

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT #400

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 27, 2021

Budget Hearing

5:30 p.m.

Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Anne Cubilie, Nicki Morelli-Mayer, Luanne Osciadacz

Board Members Absent: Carol Johnson, excused absence

Community members present: Andrew Perkins, Nikki Pollock, Brenda McKee, Laura Jones, Hillary Lampard, Andrea Green, Drew Liedtke, Barb Haddix, Bree Willette, Danielle Casey, Hannah Hayden, Dave Bell, Lois Bell, Andrew Lewis, Rena Bjorkman, Angela Dyk, Heather Ridlon, Jack Wheatley, Cheryl Wheatley, Jerica Flora, Genevieve Gillman, Ashley Griffith, Jamie Tonseth, Brook Shull, Mike Muratore, Adele Muratore, Dave Muratore, Katrina Muratore, Mike Muratore, Jenn Muratore, Sasha Alsup, Clint Gibson, R Gibson, Tiffany Watkins, Andrew Watkins, Jake Hayden

BUDGET HEARING	<p>Anne Cubilie called the Budget Hearing to order at 5:31 pm.</p> <p>Brenda McKee reported on Fund Balances, Budget Status, and Top 10 Vendors as of the end of June. Presented the Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Began with the budget summary. Advised on what the Budget is and what it does.</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - The only changes between this year and last year are the ESSER funds and the additional staff, some of which we had hired last year. We have some additional tech needs that Izzac and I will go over with you later. We also have an additional nurse position that we will be hiring based on staff and student needs.</p> <p>Nicki Morelli-Mayer - Confirmed that we are going on an enrollment of 230 this year.</p> <p>Anne Cubilie- I see the projected enrollment. Can you tell me why the big jump from 230-244?</p> <p>Brenda McKee - I used the increase we have been seeing. But we don't want to continue that forward from year to year. When I started we were at 180. So it seems like jumping it up as we pull kids in through our farm program and then we will level off.</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - We feel that we will start to have more local kids stay. We still have the bubble of siblings that are out of district coming in. As that wanes we think that we will see more district kids. And when we enroll, it's usually several kids in a family.</p> <p>Nicki Morelli-Mayer motioned to close the Budget Hearing, Luanne Osciadacz seconded. The vote was unanimous. The Budget Hearing closed at 5:46 pm</p>
1. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE	<p>Anne Cubilie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Nicki Morelli-Mayer led the flag salute.</p>
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>A. June 22, 2021 - Regular Meeting</p>

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Nicki Morelli-Mayer moved to approve the agenda; Luanne Osiadacz seconded. The vote was unanimous.																																																																						
4. CONSENT AGENDA	<p>A. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Morgan Rodriguez, Credit Retrieval (HS Social Studies) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>B. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Morgan Rodriguez, Credit Retrieval (HS Science) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>C. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Payton Mitchell, Credit Retrieval (Senior Graduation) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>D. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Jesse Stueckle, Credit Retrieval (English) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>E. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Bree Willette, Summer Extended Learning (5th) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>F. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Bree Willette, Summer Extended Learning (4th) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>G. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Carlee Stueckle, Summer Extended Learning (3rd) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>H. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Carlee Stueckle, Summer Extended Learning (2nd) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>I. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Cheanna Siekawitch, Summer Extended Learning (1st) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>J. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Contract for Cheanna Siekawitch, Summer Extended Learning (Kindergarten) effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>K. Consideration to approve the Warrant table.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1180 1511 1638"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5">JULY 2021</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Fund</th> <th>Warrant Amt</th> <th>Warrant #</th> <th>Electronic Transfer</th> <th>Total Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="5">General Fund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accounts Payable</td> <td>\$99,070.74</td> <td>42496-42536</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payroll</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payroll Accounts Payable</td> <td>\$49,098.96</td> <td>42486-42495</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACH File (xcycle)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACH File</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$250,681.69</td> <td>\$398,851.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">ASB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accounts Payable</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Capital Projects</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accounts Payable</td> <td>\$21,852.63</td> <td>230-237</td> <td></td> <td>\$21,852.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Private Purpose Fund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accounts Payable</td> <td>\$2,000.00</td> <td>48-49</td> <td></td> <td>\$2,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Nicki Morelli-Mayer moved to approve the consent agenda; Anne Cubilie seconded. The vote was unanimous.</p>	JULY 2021					Fund	Warrant Amt	Warrant #	Electronic Transfer	Total Amount	General Fund					Accounts Payable	\$99,070.74	42496-42536			Payroll	\$0.00	-			Payroll Accounts Payable	\$49,098.96	42486-42495			ACH File (xcycle)					ACH File			\$250,681.69	\$398,851.39	ASB					Accounts Payable	\$0.00	-		\$0.00	Capital Projects					Accounts Payable	\$21,852.63	230-237		\$21,852.63	Private Purpose Fund					Accounts Payable	\$2,000.00	48-49		\$2,000.00
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L. PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Anne Cubilie opened public comments at 6:03 pm.</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - Read a student statement from Hannah Allenbaugh stating she did not want to wear a mask as it was hard to hear her friends, hard to speak, and made sores on her face.</p>																																																																						

Angela Dyk - Statement request masks should be made optional, people who chose have been vaccinated and younger students are at low risk. Believes that masks are unhealthy and increases the risk to students. Will not authorize the four of you to make my child wear a mask.

Cheryl Wheatly - Needs common sense, they make us wear a mask and they take it off. Feels the numbers say we don't need them. Believes research shows that CO2 isn't being expelled. Children are playing together outside of school and coming back to school and we are doing fine. Children need facial expressions to learn.

Bell - Thorp community member, parent of Thorp graduate, husband drives bus for Thorp, teaches in Royal City. Been teaching this summer, been vaccinated. Students never wear masks around each other socially. Thinks kids need to see faces to know what's being communicated to them. In person is wonderful compared to online enrollment.

Mike Muratore - Believes mask requirements are not necessary to reduce the spread of disease. Thinks they have consequences including education, social development, and anxiety. His children have developed anxiety from school closures, masking, and social distancing. In addition they developed eczema.

Adele Muratore - Submitted a photo of earloop mask stating that it won't protect one from COVID. Kids' personal hygiene is terrible with masks.

Andrea Green - Kindergarten teacher at Thorp. Great to see the turn out and people sharing their thoughts. Just a reminder that not all of the players are here such as Dr. Larson, the CDC, the state. The board is listening but they aren't the end all be all of our regulations. As a teacher I would much rather have a mask than not have my students in the building. It was the best of all scenarios that we have had over the year. It was tricky to give that "look". But they learned a lot last year being in the building.

Hannah Hayden - Parent and Para. The mask's have put me off of wanting to teach. As elected board members you should be putting out a poll to see what the majority of people want. Sometimes I think there are just rules. We listen to the CDC, not the WHO. There are no laws saying masks must be worn. I feel it's a FERPA violation to allow students who are vaccinated to not wear mask because others will know their health status.

Drew Liedtke - "First I'd like to thank the school board for the seriousness you took the pandemic with the quick closure in March 2020, the painstaking careful planning through the Summer, and all through last year. It was quite an accomplishment and definitely difficult. All things considered, I personally feel that as weird as last year was, Thorp School District went through it relatively unscathed--and I attribute much of that success to the dedication admin and staff had to making it work and knowing that the only way out of it was to go through it. I also must thank the student body for their flexibility as we threw new regulations and rules at them--even though earlier those regulations had just been thrown at us.

All that being said, the pandemic is not over. Even though we see light at the end of the tunnel, we are not through it. And we will not get through it with hasty decisions to disregard the safety measures we've had in place to ensure that any viruses would not be transmitted AT the school. I ask that the school board continue to require the wearing of masks as currently there is not a vaccine that has been verified as safe for children. If you

make the wearing of masks optional, you make the health and safety of students and staff optional as well.

Thank you.”

Gibson - Preschool mom, son has autism, does not speak. It is huge that he can see faces. He connects by seeing faces and by seeing expressions. He is making leaps and bounds, but I see how hard it is for him to connect when he leans in and all he sees is eyes. I think it's detrimental to children to not see faces. It's not optional for me to opt out of school, I need the help. I don't want him to be treated differently because he has a mask exemption and doesn't wear them. Autism or not, it's hard to explain to four year olds why they have to wear masks while others don't.

Katrina Muratore - Will have a 1st and Kinder at Thorp. Asking to please make masks optional. I don't want to be forced to do something that I feel is unhealthy. Wondering why I can't make this decision for my children. 99% survival rate and children are in the lowest of the lowest risk categories. Mostly the mental harm is what scares me. I assure you that my kids will be kept home if they are ill. We do the health screening at home and they are temp checked when they get here but they still have to wear a mask. Ask the school board to fight for our children.

Read a statement from Sarah Muratore, student. Says it's hard to breathe, makes her face red, and would like to see her friends' faces.

Andrew Lewis - Have two students who will be attending. Thinks that this shouldn't be a topic any more. Thinks masks put our students at risk. We put our trust in the school, feel like if we go forward with masking is betraying our trust.

Rena Bjorkman - Have 3 students who previously attended Thorp. They stayed home because I will not mask my children. I want to speak for three students who have had pertussis, staff, and other issues. If we can allow students to stand or kneel for the flag. Can't we allow students and parents to say they don't want their airway impeded?

Brook Shull - I have a 7th and 2nd grader. We have loved being at Thorp. The tight knit community here is amazing. My older son talked late, he's had speech issues. He has been in speech all of the way till just this year when the amazing speech teacher here released him. He began to say he was sick to avoid going to school because a student told him he sounded stupid when he attempted to talk with a mask on. As a mom, I want to speak up for my son and daughter to not have to wear a mask. My oldest got a college scholarship to play volleyball and may not be able to do it if she is required to get a vaccine. The masks aren't helpful enough to be worth the emotional drag and my son not wanting to come to school.

Dave Muratore - Will have two children in school this year. We've had diseases before, we had H1N1 and we seemed to be fine. I believe parents decide what is healthy for children. I should decide whether or not to wear a mask. If kids can pick what gender they are they can pick their vaccination status. Believes that mask mandates ensure that COVID will never go away. The rules keep changing. The cure is worse than the disease. It feels like the school district is pushing things that parents do not want like Critical Race Theory, Transgender issues, sex education at younger ages.

Genivieve Gillman - I understand that is not the school board who is making the decision for us. We hope you hear the voices of your constituents. Studies showing increased

irritability, decreased happiness, disinterest in school, new anxieties. Son was disciplined for improper mask wearage, he didn't want to go to the end of the year field trip because he thought he had been in trouble too much. I'd like to see a poll go out. For the board to stand up and communicate what we are saying to the state. I feel you should do what's right for parents and our kids.

Genivieve Gillman read Kim Rivera's statement - Not everyone will be happy with whatever decision is made. I feel it should be a family decision. WA State is at a 70% vaccination status. Anyone who wants the vaccine, has received it. Younger kids can't get the vaccine but they are less likely to get and transmit the virus. Mask efficacy is showing 26-38% effective when worn correctly, which we know is not happening. Wearing masks adds many negative factors that I am not comfortable with. Who will be responsible for the negative impacts on kids?

Jennifer Muratore - Read letter from 10 year old son stating that masks hurt my face, are uncomfortable, and his sister gets sores. If he doesn't have to wear them in town, why does he have to wear one at school? Leaving school in March 2020 was really hard for my kids. We struggled through online learning. He will tell us that he has no purpose and doesn't want to be there. He has developed extreme depression. He cried every day I tried to drive him to school. He didn't want to be here and didn't feel safe. I had COVID and not one of my kids got sick. I ask you to listen to parents. They don't have to wear them in town. It will break our hearts if we have to pull our kids and homeschool.

Sheryl Wheatly - Wondering if the other people Mrs Green mentioned that can make a choice are here?

Andrew Perkins - No, she was talking about OSPI, the state, Dr. Larson. The school board can follow guidance from OSPI to open normally. I make the decision on how the school runs. Currently there is only guidance. However, if there is a mandate that will change.

Andrew Watkins - We are all making decisions for ourselves and doing the best we can. Local government is really important. We are counting on everyone to make this decision. The mandates create a division and that's bad for kids. The CDC says that there are blood clots from the vaccinations, so people with heart conditions, they could have a scarlet letter since they can't receive it if they are required to mask if unvaccinated.

Jerrica Flora - Former graduate and have students here. We skipped preschool due to the mask mandate. I feel like healthy children are exposed to more problems in masks. I would have to homeschool my kids if masks are mandated. Everyone is living in so much fear. No one here is wearing a mask, I don't know if you are vaccinated or not. Masks haven't done anything. If it worked, why are we still here? My 14 year old had such a hard time with homeschooling, she doesn't want to mask but will mask and vaccinate to go to school if that is what is required. She shouldn't be put in that position.

Alsop - Been in and out of Seattle Children's and have to have my son tested each time. Out of the thousands and thousands they send out, only a couple have come back positive. The masks are ineffective. I'm considering homeschooling and that would be bad for my kids!

Green - Piggy backing on what Watkins said about adults being on the same page. Whatever the outcome is that we all still come together. I work hard on making my class a family. Try our best to make this positive whatever our outcome. You are here because

	<p>you love our small school and our family. It's bigger than us, but I want students to feel that its our school and that we want them here.</p> <p>Mike Mureatore - That's what we've done for two years. All we can do is put a smile on their face. My wife had to quit her job to teach, she's not a teacher. You guys still got paid. I don't want to hear that locals don't decide. There are districts that stayed open and they aren't in jail. They are our kids. We elected you to represent us.</p> <p>Mr. Wheatley -If we wear masks our kids won't be in school, period.</p> <p>Mrs. Bell - I lost parents in a true pandemic. It takes courage to say we're done.</p> <p>From Audience - And you'll have our support, too!</p> <p>Anne Cubilie closed public comments at 7:11 p.m.</p>
<p>M. REPORTS TO BOARD</p>	<p>A. Superintendent's Report (Information)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Superintendents meet regularly with each other and Dr. Larson. We currently don't have a requirement for a plan. There are guidelines. That's why we have scheduled planning meetings. We will meet with Dr. Larson Thursday. Only a few districts have come out to say they are choosing masks so far. I am putting together a back to school plan which includes a lot of mitigation. My hope is we are allowed this year to create a plan locally with the guidance of Dr. Larson. b. You can see that new irrigation has gone in, new lockers, new carpets. We were about 5 million behind in repairs when I arrived. With state assistance and the generosity of the community in the Capital Projects Levy we are working on bringing the school up to date. c. A gentleman in public comment at the last meeting asked why we didn't have more signage for the school zone. So we have started the process and are working with the county to get more solar powered, lighted signs up. d. We have started a program to send home technology with 3rd - 12th graders. These chromebooks stay home so we don't have to worry about students transporting tem back and forth. There is a grant available for that. e. Anne Cubilie - I am really happy that we are moving forward with the school zone signs.
<p>B. OLD BUSINESS</p>	
<p>A. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>A. Resolution No. 20-05, Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget (Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nicki Morelli-Mayer motioned to adopt the budget, seconded. The vote was unanimous.

	<p>B. Back to School Plan (Discussion)</p> <p>a. Timeline for the community meetings. There is no COVID plan currently required. In the Spring we had guidance to be full open and we had to have a plan. There are numerous discussions about how we do that. There will be some school board discussions on how we focus on mitigation. I know everyone is focused on masks, but it's really about mitigation. There seems to be consensus in Eastern Washington School Districts that they would like to open schools with masks optional. My job is to collect the information and give a draft plan on August 10th. We requested to be able to deliver a 1 page plan to Dr. Larson, not over 80 like the last one. We will probably need two or three, but it should be concise. Our goal in Kittitas County is for districts to be calibrated as closely as we can with guidance from Dr. Larson. There are not mandates currently, if there is that will change. The only current mandate is to open up full and in person. Putting in a draft plan for mitigation, not just for covid, but for the flu, public displays of affection with teenagers, there's a lot of reasons to mitigate contact. We will hope to have more information for the public at the planning meeting. It will focus on the students and not on the adults. There is no such thing as zero risk, we will mitigate as well as we can. I want kids in school all day, every day. We've shown that public school education is valuable.</p> <p>C. Tech I (Information)</p> <p>a. If the server goes down we don't have someone here day to day to fix it. With all of our technology we need more help.</p> <p>b. Izzac Chavez - I will be supporting from the ESD. Currently I'm at Thorp two days a week. I'll go down to one. However, we will have someone there on site to support immediate needs. Apps on computers, tech issues, student needs, etc.</p> <p>c. Andrew Perkins - We have a Tech I job description in the classified union, I have attached it in the packet.</p> <p>d. Anne Cubilie - I think it's fabulous that the school will be able to have technology at home. Will we offer tech support for those?</p> <p>e. Andrew Perkins - Yes.</p>
<p>D. CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>A. OSPI Grant (Information)</p> <p>a. PEI working with us to train teachers in how to write lesson plans for working with the garden in the curriculum.</p> <p>B. Special Election Process (Information)</p> <p>a. Timeline for special elections. We have our operating levy and tech levy.</p> <p>C. OSPI Summer Rules (Information)</p> <p>a. Summer Guidance</p>

<p>D. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Luanne Osiadacz - I would like to say that I am very impressed with the turn out today and the passion that they showed. b. Nicki Morelli-Mayer - I agree. We are listening and we appreciate people taking the time to come down and share their opinions with us no matter what they are. c. Perkins - Great to see people expressing their first amendment rights. d. Cubilie - Not only do I really appreciate all of the community members coming to speak with us. But It really means a lot to have you all here. It's why we have such a great district. We come together as a community and solve our issues together. The board has had no conversations among ourselves of instating a mask mandate. Decisions could come down on our heads from on high. But we've had indications that won't happen. I'm excited about the back to school plan, it's helpful to have people at this meeting. e. I've enjoyed having more community members in the audience. It's kind of sad when there is no one is here. I guess in a way you trust us to get things done. But it's really good to hear from the community. <p>Perkins - We will do a survey, or poll, but we haven't put one together yet. Mostly we are waiting because we don't know if OSPI will direct us to ask certain questions and we want to make sure we cover everything that is needed. We want the right data.</p> <p>Nicki Morelli-Mayer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Luanne Osiadacz 7:37</p>
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Upcoming Meetings

August 10, 2021, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Board Retreat

August 12, 2021, 6:00 pm - 7 pm - Draft Back to School Plan Community Meeting

August 23, 2021, 6:00 pm - Final Back to School Plan Community Meeting

August 24, 2021, 6:00 pm - Regular School Board Meeting

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