

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY September 16, 2020 6:30 P.M.
FLEX ROOM, THORP HIGH SCHOOL, 605 SOUTH CLARK ST, THORP, WI**

The regular monthly meeting of the Thorp Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present were Clint Klapatauskas, Amy Penterman, Marie Karaba, TY Schneider, and Jeanette Kodl. Also, in attendance Adrian Foster; 6-12 Principal, Misti Trowbridge; Elementary Principal and Director of Student Services, District Administrator; Paul Blanford

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Report on Notice of Meeting

The notice of time, place, and agenda was published and posted per Board Policy.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by J Kodl to approve the agenda, second by A Penterman. All aye. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments Agenda Items

None

Presentation/Demonstration- Elementary staff will present on the new "sound wall"

Amy Brunsvold and Jessica Morello presented to the board the sound wall that has been implemented in the elementary. This sound wall correlates with the science of reading approach. The sound wall teaches students the sounds of words versus a word wall that at times can be confusing and overwhelming to students. Each grade has a different wall with different words or sounds they are working on.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by J Kodl to approve the consent agenda. Second by C Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Action Items/New Business

a. Approve Hire of High School head Wrestling Coach

J Kodl made a motion to approve Jaden Boiven as head high school wrestling coach. A Penterman second. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion Carried.

b. Review/Approve Selected Level of Spectator Participation at Home Events

T Schneider made a motion to allow 4 spectators per student athlete for indoor and outdoor sporting events. Second by J Kodl. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

c. Review/Approve Proposal to Address Two Week Late Start to School Year

A Penterman made a motion to make up 4 of the 8 missed days of school on March 29, 30,31 and April 1- This would have been spring break. Second by J Kodl. Voice Vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

d. Review/Approve Proposed Emergency Sick Leave Option for Staff Members Required to be Absent Due to Covid-19

J Kodl made a motion to approve the sick leave proposal to provide each eligible employee up to 10 days of paid sick leave (80 hours full time and prorated for part-time) for staff members who are required to quarantine pursuant to any Federal; State or Local government order or advice of a health care provide, and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking medical diagnosis. Once exhausted, employees would be able to utilize their available sick leave, personal days, and vacation days if applicable. For Individuals who need to stay home because of a family member with COVID related issue, they will utilize Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provisions. Second by A Penterman. Voice Vote. 3 Aye. 2 Abstain. Motion carried.

Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

None

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Trowbridge reported the drop off and pick up going well. Still need to work out a few clogs being just 2 days into school. Milk break and lunch is going great. Dan has been a great addition to the food service area. Recess is divided into zones; each class has different zones. So far that is working out well. Virtual learning team has been developed and guidelines are being set for staff and parents. Working on a video to help parents navigate virtual platform. Elementary staff have been awesome and stepping up and helping wherever needed. They are sharing ideas and resources with one another. Staff meetings are very productive.

Mr. Foster reported on Middle and High School being very resilient in implementing the block scheduling in a short time. Students can now earn 8 credits a year vs 7 on the old schedule. This created a gap that teachers needed to fill with an extra class to teach. Teachers have stepped up to offer those extra classes for students. At this point the feedback has been positive on the block scheduling. One issue to work through is the SPED schedules and making sure those students have proper time. The MS/HS staff have been working well as a team, virtual learning expectations have been established through PLC's and staff meetings. On an incredibly positive note the school was notified of a donation of \$100,000 towards student scholarship opportunities. A committee is being formed to formally bring this to the board at a future meeting.

Mr. Blanford echoed what the two principals have reported on staff. Being the first year at Thorp he is impressed with how the staff works together to keep organized and keep moving. Thankful for the staff helping with morning drop off. Food service system is working great. Custodial staff have been doing great at keeping up with extra sanitizing. Mr. Blanford also recognized the hard work Barb Thidemann has done to get chrome books ready, getting students passwords, etc. Went smooth this year.

Board Reports

C Klapatauskas noted it was nice to see kids at school again. Would like to know if there is a way to reconfigure the car lane so it does not go through where the high school students walk into school. At time is a hazard. Or if there is a way to make a walking lane that traffic can watch for pedestrians. Also work on adding a sidewalk to the other side of the school. Also was wondering if there will be crossing guards again this year.

T Schneider asked if we will be modifying the handbook to account for aide time while on quarantine.

J Kodl thanked the staff for all the work put into the new school year and all the challenges it required.

M Karaba expressed diligence on making sure now that we are using multiple entrances to our schools that safety and caution are being used.

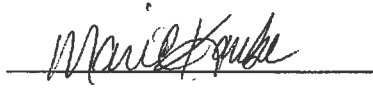
A Penterman acknowledged the elementary teachers back to school videos a nice addition. Also, positive feedback from her own children on the 1st day of school and how good school lunch was.

Hear Visitors Regarding Non-Agenda Items

none

Adjourn

A motion was made by C Klapatauskas, second by J. Kodl. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Marie Karaba, Board President

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Amy Penterman, Board Clerk