

Treynor Community School District
Annual Board Meeting
Monday, Oct. 10, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schnepel.

Roll Call: Present – Board Members Erica Schnepel, Gary Funkhouser, Sally Myers, Heidi Gutttau-Fox and Amy Graber.

Also Present – Supt. Kevin Elwood, Principals Gary McNeal, Jill Kay and Jenny Berens and Board Secretary Doreen Mowery.

There were approximately 25 members of the public present.

President Schnepel announced that the board has received a letter of resignation from Attorney Thornton.

Items 10 “Board review of current legal counsel” and 17 “Easement agreement with Verizon/City of Treynor” were removed from the agenda. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Graber to approve the agenda with the deletions. Ayes: Unanimous.

Open Forum: Attorney Shannon Simpson addressed the board regarding the potential problems that may exist since board member and attorney, Heidi Gutttau-Fox has previously represented Erica Schnepel. Board member Gutttau-Fox commented that she has checked with ethics counsel and there is no issue and she no longer represents board member Schnepel. Board member Schnepel commented that she would welcome disclosure of her records. (An audio recording of all comments made during the Open Forum may be accessed at: <http://www.treynorschools.org/>)

Supt. Elwood reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016 Treasurer’s Report with the board. Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve bills, financial statements, FY16 treasurer’s report and minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Myers to appoint Secretary Mowery as temporary chair of the meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood reviewed election results from the September 20, 2016 special election. Heidi Gutttau-Fox was elected and the oath of office was administered to her on Sept. 27, 2016.

Board member Funkhouser nominated Amy Graber as Board President. Board member Schnepel seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Board member Graber was appointed Board President by a unanimous vote.

The floor was open to nominations for Board Vice President. Board member Schnepel nominated Heidi Gutttau-Fox. Board member Myers nominated Gary Funkhouser. A vote was taken on the nomination of Ms. Gutttau-Fox. Ayes: Gutttau-Fox, Schnepel. Nays: Myers, Funkhouser, Graber. A vote was taken on the nomination of Mr. Funkhouser. Ayes: Myers, Funkhouser, Graber. Nays: Gutttau-Fox, Schnepel. Oaths of Office were administered to Amy Graber as President and Gary Funkhouser as Vice-President of the board. President Graber presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Supt. Elwood presented the current Rules of Order and Code of Ethics to the board. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to adopt both the Rules of Order and Code of Ethics as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Board member Gutttau-Fox has created a list of six attorneys that have school board experience that she would like to contact regarding serving the Treynor School Board. Board member Graber may also have two prospective attorneys. Board member Schnepel would like to make sure that whoever the board engages as an attorney has no ties to Treynor. There was discussion regarding the possibility of hiring more than one attorney for specific duties. Supt. Elwood has a list of local school board attorneys used by other districts. Board member Gutttau-Fox would like to set up phone interviews and then hold a special meeting to hire a primary attorney. Secretary Mowery will generate a list of possible contacts. She will then request a bio, list of prior school clients and possible interest in serving Treynor.

Employment contracts for Jim Lovely - Junior High Boys Basketball, Bryce Warner - Junior High Track, Morgan Lammert – Asst. High School Boys Track, and Julie Showalter – Asst. Musical Director were submitted for board consideration. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve the contracts presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Each year the school board has to submit a request to the SBRC for spending authority if the Special Ed balance has a deficit. The current deficit is \$127,455.22. The request for spending authority does not generate additional funding. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the request for spending authority for modified allowable growth for the SPED deficit from the SBRC. Ayes: Unanimous.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve an agreement with Green Hills AEA for 2016-17 John Baylor Test Prep. Ayes: Unanimous.

Principals Behrens, Kay and McNeal provided information on past and future meetings, training and events at the schools. Homecoming was a huge success. The Watch Dog mentoring program is off to a great start. Student Zach Mass is a part of the Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council. Anna Reelfs has been named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. The High School Marching Band has had an outstanding year in competitions. Treynor High School has placed 6th in Class 2A for the Bank Iowa Traveling Challenge Cup in 2015-16. Sam Gregory and Abby Tiarks were named 2016 Homecoming King and Queen. The volleyball team is rated #12 in Class 2A. Jerry Jorgenson is rated #3 individually in Cross Country for Class 2A. Brett Daily will be playing baseball for Central Arkansas. The musical “The Addams Family” will be held on Nov. 4th and 5th.

Supt. Elwood reviewed current SIAC data and the feedback received during the meeting held on Oct. 5, 2016.

A late Open Enrollment In request was submitted to the board. The request has been approved by East Mills School Board. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the late open enrollment. Ayes: Unanimous.

The board acknowledged receipt of a negotiations letter from TEA. The upcoming negotiations will be open to both language and salary.

Supt. Elwood submitted and reviewed the Superintendent/Board Goals for 2016-17. Certified enrollment is due by October 15th. IASB annual convention will be Nov. 16th thru the 18th.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Myers to continue holding board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Ayes: Unanimous.

It was determined that Sally Myers will serve on the Transportation Committee. Gary Funkhouser and Erica Schnepel will serve on Building and Grounds and Heidi Guttau-Fox and Amy Graber will serve on the Negotiations team.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to adjourn the annual board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Graber, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary