



THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

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Thorp School District
Budget Hearing
October 28, 2021
6 -8 p.m.
Library

Attendance: Board members: Anne Cubilie, Carol Johnson,
Luanne Osiadacz.

Superintendent Andrew M. Perkins; Budget Director, Brenda
McKee; Instructional Leader FieldSTEM, Casceila Miller;
Transportation Director, Karma Suebert.

Agenda:

1. Budget overview – year to year comparison - **Brenda**
 - i. **Still working on comparison but the ending fund balance is above the 12 percent as required by board policy. Because of the one time ESSER money the percent is lower than it would have been.**

ii. At this point there is only a \$.69 error and she is fixing that with the state.

iii. There are more grants because of the grant writing by Cas and Andrew so the budget is a little more complicated to write and track.

2. Capital Projects Levy draft budget - **Andrew**

i. Brick Building remodel up in air, depends on state at this point. We were planning on upgrading the kitchen and break room but should wait until the state grant to upgrade the electrical.

ii. Projects in near future: pave parking lot, septic upgrade, elementary roof, irrigation system, and high school roof maintenance.

3. Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) resolution – constant

rate/student FTE - **Brenda**

i. Thorp will need to pass a resolution at the November board meeting to put on the ballot an EP&O levy. The levy will be based on how many students the district has each year. The levy is

slated for February of 2022 and runs for four years. Brenda will get the resolution ready for the board.

4. Tech Levy Resolution – constant rate – Brenda/Andrew

- i. November Board meeting-resolution. Brenda will get a resolution for the board to pass. The resolution in February of 2022 will be for a \$.22 levy rate for four years. This was the original rate. Mr. Perkins pointed out that the tech department is presently running a deficit and this will fix that part of the budget.**

5. ESSER II-III plan – Cas Miller

- i. ESSR money so far has been used to pay for Summer School, Tiger Academy, PD for staff, in-school interventions, and curriculum for interventions/programs. After the first session there will be a balance check to see how much is left for the next two sessions and ongoing professional development for staff.**

6. ESSER surplus funds – enrollment loss recovery allowed – 2022-23 no ESSER employees budgeted – Andrew

i. ESSR rolls into the General Fund after this year. The district will use excess ESSER funds to keep the garden initiative going next year and use the money for potential enrollment loss. These are allowable costs.

7. New bus purchase timeline – general fund - **Brenda**

i. Karma will look into reserving a bus with a downpayment, costs 11K less that way

ii. New bus will have storage for extracurricular activities

8. Good of the order