

**THORP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 2020 6:30 P.M.
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, August 19, 2020, in the Flex Room by Marie Karaba, Board President. Members present were Clint Klapatauskas, Amy Penterman, Marie Karaba, TY Schneider, and Jeanette Kodl. Also, in attendance Adrian Foster; 6-12 Principal, Misti Trowbridge; Elementary Principal and Director of Student Services, District Administrator; 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 T. Schneider. All aye. Motion carried.

Visitor Comments Agenda Items

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by J. Kodl to approve the consent agenda. Second by A. Penterman. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Action Items/New Business

a. Approve Hire of Cross-Country Coach

J. Kodl made a motion to approve Stephen Kelly as MS/HS Cross-Country coach. C. Klapatauskas second. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion Carried.

b. Approve Hire of Physical Education Teacher

Boivin

A. Penterman made a motion to approve hiring Jaden Boivin as MS/HS Physical Education teacher. Second by J. Kodl. Voice vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

c. Approve hire of Part-time Special Education Aide

J. Kodl made a motion to approve hiring Sheridan Shilts as part time special education aide. Second by C. Klapatauskas. Voice Vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

d. Review/Approve Proposal to purchase iPad's for Elementary students

C. Klapatauskas made a motion to approve purchasing 80 iPad's for \$23,520 for the elementary. Second by J. Kodl. Voice Vote. All Aye. Motion carried.

Hear Visitors Regarding Agenda Items

None

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Trowbridge updated the board on the back to school plan for the elementary. Special Education had it's first meeting with DPI reviewer and found some issues that need to be worked on to be in full compliance. Mainly using more concise language. Working with everyone to improve.

Mr. Foster reported that a parent letter was mailed out about the back to school plan for MS/HS. He is working with the leadership team to get ready for school opening. He is working with Cathy Hein to get the block schedule ready. By going to the block schedule students will gain more time on classes. This will be positive for the science and math classes. He also wanted to publicly Thank Cathy Hein for all the hard work and long hours she has put in to make this schedule happen. Mr. Foster also shared a note from Shaunna Schneider about extra training that was beneficial to the teaching staff.

Mr. Blandford reported he had a call with WASB/DPI/Department of Health Services to talk about new guidelines to handle Covid-19. The new guidelines are more precise for each school. Will be updating as more info comes along. Met with CESA 10 to go over 2020 – 2021 plan. Peggy and Paul met with the auditors for an exit interview. There is one error of funds placed in the wrong category. Need to get that fixed. There was new teacher orientation on Monday. Also went through the mentor program with them. Had a conference call with WIAA. Spring sports are moved one month later to allow for fall sport to have the option of keeping it in the fall or moving it to the spring. Met with Marawood conference for football and they will be keeping football in the fall. Volleyball will also stay in the fall. If the season is cut before they get halfway done due to covid-19, they can move it to the spring. If they get though half of their schedule that will be it. There is additional funding for schools who were highly impacted by covid-19. Thorp is going to get \$89,032. There are also additional federal funds that could be available in the future. The amount is undetermined, early estimates are at \$40,000.

The school is starting to enroll students in virtual schooling, currently there are 24 students opting to go all virtual. There are 8 students undecided and a few more that have not responded.

Paul has met with bus transportation (Rosemeyer Bus Service) to review the plan. At this time students riding the bus will have assigned seating with families in one area.

Paul thanked Cathy Hein for her hard work getting the block schedule ready to go.

Dave and the maintenance crew are working hard to get the sanitizing schedule organized.

There will be hand sanitizers in each classroom and more throughout the school. Students are going to be encouraged to wash hands more often in addition to sanitizing. Electrostatic sanitizers have been purchased and will be used throughout the school. They send out a fog vs a mist. The fog gets behind objects better. They use a chlorine-based solution vs bleach. They are just as effective but less harsh.

Board Reports

A Penterman thanked the leadership teams and the entire staff for getting ready for the start of the school year with all the extra procedures put in place.

Hear Visitors Regarding Non-Agenda Items

none

Adjourn

A motion was made by A. Penterman to adjourn, second by J. Kodl. All aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Marie Karaba, Board President



Amy Penterman, Board Clerk