

**THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT #400
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 22, 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, Katelyn Pendley, Angela Dyk, Ed Foster, Kay Evans, Erica Libenow, Brook Shull, Anne Cubilie, Johnny Boitano, Casey McAfee, Becky Hill, Tiffany Watkins, Karisa Searles, Drew Liedtke, Hilary Lampard , Erinn Boitano, Mark Larson, Rachel Larson

A. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE	Nicki Morelli-Mayer called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Nicki Morelli-Mayer led the flag salute.
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A. January 25, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting i. Dave Muratore moved to approve the minutes; Carol Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous.
C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Genevieve Gillman moved to approve the agenda; Luanne Osiadacz seconded. The vote was unanimous.
D. PUBLIC COMMENTS	Nicki Morelli-Mayer opened public comments at 6:05 pm. Kim Rivera - Parent Group submitted to Thorp for Reimbursement for the FFA and School Farm orders at our seed sale. Brenda McKee - Confirmed receipt of invoice and payment issued. Anne Cubile - Given the Governor's announcement to remove the Mask Mandate. I wanted to thank everyone for all of the hard work, patience, and kindness for the kids. Hope things turn out how we want. Nicki Morelli-Mayer closed public comments at 6:07 pm.
A. CONSENT AGENDA	A. Consideration to approve the Coach Contract of DaJon Demille, Middle School Volleyball Head Coach B. Consideration to approve the resignation of Karisa Searles, Spanish Teacher. C. Consideration to approve the Contract of Ed Foster beginning March 2022. D. Consideration to approve Resolution 21-07 - Lost Warrant

E. Consideration to approve the Warrant table.

FEBRUARY 2022				
Fund	Warrant Amt	Warrant #	Electronic Transfer	Total Amount
General Fund				
Accounts Payable	\$101,975.65	42880 - 42935		
Payroll	\$0.00	-		
Payroll Accounts Payable	\$62,647.60	42936 - 42945		
ACH File (xcycle)				
ACH File			\$309,948.12	\$474,571.37
ASB				
Accounts Payable	\$426.62	2726 - 2729		\$426.62
Capital Projects				
Accounts Payable	\$20,860.57	289 - 295		\$20,860.57
Private Purpose Fund				
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	-		\$0.00
Transportation Vehicle Fund				
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	-		\$0.00

Perkins - MS Girls Volleyball practice is going on now, HS girls helping out at practices. The Spanish teacher is taking next year off, looking for a .2 Spanish teacher. We put a contract together with Ed to work with Casey on call through July.

Carol Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda; Genevieve Gillman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

E. REPORTS TO BOARD

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

- a. I hope that this will be the last zoom meeting and we can move to public meetings. Zoom has its place but live and in person is better for board meetings. I think we can do it. Good message to our students that we have open government.
- b. Thank you to the community for passing both levies! We've had quite the headwind but the community came together for the kids. I hope the state will eventually fund schools correctly and leave the education to the board, not the funding. It detracts from what we do and can divide communities.
- c. Conferences will be March 16-18, right before spring break. It's important as we come out of everything we've been through. It's a dipstick of where we are. Tiger Academy will be covered by Ms Miller and we will address where we need to focus.
- d. We will have a much needed Spring Break and come back without masks.

- e. We are firing up to offer Boys Basketball and Cheer next year. We can rally up the community. We have a great gym, it would be nice to see us have a team again.
- f. March 8th will be a Strategic Plan meeting. If you aren't on a committee, stay after and I will get you on one. We are doing the work on the plan for the next three years.
- g. Following the short session of the legislature, they will be looking at budget. It's coincidental as we have both nurses here with us, but they are looking at how those are funded. Erica is funded at 2 hours and it isn't enough.
- h. Dr. Larson and the Superintendents are meeting to discuss what it will look like once March 21 comes around.

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

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

D. Vice Principal/SPED Director Report - Mel Blair (Information)

- a. Heather Ridlon was nominated as Classified Employee of the Year.
- b. Erin Tasker just finished renewing her national boards.
- c. We are looking at our SEL standards. Character Strong is one of our Tier 1 Programs. I have been observing those lessons in the classrooms. Ms. Miller and I wrote a grant to help fund School Connect with Middle School. Mrs. Jones will go into classrooms with School Connect and Second Step in elementary. (secondary?)
- d. Just completed our screener to compare our student growth. We also have a teacher survey that we sent out to staff regarding the skills they are observing with our students. I had a number of instruction members attend and we were able to move forward with one of our goals and send staff to the PLC Institute to receive training. We will also have a trainer come out to reboot our PLC process.

E. Student Representative - Elly Pollock

- a. HS ASB planning retreat tomorrow to plan Patrick Playoffs and other events.
- b. Seniors held Winter Formal which was really fun
- c. Freshman had a great Valentine Gram event and sold a lot of goodies. There were flowers and snacks all over school!

d. Sophomores are holding Tolo Friday, February 25th for High schoolers. The theme is Under the Stars and this is the first dance they have ever put on!

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

a. Tiger Academy - Second session just finished up last week. Drama will continue running and do a production in May. There are 25 kids participating. The third round will start up after spring break and focus on intervention programs to build skills.

b. 5th Grade camp is coming up in April, Monday - Wednesday at Camp Seymour. We will bring that to the board to approve next month and report to you after we return.

c. Garden is up and running with plants growing in the greenhouse. Gardening 101 with staff will happen this Friday.

d. Tuesday, March 1 - As head of the Curriculum/Assessment Target of the Strategic Plan - I will be hosting a community forum with the committee to present the health curriculums to the community so they can review them, ask questions, and provide feedback.

e. Bee a Leader - Honoring 3 Leaders - They have kept us going. The importance of our school nurses, they are so busy, and patient with parents. They have been outstanding at keeping our staff and students healthy and safe for all of their tireless work keeping us going. Thank you to Nurse Rachel Henderson, Nurse Erica Libenow, and Nurse Amity McElroy.

f. Content Report - Brandon Searles, Music

i. I feel blessed to see the progress students have made over the last 5 years I have been here. Not many schools offer the same music opportunities, especially to see kids grow from elementary through middle and high school.

ii. Return of Performances - Revitalizing for their skills and their personal development. I haven't seen this excitement since before the closures. I'm excited to see them grow.

iii. Band and Choir are preparing for the end of year concerts. You can expect a relatable and historical experience from choir and new music from our band.

iv. 2nd-4th are learning about musical history, and Kindergarten-1st are learning about reading music. Marimbas, recorders, and chorus are happening and you will see them at performances.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Lots of positive things are happening. Students growing in their love of music and how it has inspired them. Music helps develop confidence, public speaking, work ethic and more.
<p>G. OLD BUSINESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Draft 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar (Information) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2nd Read, would like you to pass this next month. B. Levy Results (Information) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. They were validated on Friday. The percent is about the same EP 55%, Tech went up to 59%. I was very pleased. Many failed statewide, so I'm very pleased with these results.
<p>H. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Cyber Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Garrett asked if he could apply for a grant to work on security for our students. WSRMP had an opportunity that would further back up what we are doing and beef up our internet security system. B. State Board of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There are a few things that came up in the report but are understandable. We only teach CPR once a year. Advising Day is up and running. The comprehensive health education class is what we are working on with the health curriculum adoption. This year is an advisory year, its state law next year so we are working to keep the school in compliance. C. GAC Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. These are the classes that we teach. This committee works with Ms. Miller on CTE and our commitment with P-5 grade teachers that align so that they aren't left out in this planning of our school wide plan. Mock up is here with all of the elements. If you have questions give us a call and we can guide you to the right documents and places to answer your questions. Shed and fence are going up. Hopefully no one will start planting before May 1, the ground will be ready and Jarred will open the gate. D. Small School Letter (Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Last year the governor signed a budget with 2.9 mil for Thorp for the Brick Building to renovation the hvac, electrical, and roof. The federal and state government had a disagreement and the funds have been held up. I had a meeting with our state reps and they got through to OSPI and got the language fixed. They asked for this letter to be signed and sent to the legislature so that we can get

	<p>this going as soon as the budget is passed. We don't want to delay for a year. We will try to get the building done over the summer but we may need to rotate classrooms to the gym while rooms are finished.</p> <p>Carol Johnson Moved to authorize the letter. Luanne Osiadacz seconded The vote was unanimous.</p>
<p>I. CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>A. Eastmont</p> <p>A. We are next to another ESD, this is regarding how they will be handling COVID. I took classes from him. He's often out front. He wrote about how things will be behind the scenes to get things ready for March 21st.</p> <p>B. CTE Approved</p> <p>A. Every 4 or 5 years you have to recertify each part of your CTE program. This year is AG. We are submitting documentation, making sure teachers are certified. This is what you look for. Often you get a letter saying you need to fix things. But we've been approved.</p> <p>C. Tort Letter</p> <p>A. Mulling how to address lawsuits and the date damage will be assessed. It needs to stay the way things are now. Continue to work with families to address issues in the district.</p> <p>D. Small School Modernization Grant Email</p> <p>A. This sparked the letter you approved. We want to make sure when the legislature approves and the governor signs, that if Millig does any work it will fall under that funding.</p> <p>E. Kettle Falls Article</p> <p>A. Put these in before I left, family has been there forever. I talked with Kettle Falls about the seriousness of it. They said they could hold out about a month and then they would lose funding. What is not in here is our letter from our attorney and our risk management saying that they would not cover us or defend us if we defied the governor.</p> <p>F. OSPI Kettle Falls Letter</p> <p>A. This is the letter they received from OSPI. In the end they will not defy the state, they will comply.</p>
<p>J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS</p>	<p>Carol Johnson - Judging National History Day this year. Have three groups and nine individual projects. Wondering if anyone from Thorp will be competing so that I can recuse myself.</p> <p>Ms. Miller - Check with Mrs. Tasker.</p>

Dave Muratore - If the 21st is okay to take masks off then today is, in all reality. I know that is not our choice but that's my opinion. At what point would be liable for abuses. At what point might we be sued for that. Someone might try for this whether or not they should, especially in regards to a vaccine mandate if that were to come along. Without getting into a big debate, there are a lot of risks, a lot of censorship, dangerous to talk about. I think it's begging for a lawsuit. At what point might a school get sued for a vaccine mandate. With the masks I didn't like them, I didn't think they were legal. But at what point do we get sued. At what point do we say enough is enough. I think these are things we should all be talking about. We don't have to agree but we should be discussing it. Ask the questions. If you don't want to keep eroding trust, you have to have that conversation and we aren't allowed to. Being forced to go along with what is being decreed. If the vaccine mandate comes, it's going to be a scary. It's a lot more intrusive and more risks. I think it's going to be messy and I think it's something we can talk about. We shouldn't be divided. Appealing to everyone, that we have to have these discussion. Just because we doubt the effectiveness, doesn't mean we are haters or want it banned. We want to talk about it.

Andrew Perkins - I think it's about time we have Dr. Larson back. We've had discussions about the vaccine. Would April be too late? The board could invite him to come.

Nicki Morelli-Mayer - I think that's a great idea!

Genevieve Gillman - My favorite F word - which is Freedom. I think as individuals we should have the freedom over our bodies to keep them safe the way I want to. I race cars and I do it safely, but there are risks. We should be able to choose if we want to be vaccinated or not, if we want to be masked or not. Everyone should make the choices for their own bodies. If you want more physical space you can ask for that. I wish as a board member we had more power to have a choice. I would like to say let's go maskless, unfortunately we are governed by purse strings that could harm our schools. Big institutions have tied our hands. Thorp is so special I don't want to see it sued or closed. I would like to focus on health instead of fear over the virus. I haven't heard much outside of Mrs. Scribner talking about healthy choices, food, handwashing, getting outside, chores outside at home. I think the masks are damaging emotional health of our students. It really affects me. I can't read lips, can't hardly hear, can't read facial expressions. I would like to see more discussion on healthy nutrition and how to take healthy measures to protect yourself. I wish it was 2/21 but I'm looking forward to 3/21.

Andrew Perkins - One thing that has irritated me has been that you aren't allowed to be wrong in public. I'm allowed as an adult to filter the information without someone else trying to shut it down because they consider it wrong. Shutting people up is not how we get to the truth. I'm proud of Thorp in how we've been able to hash things out.

Nicki Morelli-Mayer- I'm happy that the masks are coming off as well. I want to

	<p>thank Mr. Perkins and the staff for keeping our school going and keeping staff and students safe.</p> <p>Andrew Perkins - Students need role models not critics.</p>
K. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Genevieve Gillman moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Muratore seconded. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.</p>

Upcoming Meetings

March 22, 2022, 6:00 pm - Regular School Board Meeting

March 31, 2022, 6:00 pm - Special Board Meeting, Budget Workshop

April 26, 2022, 6:00 pm - Regular School Board Meeting

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