

Treynor Community School District
Regular Board Meeting/Budget Hearing
April 11, 2016
6:30 p.m. – HS/MS Media Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schnepel. Roll call was taken and all five directors were present (Schnepel, Myers, Graber, Boese, Funkhouser) along with Supt. Elwood, Principals Kay, Berens, & McNeal, Food Service Director Carol Leaders, Attorney Joe Thornton, and approximately 30 to 35 guests.

Motion by Graber, second by Myers to amend the agenda to table item #16 (Easement agreement with Verizon/City of Treynor) and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum:

Jeff Patterson – Addressed the Board on the ALJ's decision to overturn the District's denial of the open enrollment out request of his son. Mr. Patterson stated his frustration with the process and that good cause had been met due to a medical diagnosis, not a parent perceived problem, but that information was not relayed to the Board as such and that he would like to see new leadership. He stated the District failed in following through with the 504 plan and the failure to do so was the administration's failure and not the parents.

Sheri Fisher – Read a letter that she had written to the Board regarding her interactions with Mike Travis. She would like to see Mike Travis banned from the district entirely as accusations brought forward were not false and would like the Board to consider her request.

Rachelle Miller – Stated she was the original writer of letter to the Board a couple of years ago. Her family has deep roots in the area but she feels she can't live here. What was done to her was not okay and it has many affects on her and the community also. She would like things changed now.

Brad Trede – Just wanted to let people know of his business in town and looking forward to working in the area.

Heidi Gutttau Fox – Was speaking on behalf of her children and girls who spoke. She shared her concern on an on-going pattern at the District of on-going abuse, serious misconduct with no action taken, and serious misrepresentation to the Board. She shared information on legalities of a 504 plan and feels administration is putting the district in further financial risk. She also shared that her partner, Scott Moore, is one of the state's leading attorneys on disability laws and education and that he has offered to come provide the school with information and training on how these should be properly handled. She once again urged the Board to consider new leadership.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Myers to approve bills, financial statements, officials contracts and minutes of previous meeting along with correcting December 14th meeting minutes to reflect the 5-0 vote on the denial of an open enrollment out of a student. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol Leaders gave a brief summary of meals served per building and what she does to keep the numbers up, but that she is limited by government regulations. Board asked her to come back in August with ideas on improving the program with less processed foods.

President Schnepel called the public hearing on the 2017 budget and the 2016 amended budget to order at 7:01 p.m. Supt. Elwood reviewed the 2017 budget and the 2016 amended budget and discussion was held. President Schnepel closed the hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Motion by Myers, second by Funkhouser to approve the FY17 budget at a 13.46692 levy rate and to amend the 2016 budget total other expenditure line from \$1,152,054 to \$1,342,054 and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Schnepel to approve the budget guarantee for 2017 and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve engagement letter for Piper Jaffray as underwriter for General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 and motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Myers, second by Schnepel to approve amendment to current agreement for dissemination agent for secondary market disclosure and motion carried unanimously.

A disclosure letter was submitted to the Board from Ahlers Cooney. Motion by Funkhouser, second by Myers to appoint Ahlers Cooney as Bond Counsel for General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schnepel, second by Boese to approve resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,250,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds levying a tax for the payment thereof and approve agreements with Piper Jaffray for bond refinancing and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Boese, second by Graber to approve the following resignations with regret and motion carried unanimously:

- Andrew Sandquist – HS Science
- Jan Kenkel – Title I Reading
- Patti Hessel – MS Social Studies
- Gary Schuler – JH Wrestling Coach
- Kyle Rogers – JH Track
- Derek Steeve – JH Track

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve following contracts and motion carried unanimously:

- Stephanie Brady – Elementary Teacher
- Heather Kellar – Elementary Teacher
- Alexandria Myers – Elementary Teacher
- Jennifer Wetzel – Elementary Teacher

The second reading of Board Policy 215 (public participation) was reviewed with the reading of the second sentence to read “public comments are allowed during a specified time on the regular board meeting agenda but public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda.” Motion by Boese, second by Graber to approve second reading and adopt policy as amended along with changing School Board Protocol Brochure #2 to have the second sentence read “You may

address the Board one time and must limit comments to items on the Board's agenda" and the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of Board Policy 214.1 (board meeting agenda) was read with second paragraph , last two sentences reading "Prior to an item being added to the agenda, patrons must follow the district's procedures as outlined in board policies 215.1 and 402.5. Requests received after the deadline may only be added to the agenda for good cause or will be placed on the next meeting agenda." The reading concludes with the addition of the last sentence "The board vice-president may be included in finalizing the agenda, as needed, to reach consensus."

Principals gave reports on past and upcoming events, relayed that TLC positions were in place and moving forward, that the 6th grade Math Bee came in second and that Josie Davidson took first place out of 125 competitors. Many kudos went out to high schoolers for all their accomplishments.

Supt. Elwood reviewed the audit bids received. Motion by Boese, second by Funkhouser to approve low bid of \$7,800 for year one, \$8,100 for year two, and \$8,500 for year three to Nolte Cornman and Johnson and motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood reviewed the Turf Maintenance bids received. Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve low bid of \$8,224.00 to Loess Hills Landscaping and motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood gave an overview of the Strategic Plan and summer projects consideration. Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve the following summer projects and motion carried unanimously.

- Replace MS/HS Commercial Hot Water Heater
- Replace Door Hardware & Locks
- VoIP Phone System – office areas
- Chromebooks for 5th grade
- Expand/Upgrade Equipment for Strength & Conditioning Program
- Additional Desks and Chairs for students
- Concrete Replacement at Elementary-Middle School – High School
- Additional Guest/Folding Chairs & Racks @ MS/HS
- Wireless Network Upgrades & Expansion

Motion by Myers, second by Graber to approve open enrolled ins of 2 kindergartners for 16-17 school year and motion carried unanimously.

No action needed, but for information only, open enrolled outs to Lewis Central of one 3rd grader, one 5th grader, one 8th grader, and one 9th grader.

Discussion was held on DE decision to overturn denial of open enrolled out of a student. Two Board Members stated their concern for feeling all facts were not given to them and that they were asked to make a decision without all the facts. Administrators clarified the handling of the request and the information that was presented.

Supt. Elwood shared dates of upcoming Community Coffee April 27th @ 5:00, IASB Work Session Mission/Vision Statements) June 8th @ 5:30, Negotiation Meeting April 20th @ 5:00 and Mediation being scheduled for April 25th @ 5:00.

Supt. Elwood went over the new parking ordinance for Hwy 92 stipulating no parking on southside of Main Street from Volkens Avenue up to but not including 106 E. Main Street.

Motion by Myers, second by Graber to honor memorial request pertaining to the Blanchard family at this time but that there was a need to set a policy in place for future requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood also gave info to the Board on the possibility of state funding pushing back the summer school program and the smarter balance assessment. More information would be shared as it was released.

Upcoming meetings:	May 9 th	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	May 22 nd	Graduation 2:00 p.m.
	June 13 th	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	June 29 th	End of FY 16 Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Myers to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(j) (discuss performance of personel). Roll call taken and all five directors voted aye. Entered closed session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Boese, second by Graber to come out of closed session. Roll call taken and all five directors voted aye. Out of closed session at 9:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion by Myers, second by Schnepel to adjourn and motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, President

Karli North, Board Secretary