

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021 5:15 P.M.
FLEX ROOM, THORP HIGH SCHOOL, 605 SOUTH CLARK ST, THORP, WI**

The special meeting of the Thorp Board of Education was called to order at 5:15 p.m. on Monday April 5, 2021, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present Ty Schneider, Amy Penterman, Jeanette Kodl, Marie Karaba and Clint Klapatauskas. Administration present Mr. Foster and Mr. Blandford.

Report on Notice of Meeting

The notice was given per state statutes.

Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Penterman to approve the agenda, second by Kodl. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

Angela Hertz would like to see masks a choice. Kids are getting fatigued. She would like to see kids be able to communicate and be around friends at school.

John Ciolkosz would like to see masks a choice. Being a business owner in town he talks to many parents and community members that would like to see the students at our school have the choice to wear a mask or not. It hurts our children's learning. Kids are getting exposed to many negative things during the lockdown. We need to focus on our youth and their mental health.

Action Items/New Business

Discussion and possible action to address requiring students and staff to wear facemasks as part of the District's Health Safety Plan to address Covid-19.

Mr. Blanford read and shared a statement how our school has dealt with Covid and the accomplishments to date. We have had a successful learning environment since January 18. He went through the implications of eliminating the mask mandate at school and the possible effects on student learning and staffing.

Mr. Foster shared the D & F list for the high school through 3rd quarter. We have the lowest number of students on the list. Middle school also has one of the lowest number of students on the list.

Motion made by Kodl to leave the masks optional for students and staff through the end of the school year.

Penterman amended the motion to include if the student quarantine is 10% or higher masks will be mandatory. Masks will be optional in classrooms but will be worn in the hallways. Kodl accepted amendment.

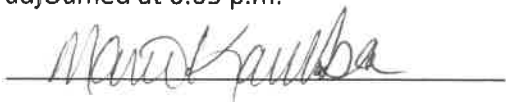
Second by Kodl to amended motion.

Roll Call Vote: Klapatauskas- No, Kodl -yes, Schneider- No, Karaba- yes. Penterman- Yes. Motion carried 3 – 2.

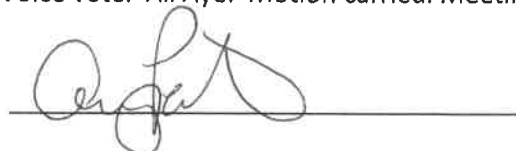
Klapatauskas and Schneider left the meeting.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kodl to adjourn. Second by Penterman. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Marie Karaba, Board President



Amy Penterman, Board Clerk