basketball Coach Mr. Robert Kovac, Jr. (Effective April 2, 2020) as presented:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 1 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

**8.02 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF POSITION
GIRLS' HEAD
BASKETBALL COACH**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve positing position of Head Girls' Basketball Coach as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

9. CAFETERIA BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

No Report – Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2020.

**10. CARBON CAREER &
TECHNICAL INSITUTE**

No Report – Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2020.

11. CARBON-LEHIGH IU

No Report – Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2020.

12. CURRICULUM

Mr. Rushefski had an update on our E-Learning Platform.

13. LEGISLATIVE

Mr. Strubinger reported the school district needs to hang onto their fund balance.

14. LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**14.01 APPROVAL/
COHORT 10 MOU
BETWEEN JTASD
AND LCCC SHINE
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Motion by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to approve COHORT 10 MOU between Jim Thorpe Area School District and LCCC Shine After School Program.

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**LEHIGH CARBON
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE REPORT**

Mr. Pompa reported that all campuses are currently closed through April, Commencement Ceremony May 13, 2020 has been moved to August, and not held at PPL Center, but to take place at main campus. in Schnecksville. All nonessential employees have been temporarily furloughed.

15. FINANCE & INSURANCE

**15.01 APPROVAL/
LCCC LEASE
AGREEMENT
JULY 1, 2020
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve LCCC Lease agreement Extension July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**15.02 APPROVAL/
REPOSITORY SALES**

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

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**15.03 APPROVAL/
SOLICITATION OF
BIDS FOR DIESEL
FUEL, FUEL OIL, &
GASOLINE FOR 2020-
2021 SCHOOL YEARS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Solicitation of Bids: Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil, and Gasoline for the 2020-2021, school years as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**15.04 APPROVAL/
SOLICITATION OF
BIDS FOR WASTE
REMOVAL FOR 2020-
2021, 2021-2022, 2022-
2023 SCHOOL YEARS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to Solicitation of Bids for Waste Removal for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**15.05 APPROVAL/
ARTBITERPAY FOR
OFFICIALS & EVENT
WORKERS**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve ArtbiterPay for Officials and Event Workers 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	Absent	R. Marciante	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 6 NAY 1 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

**16.01 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RETIREMENT
CUSTODIAN MR.
DAVID EVERETT**

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve the acceptance of the Retirement of Mr. David Everett, Custodian (Effective June 30, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**16.02 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RETIREMENT
CUSTODIAN MR.
RANDY REESE**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve the acceptance of the Retirement of Mr. Randy Reese Custodian (Effective June 30, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**16.03 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF
POSITIONS (2)
TWO CUSTODIANS**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve Posting of Positions – Two (2) Custodians as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**16.04 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RETIREMENT VAN
DRIVER MS. SUZANNE
SNYDER**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Strubinger to approve the acceptance of the Retirement of Ms. Suzanne Snyder Van Driver (Effective May 7, 2020) as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

**17. TRANSPORTATION
& SECURITY**

Mr. Strubinger reported the school district is currently in negotiations with Bus Contractor Brandywine as per Act 13 of 2020.

18. NEW BUSINESS

18.01 APPROVAL/ ATHLETIC REPORT

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve the Athletic Report as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

18.02 APPROVAL/ RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING FORM

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve the Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

18.03 APPROVAL/ ADOPTION OF 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve Adoption of 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented:

Voice Vote: ALL AYE

18.04 RESCIND MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING FOR TWO (2) CUSTODIAL POSITIONS

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to Rescind Motion 16.03 approving Posting for Two (2) Custodians as previously presented until there is a job description available:

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 6 NAY 1 ABSENT 2 :Motion PASSES

19. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS No Report

20. For Your Information

20.01 STUDENT OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2020

1. Dylan Millard – Foreign Language (German)
2. William Locke – Foreign Language (Spanish)

20.02 STUDENT ROTARIANS – APRIL 2020

1. Nolan Rehrig – Jim Thorpe
2. Kristen Scott – Jim Thorpe
3. Benjamin Pieri – CCTI
4. Christina Thieling – CCTI

20.03 NUTRITION, INC. Informational hand out on COVID-19 Meal Program

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Gerald Strubinger/Board President