

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019
FLEX ROOM, THORP HIGH SCHOOL, 605 S. CLARK ST., THORP, WI
6:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Thorp Board of Education was called to order 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present were Jeanette Kodl, Marie Karaba, Ty Schneider, and Brenda Henke. Dave Burke was absent. Also in attendance were John Humphries, District Administrator; Adrian Foster, High School Principal & AD; Craig Michaelis, Elementary and Middle School Principal; Misti Trowbridge, Student Services, Alex from the Thorp Courier and a large group of support staff and teachers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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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 B. Henke, to approve the agenda; second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. Aye – 2, No – 2. Motion failed.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to approve the agenda with the exception of line item #13 – A. Consider Hourly Staff Snow Day Compensation and Handbook Modifications. This item is to be moved to open session and will be discussed after line item #8; second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

Dave Pszeniczny spoke in regards to the Support Staff snow day. All staff is important, all should be paid, why target the support staff. Why allow comparisons from other schools as all schools are different. Keep Thorp as a trendsetter...not follower.

Brock Saniter spoke in support of the Support Staff snow day. He felt they should be paid because he feels all of the staff are professionals. The Support Staff does a lot of things that would not get accomplished without their assistance and he is very appreciative of everything they do.

Recognition of Outstanding Achievement

Delayed Due to Weather

Consent Items

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of January 16, 2019.

Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019.

Approve Expenditures:

64071-64190 \$271,361.54

27703, 27711-27739 \$7,438.37

201800104-201800109 \$48,909.05

Approve Hiring: Assistant Coaches for Spring Sports. Track – BJ Falkenberg, Vern Hanson; Baseball – Chad Hauser; Football – Ryan Lawcewicz, Jason Reis, and Brock Saniter.

Accept Anonymous Donation of \$2,500.00 to the Choral Music Program

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the items on the consent agenda; second by T. Schneider. Voice vote. All aye. Motion Carried.

Reports/Action Items/New Business

Consider Approval of School Library Strategic Plan

Julie Beloungy presented a strategic plan for the library. This is a good start and can be revised as needed in the future. A motion by J. Kodl to approve the School Library Strategic Plan as presented; second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Report

Dave reported that the State Inspection was on 1-15-19. We had a few violations but they will be corrected. The curtains in the Elementary Commons need a flame retardant sticker. He also mentioned that Audio Architect will be back for the audio and McKinstry will commit dollars for kitchen corrections and various other corrections.

Consider Approval of Curriculum Committee Recommendations

A proposal was presented to add Fundamentals of Theater Production I & II. A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the Curriculum Committee Recommendations as presented; second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Consider Modification of 2018-19 Calendar: Snow Day Makeup Plan

Tabled – No decision

Consider Approval of Annual Agreement with Rural Virtual Academy (RVA)

A motion was made by B. Henke to approve the Annual Agreement with Rural Virtual Academy (RVA); second by T. Schneider. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Consider Renewal/Extension of Managed Print/Copy Agreement with Bauernfeind.

An agreement with Bauernfeind will move the district into a municipal lease saving 400-500.00 per year. No personal property tax since it is being leased. A motion was made by T. Schneider to approve the Renewal/Extension of Managed Print/Copy Agreement with Bauernfeind as presented; second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Report on Achievement Gap Reduction

Achievement Gap Reduction was previously discussed. We are seeing great success in student achievement which is a direct reflection of new initiatives that have been implemented.

Consider Approval of First Reading of Wellness Policy and Rule #458

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the First Reading of Wellness Policy and Rule #458 as presented; second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Consider Hourly Staff Snow Day Compensation and Handbook Modifications

All support staff were paid for all of the snow days. Mr. Humphries will bring back a revised policy for review.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Michaelis provided a Literacy and PBIS update. The Forward Exam will be coming in March. Planning for the 2019/2020 school year has begun. Parent/teacher conferences will be held next Thursday.

Mr. Foster reported that we will see a conference realignment for football and we will be playing against a few different schools. He has been working with the City on the Athletic Facilities Manager position. He also shared the Thorp Master Plan map that was approved last year. They really need to get moving on Phase 1 which will include adjustments to the softball field and the addition of some additional fields where the tennis court is located.

Ms. Trowbridge reported that a self-assessment parent survey will be available with chrome books on parents' night. She shared that the CESA contract is being reviewed and hopefully we can see some adjustments to our cost for their services. She is also reworking the model for the Comprehensive School Counselor.

Mr. Humphries shared that the Governor will be giving his address next week. It is anticipated that he will be asking for a lot of dollars for education and for a separate line for vouchers on the property tax bill. Mr. Humphries will forward information on Blue Ribbon Funding.

Adjourn into Closed Session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (f) for the purpose of considering social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, 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.

A. Programming for Students with Disabilities

and

Adjourn into Closed Session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

B. Staff Discipline Issues

A motion was made by B. Henke to adjourn into closed session, second by T. Schneider. Roll call vote: B. Henke, Aye; J. Kodl, Aye; M. Karaba, Aye; T. Schneider, Aye. Motion carried at 8:34p.m.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

No action taken

Adjourn

A motion was made by B. Henke to adjourn, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried at 8:57 p.m.



Marie Karaba, Board President Jeanette Kodl, Board Treasurer

