

Treynor Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2020

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room, located in High School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order & Roll Call

President Vorthmann called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and roll was taken. The following board members were present: President Vorthmann, Vice President Stogdill, Keith Christensen, and Stephen Winchell. Board member Dreyer joined the meeting later. Student Representatives Will Halverson and Jacob Hrasky were present.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Christensen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)

President Vorthmann welcomed all visitors. No visitors chose to address the board during open forum.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve the following:

- 1) Minutes of the January 6, 2020 work session;
- 2) Minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting;
- 3) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$380,977.28
Capital Projects Fund	\$855,242.00
SAVE Fund	\$19,160.56
Activity Fund	\$11,412.93
Nutrition Fund	\$19,253.43

3) January 31, 2020 Financial Statements;

4) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 4-0.

Reports and Communication Items

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported: 1) The Special Education Service Delivery Plan will be made available for public comment after the Board's review. It will be posted on the school website. 2) Fourth Grade Invention Convention produced some amazing projects.

Mrs. Berens, Secondary Principal, reported: 1) The TeamMates Advisory Committee, responsible for the program budget, is currently working on start-up costs, investigating grants and other avenues for funds. During last Friday's basketball game, they were fortunate to receive \$425.60 in donations. Recruitment for mentors continues, with a special need for male mentors. The goal is to have 40 mentors trained and ready for the program launch. 2) Students attended a great assembly on distracted driving last week. The speakers provided personal witness of the consequences and included statistics to further emphasize the importance of staying alert while driving.

Mr. Navara, Activities Director, reported: 1) Included in the board packet is the State Competitions Protocol. This document was developed to help ensure consistent handling of state events. 2) Also included in the packet is Iowa's protocol for concussion or other brain injury return-to-play and return-to-learn.

Discussion/Information/Review Items

Curriculum and Instruction: Iowa School Performance Profile

Kara Huisman, TLC Curriculum & Professional Development Lead, accessed the Iowa School Performance Profiles for Treynor School District online and explained the components and 2019 results. The Iowa School Performance Profiles is an online tool showing how public schools performed on required measures. The website was developed to meet both federal and state requirements for publishing online school report cards: The federal Every Student Succeeds Act and House File 215, adopted by Iowa lawmakers in 2013.

The website includes:

- Scores on school accountability measures required under ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).
- Ratings based on those scores: Exceptional, High Performing, Commendable, Acceptable, Needs Improvement, and Priority.
- Identification of schools for support and improvement based on accountability scores (Comprehensive and Targeted schools).
- Additional education data that must be reported by law but do not figure into school accountability scores.

Treynor Elementary School performance for 2019 is "High Performing." Both Treynor Middle School and Treynor High School are categorized as "Commendable."

School Board Learning Focus

Board Member Handbook: Chapter 9-Employee Relations

Chapter 9, Employee Relations, of the IASB Board Member Handbook was reviewed.

Review Draft of Special Education Delivery Plan

As part of the review of the Treynor Community School District Special Education Delivery Plan, board members were provided with a draft of the plan that will be posted for public comment. Plans are to have the plan available on the School District web site. Important components of the plan include 1) Organization of Services, 2) Determination of Teacher Caseload, and 3) Process Used to Evaluate the Effectiveness of the Delivery System. The Committee working on the Plan consisted of administrators, a Green Hills AEA representative, special education teachers, general education teachers, and parents.

Review 2019 Auditor's Report

Board secretary VanFosson presented the final FY'19 audit, highlighting such items as a comparison of revenues and expenditures for the past 10 years and a statement of Economic Factors Bearing on the District's Future. The audit of the financial records of the district as of June 30, 2019, was completed and statements prepared for filing with the State and the federal clearinghouse by Schroer & Associates of Council Bluffs. A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of the State and the district secretary's office.

Discussion of Possible Walking Trail and Landscaping Project

Superintendent Hopkins presented information on a proposal from John Klein and the Keep Kids Alive (KKA) Committee for a possible walking/jogging trail that would be developed on school property. Mr. Klein and the Committee would look for funding from a variety of sources, hoping to receive grants to cover the cost. An ideal trail would be 3.1 miles (5K) to adapt to cross country training, with a mixture of concrete and crushed rock for the surface. Aerial photos were included in the proposal showing the possible trail going around the HS/MS campus, elementary and new transportation facility, and possibly the new Vision Treynor sports fields. Board members appreciated the initiative of Mr. Klein and the Keep Kids Alive Committee in creating the proposal as a solution to keeping our athletes safe as they train outside; however, with current building construction at both campuses, they felt it would be best to wait for completion of those projects before sketching out the optimal trail. The same would be true of any landscaping, such as tree planting. Following construction, landscaping and walking trail development can be considered.

Seniors: Flexible Scheduling Options and Privileges

Superintendent Hopkins asked board members to consider flexible scheduling options and privileges for senior students. During the last year of high school some students take several classes through IWCC. This often results in a student having multiple study halls during the school day. A short-term solution for the remainder of this school year is Senior Release. Senior Release is considered a privilege for seniors, and students may take advantage of the opportunity under three conditions: 1) the parent approves; 2) the student takes full responsibility for completing college coursework, even when not at schools; and 3) the student must leave the building during the release time. Senior Release may be revoked by violating any of the conditions. Flexible scheduling options will continue to be considered and discussed in the future to allow for the best possible educational opportunities for our seniors.

High School Principal Search Process and Update

The screening process for the high school principal position has been completed, with six semi-finalists interviews via Zoom on February 5th and 6th. The list has been narrowed to two finalists who will be in Treynor Wednesday, February 12th for formal interviews. Taking part in those interviews will be administrators, teachers, support staff, students, and a board representative.

Radon Testing Results for Elementary Building

Radon testing at the elementary building was completed the week of January 27th. The testing results came back well below the EPA's action level of 4.0 pCi/L, so there is no need for any kind of corrective action. The other buildings will be tested in the future.

Construction Update

Superintendent Hopkins provided a project update from BCDM Architects. The transportation facility is near completion. Projected completion of the Fine Arts area is February 2021, with completion of the remainder of the renovations projected at May 2021.

Mr. Winchell stepped out of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

School Leader Update

The School Leader Update is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Education that includes a variety of timely topics, issues, and deadlines. Board members received a link to the February 2020 newsletter.

Action Items

The Board had no action items to consider.

Personnel

Resignations

There were no resignations to consider.

Employment

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the employment of 1) Shane Jacobsen-head high school girls' soccer; 2) Scott Reelfs-assistant high school girls' soccer; 3) TJ Quick-assistant high school boys' track; 4) Brianne Schneider-junior high track; 5) Alex Herrington-junior high track; 6) Brianne Schneider – additional class period; and 7) Bryce Warner – additional class period. Motion carried 4-0.

Vacancy Update

Superintendent Hopkins provided a list of current position openings: High School Principal and HS Head Boys'/Girls' Cross Country.

Superintendent's Report

Facilities and Grounds Updates

Superintendent Hopkins provided an updated list of items ongoing, in progress, and completed recently. The elementary classroom lighting project for the current year has one room remaining to be completed in March.

Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates

Superintendent Hopkins provided a list of his upcoming meetings, trainings, and other commitments. With the certified budget for 2020-2021 due April 15th, a board work session will be scheduled prior to that time.

Next Meeting(s)

A list of regular board meetings for the 2019-2020 fiscal year can be found on the district web site on the Board of Education link. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is March 9, 2020.

Mr. Winchell returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

These minutes are as recorded by the board secretary and subject to approval at the next regular board meeting.

Cindy L. VanFosson

Board Secretary