

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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, May 20, 2020, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present were Clint Klapatauskas, Amy Penterman, Ty Schneider, Marie Karaba, and Jeanette Kodl. Also in attendance were : Adrian Foster, K-12 Principal; Misti Trowbridge, SPED Director and Student Services; and 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 A. Penterman to approve the agenda, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

**Board Reorganization: Elect Board Officers**

President Karaba asked for nominations for the Office of School Board President.

A. Penterman nominated Marie Karaba as Board President. Other Nominations - None. Other Nominations - None. A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve Marie Karaba as Board President, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

President Karaba asked for nominations for the Office of School Board Vice President.

J. Kodl nominated Ty Schneider as School Board Vice President. Other Nominations – None. Other Nominations – None. A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve Ty Schneider as School Board Vice President, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

President Karaba asked for nominations for the Office of School Board Clerk.

A. Penterman nominated Jeanette Kodl as School Board Clerk. M. Karaba nominated Amy Penterman for School Board Clerk. Other Nominations – None. Written paper vote: Jeanette Kodl, 2 votes; Amy Penterman, 3 votes. Amy Penterman is the School Board Clerk.

President Karaba asked for nominations for the Office of School Board Treasurer.

C. Klapatauskas nominated Jeanette Kodl as School Board Treasurer. Other Nominations – none. Other Nominations – none. A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to approve Jeanette Kodl as School Board Treasurer, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

**Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items**

None

**Recognition of Outstanding Achievement**

Mr. Foster recognized Sherri Jacque for the coordination of the Dairy Fund Raiser. It was reported that 36 donors donated a total of \$6,670.00 to be used toward the purchase of dairy products to be distributed through the school lunch program. Sherri was instrumental in reaching out to the community for the donations and will assist with the purchase of dairy products. Thank you Sherri for your efforts!

**Consent Items**

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of April 15, 2020

Approve Expenditures

28223 – 28241 \$2,763.36

66144 - 66241 \$363,009.91

201900150 – 201900181 \$177,612.18

Approve Resignation: Kaye Denzine, Dawn Anderson

Approve Retirement Letter: Rebecca Milliren, Rich Sonnentag

Approve Donations to Food Service Program

Approve Transfers: Jan Stroinski to 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Alyssa Haines to Kindergarten

Approve WIAA Membership Renewal

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

#### **Reports/Action Items/New Business**

##### **Approve Health and Dental Insurance Plans for 2020 – 2021**

Mr. Blanford shared that the WEA Trust health insurance program will see a 5.5% increase for the upcoming school year which seems to be the best plan.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve the health insurance renewal with WEA Trust, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. 4 aye, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Blanford reported that there is a 0% increase for the Delta Dental insurance plan and so no plans of changing.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve the dental renewal with Delta Dental, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. 4 aye, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

##### **Approve Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow With Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Dated August 30, 2017**

A motion was made by T. Schneider to approve Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow With Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Dated August 30, 2017, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

##### **Approve Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow purposes in an amount not to exceed \$500,000**

Tabled

##### **Discuss/Approve Bids for Playground and Varsity Softball Drainage Project**

Tabled

##### **Discuss/Approve Bids for Community Softball Diamond Fencing**

A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve the bid from American Fence Co. not to exceed \$40,895.00, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **Discuss/Approve Elementary Schedule Changes**

##### **Private School Student Participation**

Mrs. Trowbridge shared some changes that they would like to implement in the Elementary. The goal is to get a 90 minute block of reading time and a 40 minute common period for Art/Music/Phy Ed. This would also move the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band time to 9:30 a.m. which will impact the students coming over from Thorp Catholic School.

##### **1.0 FTE Elementary Art Position**

Making the above changes will now require a full time art teacher.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to approve a full time Elementary Art Position, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **Discuss/Approve Policy Changes**

Monthly Board Meetings – Tabled

Quorum – Tabled

Purchasing 671.2 – Tabled

Reading Program - Tabled

#### **Discuss/Approve Options Related to COVID-19**

Online/Onsite Driver's Ed Program and Program Fees

Mr. Rhyner shared that the summer classes of Driver's Ed will see an increase of \$30.00 per student due to the need for online courses due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to approve an increase of \$30.00 in the Driver's Education Program, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **Elementary Grading Plans**

The plan is to advance all students.

#### **Summer Programming**

##### **Summer School**

Mrs. Trowbridge shared the results of a survey that she sent out asking parents if they would be interested in their child attending a virtual summer school or a classroom setting. The majority responded that no, they would not have their child attend a Virtual Summer School in June, July or August. However, an in person classroom setting for July or August was more favorable with about 50% saying they would consider sending their child. A 2<sup>nd</sup> survey will be sent out in June.

##### **Food Distribution**

The school is planning to continue the Food Program and will serve food all summer until school starts in the fall with the current schedule.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to continue the Food Service Program through August of 2020 providing the program continues through that date, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **Discuss/Approve Graduation Plans**

A High School Graduation date was set for July 17<sup>th</sup> or July 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Foster will send out a survey to the Senior Class to confirm which date they would prefer. Three options will be in place if needed.

1. Live Graduation on July 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>
2. Combo of Live and Virtual
3. Virtual

#### **Review Senior Academic Progress**

No report

#### **Administrative Reports**

No Reports

#### **Board Reports**

T. Schneider asked what degree do the substitute teachers need? Are we just hiring 4 year degree applicants?

J. Kodl thanked the Administration for their hard work in addressing the issues with student grades and reaching out to the families through meetings. Also, a thank you to Rosemeyer Bus Service for helping coordinate the upcoming Senior Class deliveries on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Hear Visitors Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

None

#### **Motion to Convene into Closed Session**

**Adjourn into Closed Session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

- A. Review/Approve Bus Contract for 2020-2022**

**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 Middle School/High School Administrator Assignment and Contract for 2020-2021**  
**B. Discuss/Approve Art Teacher Transfer Request**  
**C. Discuss/Approve hiring**

A motion was made by J. Kodl to adjourn into closed session under WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) and 19.85 (1)(c), second by T. Schneider. Roll call vote: A. Penterman, Aye; C. Klapatauskas, Aye; M. Karaba, Aye; J. Kodl, Aye; T. Schneider, Aye. Motion carried @ 8:40 p.m.

#### **Action as a Result of Closed Session**

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to approve (Proposal 2) the 7 Route, 5 Year Bus Contract with Rosemeyer Transportation for 2020-2023, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to offer a Middle School/High School Administrator contract for 2020-2021 to Adrian Foster, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to approve the transfer of Ms. Sivertson to full time Elementary Art Teacher, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to hire Kennedy Kerg for Middle School Social Studies (Gr. 7 -9), second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to hire Alec Literski for High School Math (Gr. 9-12), second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to hire Makaya Ruhe for Middle School/High School Art Full time (Gr. 7-12), second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to hire Bobbi Stouffer for Band (Gr. 6-12) full time and Elementary General Music Instructor, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C. Klapatauskas to hire John Legrid for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Schneider to hire Elizabeth Solack for Speech Language Pathologist (.50 FTE), second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Kodl to hire Angie Mathison for Reading Paraprofessional @ 5.75 hours per day, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to hire Monica Meadows for Adaptive Phy Ed Teacher for a 40 day contract, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Kodl to hire Leah Chantelois for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Kodl to hire Erin Klapatauskas for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. 4 Aye, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Kodl to hire Amy Harelson for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to hire Leia Knipfer for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Kodl to hire Barb Thidemann as Technology Coordinator with a 205 day contract, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. 3 Aye, 2 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by A. Penterman to hire Scott Horn as the Boys Basketball Head Coach, second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

#### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by J. Kodl to adjourn, second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried at 11:34 p.m.



Marie Karaba, Board President



Amy Penterman, Board Clerk