

Jim Thorpe Area School District
School Board Special Meeting for Emergency Purposes
Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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: Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, Mr. McGinley was absent. 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*, and Ms. Katherine Doll, *Curriculum Coordinator*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, TV13 and Representing the Times News, Chris Reber.

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

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. 9 statements were received and read to the board.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on March 18, 2020, and again before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters, no actions were taken.

4. FINANCIAL APPROVAL

**4.01 APPROVAL/FIRST
INSTALLMENT TO
KEYSTONE SPORTS
CONSTRUCTION**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to **TABLE** the First Installment to Keystone Sports Construction in the amount of \$348,023.09 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 TABLED

5. CORRESPONDANCE

No report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6.01 APPROVAL/ SUSPEND MAJORITY RULE/AUTHORIZING VIRTUAL MEETINGS DUE TO COVID-19

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve/suspend Majority Rule authorizing virtual meetings due to COVID-19 as per Policy #006 and 006.1 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	Nay	R. Marciante	Aye
C. Henning	Nay		

AYE 3 NAY 6 : Motion NOT PASSED

6.02 APPROVAL/ SUPERINTENDENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS ON DAY TO DAY BUSINESS

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve Superintendent has authority to make critical decisions on day to day business until further notice 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 NOT PASSED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.01 APPROVAL/ COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve completed applications as presented:

Voice vote: All aye Motion Passes

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

7.02 APPROVAL/ APPLY FOR FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAYS

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to apply to PDE for the approval of a “Continuity of Education Plan” where the school district will implement planned instruction.

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/
PAYMENT JIM THORPE
BOROUGH – ZONING
FEES/CONCERVATION
FEES**

Motion by Mr. Garritano, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve payment of borough fees and zoning fees as presented:

1. Borough fees:

- Zoning Permit Fee - \$125 payable to Jim Thorpe Borough
- Stormwater Application fee - \$425 payable to Jim Thorpe Borough

2. NPDES fees

- E&S Review fee - \$2,340 payable to Carbon County Conservation District
- NPDES base fee - \$1,500 payable to Carbon County Conservation District Clean Water Fund
- Disturbed Acreage fee - \$200 payable to Commonwealth of PA Clean Water Fund

Roll call vote.

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

AYE 4 NAY 5 : Motion NOT PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Gerald Strubinger/Board President