

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
FLEX ROOM, THORP HIGH SCHOOL, 605 SOUTH CLARK ST, THORP, WI
AND BROADCAST ONLINE (LINK POSTED ON SCHOOL WEBSITE)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Thorp Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present were Ty Schneider, Clint Klapatauskas, Jeanette Kodl, and Marie Karaba. Amy Penterman was present via computer. Also in attendance were Paul Blandford, District Administrator; Adrian Foster, 6-12 Principal; Misti Trowbridge, SPED Director and K – 5 Principal, Barb Thidemann, IT; Jaden Boivin, Physical Education; Nicole Demske, School Psychologist; Cathy Hein, HS Counselor; and Siobhan Hammett, Elementary/MS Counselor.

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 C. Klapatauskas to approve the agenda, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

None

Presentation/Updates

Nicole Demske, Cathy Hein, and Siobhan Hammett shared information regarding the student Development Milestones. Information was shared on some of the testing that is done to check for student retention. These benchmarks have been very helpful in determining next steps or interventions needed.

Consent Items

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2020

Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2020 and November 3, 2020

Approve Annual Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2020 and the Special Meeting that followed.

Approve Expenditures

28299-28302 \$958.73

66744-66830 \$273,939.10 and 66814-66830 \$51,167.63

202000059–202000070, 202000072 \$182,713.00

Approve Resignation: Blake Winger, Athletic Facilities Manager and Asst. Varsity Coach; Pat Malecki after 32 years of Forensics.

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

Action Items/New Business

Review/Discuss/Take Action on Status of Extracurricular Activities During Virtual Plan B Status

Mr. Blandford shared information as to what other schools are doing as it relates to extra-curricular activities.

A motion was made by J. Kodl to suspend all curricular activities to limit the practice to the day that they have school 1 day a week on the date they have school effective 11-20-20 until 12-16-20. Failed.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to suspend all curricular activities to limit the practice to the day that they have school 1 day a week on the date they have school effective 11-20-20 until 12-16-20, second by C.

Klapatauskas. 4 aye, 1 no. Motion carried.

Review/Discuss/Approve recommendation on Wrestling for 2020–2021 Season

We currently have 4 students signed up now and the recommendation is to Co-op with Colby/Abby for the 2020/2021 season only.

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to approve the Co-op with Colby/Abby and Thorp for the 2020-2021 wrestling season, second by T. Schneider. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

First Reading of the School Board Policies 0000-4000

Board members should look the policies over closely and come prepared for the next meeting to discuss any concerns.

Select Delegate for the WASB Delegate for the Virtual Assembly in January 2021

M. Karaba will be the delegate and T. Schneider will be the alternate.

Review/Discuss/Approve Options to Address Substitute Teacher Shortage

Mr. Blanford shared information regarding the substitute rate for surrounding area schools.

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to approve the hiring of one full time substitute, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Review/Approve Recommendations forwarded from the Curriculum Committee

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee for the 2021-2022 school year, second by T. Schneider. All aye. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Trowbridge shared that the staff is working hard and is totally drained. A lot of moving parts in the classroom, online studies, and quarantines all require extra planning. Her staff continues to be amazing with their support of the students but some days can be very stressful.

Mr. Foster said all is going well with the block classes and his staff feels that the one day a week live class is the best alternative to prevent further Covid outbreak.

Mr. Blanford provided an update on Covid concerns or changes being made or that may be necessary affecting student education and sports.

Board Reports

T. Schneider mentioned that he feels all students need to be back in school.

J. Kodl agreed that the overall wellness of the student needs to be considered and they need to get back to school. She also thanked the entire staff for their efforts in creating as much normality as possible for the students.

M. Karaba commented that if students able to come into the school for sports activities then they should be back in the classroom for their education.

A. Penterman thanked the staff for their efforts because she knows how hard it has been teaching her children at home.

C. Klapatauskas said he felt that the MS/HS students should be back at school at least a few days a week.

Hear Visitors Regarding Non-Agenda Items

None

Motion to Convene into Closed Session

Adjourn into Closed Session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific person except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted

by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Legal Counsel Review of Bullying Response).

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to adjourn into closed session, second by T. Schneider. Roll Call Vote: J. Kodl, Aye; M. Karaba, Aye; A. Penterman, Aye; T. Schneider, Aye; C. Klapatauskas, Aye. Motion carried at 8:11 p.m

Action as a Result of Closed Session

The board will consider the recommendations of the Legal Counsel Review of Bullying Response.

Adjourn

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to adjourn, second by T. Schneider. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried at 9:53 p.m.

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Marie Karaba, Board President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeanette Kodl", written over a horizontal line.

Jeanette Kodl, Treasurer

