

Treynor Community School District
Board of Education – Work Session
Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Also Present – Supt. Kevin Elwood and Board Secretary Doreen Mowery.

The board held a work session with Joe Zadina from Lamp, Rynearson & Associates and Pat Carson from Beringer Ciaccio Dennell Mabrey, Inc. The board was presented with information on the pre-referendum planning process, projected timelines and proposed scope of services for future facilities.

The work session was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Regular Board of Education Meeting
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The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Amy Graber.

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

Also Present – Board Attorneys Brett Nitzschke and Susan Sapp, Supt. Kevin Elwood, Principals Gary McNeal, Jill Kay and Jenny Berens, AD Tim Navara and Board Secretary Doreen Mowery.

There were approximately 22 members of the public present.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Open Forum: Abigail Strutzenberg, Traci Fisher, Sherry Fisher, Mick Gutttau, Ann Vorthman and Ryan Avis all spoke during open forum regarding the proposed policies on anti-bullying, complaints, suspensions, and the release of legal files. Board member Gutttau-Fox would like the board to consider a planning session with Ryan Avis regarding investigations. (An audio recording of all comments made during the Open Forum may be accessed at: <http://www.treynorschools.org/>)

Board member Gutttau-Fox excused herself from the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Supt. Elwood reviewed the SPED contract that was presented from Tri-Center Community Schools. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Myers to approve bills, SPED contracts and minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Ayes: Schnepel, Funkhouser, Myers and Graber.

Mr. Schoening submitted a request for an additional director to lead a second Middle School Jazz Band. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Graber to fund the one time position and approve Supt. Elwood to advertise and start the process to hire a second director. Ayes: Schnepel, Funkhouser, Myers and Graber.

Mr. Navara presented an application from Heartland Christian for a cooperative sharing agreement that would allow a few of their students to participate on Treynor's girls soccer team. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve a one year agreement. Ayes: Schnepel, Funkhouser, Myers and Graber.

Board member Gutttau-Fox returned at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Navara provided updated information including pricing on proposed branding and graphics for Treynor Schools. Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve graphics for the high school and middle school entrances. Mr. Navara will obtain information regarding warranty on the graphics. Ayes: Unanimous.

Attorney Nitzschke has reviewed and made recommendation on three proposed board policies. The board would like Mr. Nitzschke to provide them with sample policies and a proposed revised policy for anti-bullying. The attorney also suggested that the board review their student handbook to make sure that the document is updated to agree with any policy changes. Proposed amendments to board policy 104 (anti-bullying) were tabled until the January meeting. Board policies 402.5 (complaints) and 407.5 (suspension) were reviewed in conjunction with Mr. Finnegan's suggestions. Following feedback from legal counsel no changes were made.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1.a) to review confidential records with the attorneys. Ayes: Unanimous.

The board went into closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve going back into open session. Ayes: Unanimous.

The board came back into open session at 9:19 p.m.

Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to request that former legal counsel transfer the district's files to Attorney Nitzschke. Ayes: Unanimous. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by Gutttau-Fox to authorize attorneys Nitzschke and Sapp to review the files that are transferred. Ayes: Unanimous. Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to authorize current legal counsel to investigate into the files. Ayes: Unanimous.

Last month, Supt. Elwood provided information on a volunteer retirement incentive plan. He has talked with the staff that would be affected by the incentive plan. At this time they would like the board to delay the incentive plan for one or two years.

Principals Behrens, Kay and McNeal provided written updates for each of the schools. Principal McNeal updated the board with the following: Abby Tiarks was named the Nonpareil volleyball player of the year; the girls' basketball team is currently 5-0 and rated number 2 in the state; the dance team won Division I ratings in both the jazz and co-ed competitions at state competition.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve the Early Graduation Application submitted by Isaiah Lagassie. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood provided the board with attendance center and course enrollment data for grades 9 through 12. The disaggregated data was reviewed and discussed by the board. Principal McNeal provided input and answered questions pertaining to on-line classes being included in study hall numbers.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Graber to approve the contract submitted for scope of services for facility pre-referendum planning. Ayes: Unanimous.

The board received requests for 3 students to open enroll in and 1 student to enroll out for fiscal year 2017-18. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the open enrollment requests submitted. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood provided the board with a list of the 2017 State Legislators for the school district. He also provided copies of thank you notes received regarding the recent Special Olympics held at Treynor CSD. The board will have a training session with Harry H. from IASB on January 26th starting at 5:30 p.m. A Title IX work session will be held with Susan Sapp on Jan. 16th at 5:00 p.m. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve a resolution of support for the IASB "Promise of Iowa" campaign. Ayes: Unanimous.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Graber to adjourn the regular board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Graber, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary