

MINUTES
THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019
FLEX ROOM, THORP HIGH SCHOOL, 605 S. CLARK ST., THORP, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Members present were: T Schneider, J Kodl, M Karaba, B Henke, and D Burke. Also in attendance were Craig Michealis, Elementary/Middle School Principal; Adrian Foster, High School Principal; Misti Trowbridge, Pupil Services Director, and John Humphries, District Administrator. A number of staff members were also in attendance. The meeting notices were properly posted

D Burke made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, second by J Kodl. The agenda was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Visitor comments – Sheri Jaque spoke in support of smaller class sizes. Jan Stroinski spoke regarding the proposed change in school start time.

Oath of Office: Marie Karaba was sworn in for a 3 year term on the board.

CONSENT ITEMS: The Board utilizing a single vote may act upon the following items. Individual items, which any member wishes to address in greater detail or as a separate item, may be removed upon the request of any Board member.

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of 3/20/19 and 3/27/19

Approve Expenditures

Approve Contributions for Technology Math Classes

1. Dave Burke \$50
2. Jennifer Pederson \$50
3. Ann Brand \$50

Approve \$50 Contribution for 2nd Grade Classroom from Leona Potter

Approve Resolutions Calling for Expanded State Education Funding

Approve Athletic Facility Assistant Job Description

Approve Second Reading of Wellness Policy 458 and Wellness Rule

Approve RVA Invested Member Agreement

Notes: This is a 5-year agreement with RVA that cuts our costs in half. Since we have students in early elementary grades who are likely to continue with RVA, it makes sense to make a commitment to working with them. It also reduces the paperwork burden of maintaining students in the RVA program.

A motion to approve the items on the consent agenda was made by D Burke, second by B Henke, and passed on a unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

Building and Grounds Report

The board heard updates on the Tech ed Shop Roof and the Red Pod reading well flooding issues.

Discuss/Approve Snow Day Makeup Plan

The administration proposed extending the MS/HS calendar by one more day to June 7th., and adding 3 minutes per day starting April 29th to resolve the 2-hour delay from last month. A motion to approve the snow day makeup plan as presented was made by D Burke, second by J Kodl, and approved on a 5-0 vote.

Review/Approve Bids/Purchases:

A decision on the Chromebook Lease was tabled for consideration at a future meeting. No action was taken on the purchase of Materials for Athletic Campus Improvements

First Reading Policy 445: Student Interviews/Interrogations

A motion was made by D Burke, second by J Kodl to approve the first reading of Policy 445: Student Interviews/Interrogations as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discuss/Approve Handbook Change: 7:30 AM Teacher Start Time for 2019-2020

Motion to approve a 7:30-3:30 teacher contract day effective July 1 was made by B Henke, second M Karaba and approved by a 5-0 vote.

Discuss/Approve 2019-2020 Calendar Modification: 5 Fridays for Elementary Reading Focus Work

A motion by D Burke, second by M Karaba to approve updated 2019-2020 calendar passed 5-0.

Discuss/Review WASB Survey Results

The board discussed WASB staff survey results.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Michaelis: Academic/Rtl Updates, Behavior/PBIS updates, coming events

Mr. Foster: Co-Curricular Updates, PLC Development Updates

Ms. Trowbridge: Student Services Updates

Mr. Humphries: Legislative Update, Coming Events

Board Reports - None**Hear Visitors regarding Non-Agenda Items – None****Closed Session**

D Burke moved to adjourn into closed session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) 19.85 (1) (g) and 19.85 (1) (e). Second by T Schneider. Roll Call Vote: Burke _y_ Henke _y_ Karaba _y_ Kodl _y_ Schneider _y_. The closed session began at 8:02pm.

Action as a Result of Closed Session**Library Media/Instructional Technology Specialist**

A motion was made by D Burke, second by J Kodl to increase Julie Beloungy's contract from 0.2 FTE to 1.0 Library Media/Instructional Technology Specialist. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

4K Special Education Aide

The board discussed the need for a new full-time 4K Special Education Aide position to support one student who has a significant developmental disability at a cost of up to \$35,000

A motion to post a Full Time special education aide position for 2019-2020 was made by D Burke and seconded by B Henke. The motion was approved 5-0.

Discuss 4K Aide Compensation/Assignments


A motion by D Burke, second by B Henke to reassign both 4K Aide staff members to special education was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Reduction in Force Determinations

A motion to issue a Preliminary Notice of Nonrenewal Due to Reduction in Force was made by D Burke, second by M Karaba. Roll Call Vote: Burke __y__ Henke __y__ Karaba __y__ Kodl __y__ Schneider __n__. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by D Burke and seconded by B Henke and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.



Marie Karaba, Board President



Dave Burke, Board Clerk