

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020
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 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present were Ty Schneider, Brenda Henke, Amy Penterman, Jeanette Kodl, and Marie Karaba. Also in attendance were John Humphries, District Administrator; Adrian Foster, K-12 Principal; Misti Trowbridge, SPED Director and Student Services. Also in attendance were: Bev Abramczak and Candy Meeker, Food Services and Dawn Mlejnek, Food Services Coordinator.

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 A. Penterman to approve the agenda, second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

None

Recognition of Outstanding Achievement

Bev Abramczak and Candy Meeker were present to accept recognition awards from Mr. Humphries on behalf of the entire food staff that have been working hard to prepare meals for the students/community. They have been busy serving over 300 meals a day. Thank you for being essential workers and putting the needs of the students first during this uncertain time. You are truly amazing...Thank you!

Consent Items

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of March 18, 2020

Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of March 27, 2020 and April 2, 2020

Approve Expenditures

28193 – 28222 \$5,951.54

66076, 66086 - 66143 \$148,307.68

201900139 – 201900149 \$106,359.68

Approve Resignation: Amy Eidahl, Jennifer Roder, Andrew Graham, and Kristen Keith.

Approve Retirement Letter of Mrs. Dickson

Approve continuing contract offers for all professional staff not given preliminary notices of nonrenewal

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the modified consent agenda items, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. 4 aye, 1 no. Motion carried.

Reports/Action Items/New Business

Discuss/Approve Student Meal Programming

Dawn Mlejnek, Food Services Coordinator presented information requesting that we consider preparing and delivering meals to students and community 1 time during the week rather than the current schedule. The families would receive food for the entire week in larger quantities rather than the smaller daily portion. Dawn shared the pros and cons of making the change and it appears to be in the best interest for all parties involved.

Discuss/Approve Bids for Community and District Athletic Facilities

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the bid from 1st Supply for materials for Community Athletic Facilities at a cost not to exceed \$10,600.00, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. 4 aye, 1 no. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Waiver Requests for Instructional Hours and Educator Effectiveness Requirements

A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve the waiver request for Instructional Hours and Educator Effectiveness Requirements, second by T. Schneider. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar

A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve 2020–2021 Calendar Option #2, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Pass/Fail Grading Option for 4th Quarter/2nd Semester

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve a Pass/Fail grading option for 4th quarter and 2nd semester, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. 4 aye, 1 no. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Student Graduation Progress/Planning

Mr. Foster shared information regarding students on track to graduate.

Discuss Graduation Ceremony Options

Three options were presented for the High School Senior Graduation. It was the recommendation of the board that Option 4 be included which is to postpone the graduation to a later date to try to accommodate a live ceremony for the graduates. J. Kodl asked what they are doing to keep these Seniors in contact as a group. Can they use some format such as zoom to keep them connected? They need to be discussing year end things that all Seniors do.

Discuss/Approve Modifications to Board Policy 171: Regular Board Meetings

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the modification to Board Policy 171 as presented to allow online meeting and to remove flex room designation, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Modifications to Board Policy 182: Quorum

Tabled

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Trowbridge provided a report on the virtual parent meeting on April 14th. Good parent turnout and a lot of good information shared. Round two of the virtual learning/packets will be going out. J. Kodl shared some concerns from parents about issues with google classroom and also the workload to the students. Mrs. Trowbridge agreed that she had gotten feedback about the workload and will work with parents if they are having any issues with the internet or software.

Mr. Foster shared that they will be beginning round two of the virtual learning. J. Kodl questioned when the start date will actually begin, 4/16 or 4/20 since they have both been communicated. Mr. Foster also reported that the Junior class will get vouchers to do their ACT test later this fall. Two dates will be available.

Mr. Humphries shared that the shutdown continues and the hourly staff are in as needed. The salaried are working remotely. No current plans to re-open campus. Pending state waivers: Testing and State report cards. Mr. Humphries also shared some financial adjustments that we may see next year due to enrollment and state funding. He also shared that we may plan to make a defeasance payment which will pay off some of our debt sooner.

Board Reports

A. Penterman thanked Coach Drost and Coach Rhyner for leaving the lights on at the baseball and softball diamonds. Also thank you to the staff.

J. Kodl also wanted to thank all of the staff and Mrs. Trowbridge for hosting the meeting on the 14th.

M. Karaba thanked Brenda Henke for her six years of service on the Thorp School Board. We really appreciate her commitment and dedication to helping make our District a better place.

She also said the Board Reorganization is coming up. With all going on we may need to do a retreat.

Discuss/Review Staff Survey Results

Good information comes out of these. We may need to change a few of the questions to make things a little clearer and to hopefully get 100% participation.

Appoint a Board Member as a Representative to CESA 10 Board of Control Annual Meeting

Clint Klapatauskas was chosen as the Representative to CESA

Hear Visitors Regarding Non-Agenda Items

None

Motion to Convene into Closed Session

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.

A. Discuss/Approve Preliminary and Final Notices of Nonrenewal

B. Discuss/Approve Administrator Contracts

A motion was made by B. Henke to adjourn into closed session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(c), second by T. Schneider. Roll call vote: B. Henke, Aye; M. Karaba, Aye; J. Kodl, Aye; A. Penterman, Aye; T. Schneider, Aye. Motion carried @ 8:53 p.m.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

A motion was made by J. Kodl to issue preliminary notice of nonrenewal to staff members, second by B. Henke. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to approve a 2 year contract to Paul Blanford, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by B. Henke to adjourn, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried at 10:21 p.m.



Marie Karaba, Board President



Jeanette Kodl, Board Clerk