

**THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT #400
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 25, 2022**

**Regular School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Luanne Osiadacz , Carol Johnson, Dave Muratore, Nicki Morelli-Mayer , Genevieve Gillman

Board Members Absent:

Community members present: Andrew Perkins, Mel Blair, Elly Pollock, Nikki Pollock, Brenda McKee, Casceila Miller, Casey McAfee, Garrett Rhodes, Drew Liedtke , Andrea Green, Hilary Lampard, Bree Willette, Danielle Casey, Angela Dyk, Kay Evans, Kim Rivera

A. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE	Nicki Morelli-Mayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Nicki Morelli-Mayer led the flag salute.
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A. December 14, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting i. Dave Muratore moved to approve the minutes; Genevieve Gillman seconded. The vote was unanimous.
C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	A. Amended to add the Consent Agenda. B. Genevieve moved to approve the amended agenda;Luanne Osiadacz seconded. The vote was unanimous.
D. PUBLIC COMMENTS	<p>Nicki Morelli-Mayer opened public comments at 6:02pm.</p> <p>Bree Willette - Reminder of Levy. Passing the levy means having local control of how our money is spent in our schools. These replacement levies go to Outdoor Ed, FFA, Music and Art Programs. Small schools are short changed. If you want to support our kids please support the levy.</p> <p>Kim Rivera - Before school started I was concerned with timelines when kids are out for COVID, I know a lot of it is mandated by the state. Concerned about getting work from teachers, many kids didn't get work from teachers. Some didn't get responses. We have amazing teachers that work really hard. As a parent of a highschooler it was very disconcerting to hear "I don't know but I can connect you with Mr. Jones" when I asked the nurse about getting schoolwork.. Mrs Miller was able to get things taken care of. I had to push for getting what they needed. Stuff will be posted to Google Classroom, but no instruction given. Maybe there is a way to get work out to families that is more efficient.</p> <p>Nicki Morelli-Mayer closed public comments at 6:08 pm.</p>

E. REPORTS TO BOARD

A. Superintendent's Report - Andrew Perkins (Information)

- a. Legislature is in session right now, we are following bills on enrollment stabilization and transportation, which were hits schools took last year. Zoom last week with Senator Warnick and Representative Dent regarding our modernization funds that seems to be held up by a state/federal disagreement. Senator Warnick said we should get a letter shortly that will allow us to move forward. We are running late now to get set up for the short turnaround required to begin work in the summer. There are complete electrical and HVAC projects that will require us to do work while the students are out. We are also working on getting funds to turn the main building into a cooling center which would allow us additional funding to put in HVAC
- b. First Strategic Plan meeting was held and committees formed, you can still join a committee by emailing me.
- c. Newsletter went out. Nikki spearheads this, lots of school districts are impressed with our newsletter.
- d. Many districts are also impressed that we were able to deliver services during the snow days. We won't have to make up the time or lose our April break day.
- e. The Community Levy information meeting was held last night. I will go over that information later in this meeting.
- f. Field trips are gearing up. We have some Science field trips coming up for middle school and 11/12 graders to Silverwood for their Science and Physics day.
- g. **Garrett Rhodes** - New Technology Coordinator. Goals by July 1st -
 - i. First objective is to perform an inventory of computer and tech items, create a maintenance and replacement plan, and develop a budget outline for the next several years.
 - ii. Staff training - Efficiency in educational resources including staff continuing education resources.
 - iii. Beef up student online safety - we use a tool called Securly. Working to leverage this tool more efficiently and increase security while working with teachers and admin to develop a technology use contract that provides clear expectations and rules for technology. We will have this at the next board meeting.

B. Business/HR Director Report - Brenda McKee (Information)

- a. Fund Balance
- b. Budget Status
- c. Top 10 Vendors

C. Student Services Coordinator Report - Laura Jones (Information)

- a. Working with families who are at home to get them the technology that they need at home.
- b. Had the pleasure of going into classrooms to do SEL lessons with elementary students. We have ordered School Connect to begin going into middle and highschool classrooms as well. As we all know it's a tough time for students right now.
- c. A Mental Health Counselor has been coming in to work with students and they have been opening up and getting the resources they need. It's great for families because it's no cost to families. We are three hours a week now and are looking at increasing that time to see more kids
- d. We are doing WIDA testing for English Language Learners.
- e. Meeting with high school students that have Ds and Fs. The semester ends next week and we want to help those kids that credit for high school.
- f. Every student has internet capabilities at home. We have been working to address any needs that we have been made aware of.
- g. Quarter 2 Honor Roll luncheon, the ASB sponsored Q1 honor roll, would the School Board be willing to sponsor Q2?
- h. Genevieve Gillman - Do parents have to sign a consent form for the students to participate in counseling? Laura - Yes, the parents fill out the referral and provide the information needed to get their student started in counseling.
- i. Genevieve Gillman - SEL is S.E.L? Jones - Yes, Social Emotional Learning.

D. Student Representative - Elly Pollock

- a. K-4 Winter Musical on Thursday, 5-12 grade Winter Concert tomorrow.
- b. Seniors hosting Winter Formal on February 5
- c. Sophomores will be putting on Tolo in late February
- d. FBLA conference is this Saturday and we have two students competing.

- e. Elementary Student Council Presentation: Braelyn Halverson, President, and Sawyer Casey, Vice President, with Bree Willette, Advisor
 - i. Sawyer - 12 students, kids Kindergarten through 5th grade
 - ii. Braeyln - So far we have done Spirit Week and the Gingerbread House Extravaganza
 - iii. Bree Willette - We would like to have a Community Bingo Night and a Walk-a-Thon and are planning a Snowman Building Competition once we have good snow again.

Our community partner this year is Skookum House in Ellensburg for children in emergency care. We are working on taking a tour to see how we can help our community.

E. Instructional Leader FieldSTEM Report - Casceila Miller (Information)

- a. Tiger Academy - Lots of activities this term. Interventions, Robotics, Secondary Drama, Indoor Soccer, Art Club. We have 40 kids playing soccer. We have to use a bus to transport to upper county instead of a van. We had about 65 kids here after school.
- b. There will be a gardening boot camp with our teachers to learn more about gardening. Mr. Liedtke is working on signage for all of the garden plots. We are using the laser printer to make the signs, which are student designed.
- c. Interventions are getting set up and running. Assessments are nearly complete and we are training staff in the intervention programs.
- d. We received a STEM Lighthouse grant for the middle school greenhouse process, looks like it may be about 20K.
- e. Bee a Leader - Kay Evans
 - i. At the beginning of the year Mr. Perkins recruited her to help out at the school. Shows up all of the time, bringing energy and light. So helpful wherever she is needed and has been an invaluable member of the team.
 - ii. Kay Evans - I just love being here. It's so great to be retired and come to work every day. My husband and kids graduated from here and I'm so glad to be here.
- f. Content Report - Bree Willette
 - i. Salmon in the Classroom

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. October - We took a field trip to Cooper Lake Bridge to visit Salmon spawning in the river along the natural habitat. 2. Eggs were delivered after winter break, we have a tank in the hall in the brick building. It's been great to have it there. The kids all get excited about seeing the salmon hatch and develop. 3. Fourth grade work on the life cycle, learning from multiple resources and creating a presentation to share. It links well with our Native American studies and the cultural significance of salmon. 4. Hopefully we will be able to have some students share with you!
<p>F. CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Consideration to approve the Employment Contract of Casey McAfee, Facilities Manager, for the 2021-2022 School Year, effective January 3, 2022. B. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Kayla Bielanin for Tiger Academy effective January 10, 2022. C. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Brianna Winegar for Tiger Academy, effective January 10, 2022. D. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Drew Liedtke for Tiger Academy, effective January 10, 2022. E. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Jessica Hoff for Tiger Academy, effective January 10, 2022. F. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Briann Willette for Tiger Academy, effective January 10, 2022. G. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Ashley Snyder for Tiger Academy, effective January 10, 2022. H. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Hunter Thomas for Drama Club, effective January 1, 2022. I. Consideration to approve the Supplemental Employment Contract of Seth Wiswell for Drama Club, effective January 1, 2022.

JANUARY 2022				
Fund	Warrant Amt	Warrant #	Electronic Transfer	Total Amount
General Fund				
Accounts Payable	\$71,263.96	42844 - 42879		
Payroll	\$0.00	-		
Payroll Accounts Payable	\$59,676.78	42833 - 42843		
ACH File (xcycle)				
ACH File			\$266,722.07	\$397,662.81
ASB				
Accounts Payable	\$1,150.39	2721 - 2725		\$1,150.39
Capital Projects				
Accounts Payable	\$8,923.82	283 - 288		\$8,923.82
Private Purpose Fund				
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	-		\$0.00
Transportation Vehicle Fund				
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	-		\$0.00

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Luanne Osiadacz moved to approve the consent agenda; Genevieve Gillman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

G. OLD BUSINESS

A. Levy Presentation (Information)

- a. Renewing the Tech Levy and the Educational Programs Operations Levy.
- b. Slides Reviewed

B. WSSDA Policy Update (Information)

- a. We budgeted in July to do a deep clean and review of policies for the district. We are currently in line, I call weekly to check in to see when we can start.

H. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft 2022 - 2023 Instructional Calendar (Information)

- a. This is for review for staff, families, and the board.

B. High School Basketball (Information)

- a. We are working on bringing back the high school basketball program here at Thorp. It's been played here before and we'd like to bring it back. We think we have the financial ability to take it on. Plus we have a large 8th grade class coming up that would make that possible. There are a lot of moving parts to get that going but we are working on it. We'd like to start small and work our way up to more sports.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Vape Lawsuit

- a. Two vape detectors have been installed, Garrett has become an expert. We can tell if it's vape, marijuana, janitorial supply, etc. We can tell the amount and type. Some students have been scared straight looking at the dashboard that Garrett runs, it can really tell what's going on. There are two class action lawsuits against vape

	<p>manufacturers for targeting young kids, we are looking at joining in with that lawsuit. There are many districts doing this. We are looking at it from a health perspective, not a disciplinary one with kids right now and helping them stop. Genevieve Gillman - How frequently is usage being detected? Andrew Perkins - You can come in and look at the dashboard and see what the trends are. If I bring a parent in I can show them the dashboard and the camera and they can see what's happening.</p> <p>B. Legal Services Agreement Preview</p> <p>a. These are the documents we would have to sign eventually if the board chose to move forward. Our attorney is reviewing them now.</p> <p>C. Small Schools Lawsuit</p> <p>a. Example of the lawsuit</p> <p>D. Kittitas County Letters</p> <p>a. These are changes in the Kittitas County planning.</p> <p>E. STEM Lighthouse</p> <p>a. Kind of shocked to receive it. 295 districts apply. 1 district receives it. Should be about 20K to pay for Tech Ed to build greenhouses. It will pay for staff training and supplies to help them build and run this program. We would showcase what we did and other schools could come and see what we are doing. The award was based on our innovation in our other outdoor and garden projects.</p>
<p>J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS</p>	<p>David Muratore - Is there a way to include in our agenda or meeting, exit strategy for COVID?</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - We are under the direct control of the Department of Health, so we have to follow that.</p> <p>David Muratore - If they say it's back to us, will they expect a plan?</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - No, there is no plan, we just have to follow the state's plan. If they let up, we would just go back to what we were doing previously as we were under Dr. Larson when it came to flu, chickenpox, etc. Technically we went up above the 10% and didn't have to shut down because of the work of the nurses and Dr. Larson. He is committed to as soon as we can drop masks we will.</p> <p>Dave Muratore - We have a 14% say in what happens here via levy. Get more of our money staying here so we have the say in what we can do.</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - Senator Warncick and Representative Dent are friends in this, they are fighting for us on local control of the money. We are upset about how money has been filtered through OSPI, ESSER should have been given local control. As soon as we can, we will eliminate the masks.</p>

K. ADJOURNMENT	Genevieve Gillman moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Muratore seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.
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Upcoming Meetings

February 22, 2021, 6:00 pm - Regular School Board Meeting

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