

Jim Thorpe Area School District
School Board Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at the Penn Kidder K-8 Building with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following directors were present: Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Raniero Marciante (by Skype), Mr. Dennis McGinley (by phone), Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, and Mr. Paul Montemuro. Mr. Glen Confer, was absent. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Joseph Surridge, Interim Business Manager, Atty. Carl Beard, *Solicitor*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko *High School Principal*, Mrs. Holly Mordaunt, *LB Morris Principal*, Mrs. Sandy Michalik *Director of Special Education*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, Debra Park, Jessica Knoll, Julie Renode, Kelly Atkinson, Amber Everett, Janice Ohl, John Nespoli, Kim Sargent, John Harter, Michael Wagner, Elena Monaco, Tammy Lombardo—Schatz, Michelle Searfoss, Nicole Heydt, Megan Eckley, Anita Repecki, Mary Blay, Kris Newbern, and Chris Reber representing the Times News.

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

Sandra Michalik

Ms. Michalik present to the board the Special Education Comprehension Plan for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023. Ms. Michalik is looking for this Comprehension Plan to be approved, and posted for public review before submitted to the state.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Debbie Parks

Thanked the board for painting lines where the parking lot meets the road, at both exits.

3.01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro, to **TABLE** minutes for January 27, 2020, February 12, 2020, February 19, 2020 and March 2, 2020 as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion: Tabled

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION An executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters, and legal matters. No decisions were made.

5. FINANCIAL APPROVALS

5.01 & 5.02 APPROVAL/ BILLS PAYABLE AREA AND CAFETERIA

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley, to approve the bills payable for Area and Cafeteria Fund as presented:

5.01 Area Bills Payable:

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	Nay
C. Henning	Aye		

AYE 7 NAY 1 Motion Passes

5.02 Cafeteria Bills Payable:

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 Motion Passes

5.03 APPROVAL/ TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve January 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Voice vote. 7 Aye 1 Nay : Motion Passes

Mr. Marciante voice vote Nay.

5.04 APPROVAL/ TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Garritano to approve Tax Collector's Report for December 2019 as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

6. CORRESPONDANCE

No Report

7. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Sheckler requested that if it is possible to track the time and dates board members are accessing the buildings each time their badge swipes. This is to be certain each board member is adhering to following policies for visitors, and if this report can be done on a monthly basis. Mr. Brown stated this report can be done and he can prepare the report on a monthly basis.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

8. ATHLETIC AND FIELDS & CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE

8.01 APPROVAL/ JR. HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. Marciante, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve Jr. High School Girls' Soccer Program as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

9. CAFETERIA, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No Report – Next meeting March 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for Cafeteria, Building & Grounds, Security & Safety & Transportation at the Administration Building.

9.01 INFORMATIONAL NUTRITION:

Nutrition – February 2020 Report

10. CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Mr. Strubinger reports they are moving along with the budget they are waiting on two more district to pass the budget.

11. CLIU COMMITTEE

No Report – Meeting on Monday March 16, 2020 Ms. Henning will be attending.

**12. CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE**

Next meeting will be Wednesday March 18, 2020.
including Policy & Personnel Committee starting
at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

**12.01 APPROVAL/
SPECIAL EDUCATION
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to
approve the Special Education Comprehensive Plan as
presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**13. LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Strubinger reported there is talk about the virus and
and how it will be handled. Still working on how to divide up the
educational money.

14. LCCC COMMITTEE CORRESPONDANCE

14.01 LCCC

Informational – LCCC February 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and
March 2020 President’s Desk flyer from Dr. Bieber. March meeting has
been cancelled. Enrollment for LCCC continues to remain down, Spring
enrollment remaining at 20 students.

15. COMMITTEE REPORT – FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

**15.01 APPROVAL/
REPOSITORY SALES**

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

- 1.#12A-51-MV2376
- 2.#22A-51-D1749
- 3.#83A2-18-J40

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**15.02 APPROVAL/
REAL ESTATE
TAX EXEMPTION
DISABLED VETERAN**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro, to approve Real Estate Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran – SD as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**15.03 APPROVAL/
TO PURCHASE
ARBITORPAY
SOFTWARE**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to **TABLE** the purchase of ArbitorPay for Officials and Event Workers software as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion TABLED

16. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**16.01 APPROVAL/
LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
EMILY SANCHEZ**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante, to approve LTS Teacher Ms. Emily Sanchez – BS Step 1 \$45,620.00 (pro-rated) 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 Motion Passes

**16.02 APPROVAL/
PARAPROFESSIONAL
RYANN ENSLIN**

Motion by Ms. Henning, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to approve Ryann Enslin as Paraprofessional, Penn Kidder - \$13.00/hr. based on job description 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 Motion Passes

**16.03 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RETIREMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISSTANT
TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
DONNA REDLINE**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to accept the Retirement – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent – Mrs. Donna Redline (effective June 30, 2020) as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**16.04 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIGNATION JR
HIGH CHEER COACH
LORI MILLER**

Motion by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to accept the resignation of Jr. High Cheer Coach, Mrs. Lori Miller (End of the 2019-20 cheer season) as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**16.05 APPROVAL/
POSTING OF
POSITION JR HIGH
CHEER COACH**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler to approve the posting of position – Jr. High School Cheer Coach as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**16.05 APPROVAL/
ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIGNATION SUB
VAN DRIVER
LISA LAUTH**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to accept the resignation of Substitute Van Driver Ms. Lisa Lauth (effective March 7, 2020) as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**16.07 APPROVAL/
THREE (3) VAN
DRIVERS**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Ms. Henning to approve three (3) Van Drivers – hourly paid contingent upon type of Van run – Student transportation - \$16.35/Maintenance and Training \$15.25 as presented:

- 1 Ms. Kathleen Carreras
2. Ms. Michelle Griffin
3. Mr. Frank Lauth (Substitute)

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 Motion Passes

**16.08 APPROVAL/
WELLNESS POLICY
#246 – THIRD READING**

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to approve the Third Reading of Wellness Policy #246 as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

17. TRANSPORTATION & SECURITY COMMITTEE

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& SECURITY
COMMITTEE**

There was a successful job fair with Brandywine Thursday Night at Reading Night at Penn Kidder.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marciante questioned where we are in the process of hiring SROs. Mr. Rushefski stated Penn Kidder's officer didn't work out but Jim Thorpe is ready to launch their first officer soon.

**18.01 APPROVAL/
ATHLETIC REPORT**

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

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

**18.02 APPROVAL/
COMPLETED
APPLICATIONS**

Motion by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Ms. Sheckler, to approve Completed Applications as presented:

Voice vote. All aye Motion Passes

18.03 INFORMATIONAL
JTASD SUBSTITUTE
LIST

Informational: JTASD Substitute Teacher list.

18.04 INFORMATIONAL
NORSTAR PHONE
SYSTEM CONTRACT
FOR REVIEW

Norstar Phone System Contract for review, Paid with PCCD Grant – Presentation TBD.

Motion by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve the Contract with Norstar Phone System to replace current phone system, Paid with PCCD Grant 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 Motion Passes

18.05 APPROVAL/
OVERNIGHT
REQUEST

Motion to approve Overnight Request – PJAS State Competition - May 17-19, 2020 PSU Main – approx. \$1,210.00
TABLED due to Corona Virus.

Voice vote. All aye Motion: TABLED

18.06 INFORMATIONAL
ENROLLMENT
SUMMARY

Enrollment Summary

**19. ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS**

No Reports

20. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

20.01 INFORMATIONAL/SUSPENSIONS

20.02 INFORMATIONAL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

1. March – Gunnar Lienhard – Tech. Ed.

20.03 INFORMATIONAL STUDENT ROTARIANS

1. Dylan Letcher – Jim Thorpe
2. Trent Hunter– CCTI

ADJOURNMENT

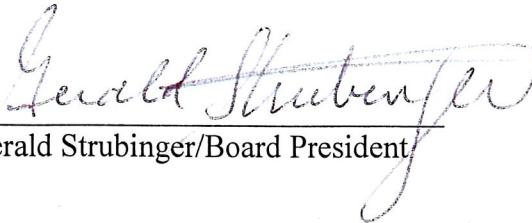
The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Gerald Strubinger/Board President