



# THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

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## Thorp School Board Special Policy Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 16 6 – 8 p.m. Library

Attendance: Cindy McMullen, WSSDA Trainer, Anne Cubilie, Carol Johnson, Nicki Morelli-Mayer, Luanne Osiadacz

### Agenda:

1. Flag salute
2. Review School Board self-evaluation

Miss McMullen went over the results of the survey with the board to look at goals for the year.

- a. **Strengths:** Standard 3 – Create conditions district-wide for student and staff success by; Standard 2 – set and communicate high expectations for student learning with clear goals and plans for meeting those expectations by.
  - b. **Look at areas to focus on in the coming year:** go back over school board protocols; Standard 5 – Engage local community and represent the values and expectations they hold for their school; and on a regular basis dialogue with school on a holistic approach to assessment.
3. School board roles and superintendent roles:

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Miss McMullen went over a document that delineated the school board roles and the superintendent roles. She stressed that to create conditions of success the school board needed to concentrate on five areas:

- ✓ Hire/evaluate the Superintendent
- ✓ Provide necessary resources
- ✓ Adopt curriculum
- ✓ Adopt policies to support staff excellence
- ✓ Budget

4. Strategies for standing together for the students

Miss McMullen led a discussion on how the board can dialogue better with the community. She was asked about good board protocols. The board agreed to address board protocols at the next board meeting. Board will also be included in all school district newsletters to better communicate with public. Items discussed were:

- a. Strategies for addressing conflict on issues that the District is addressing
  - b. Active listening, restating our mission and commitments to the students and community, transparency, etc.
  - c. Local control doesn't mean any controls
  - d. Working with the community in areas of common good
5. Good of the order – WSSDA policy review timeline – Thorp is contracting with WSSDA to update all of the school districts policies this year