

Treynor Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
March 14, 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, Funkhouser, Boese, Graber). Others in attendance were Superintendent Elwood, Principals Kay, Berens, & McNeal, and approximately 55 guests.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to amend the agenda to table items #9 (review policy #215-public participation and #214.1-board meeting agenda), item #10 (policy development) and item #13 (easement agreement with Verizon). Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum:

Jeff Radcliff – Stated he represented his family who resided in the district and that he was upset with all the rhetoric still going on. He said he went amongst the community in several cultural areas and asked questions and was amazed that most were in support of the administration and wondered why he was asking the questions. He stated all these instances were in the past and behind us. He also noted that Treynor was the envy of surrounding districts due to our testing scores ranking the highest, the rate our students excel, our growth in technology, the superiority of our fine arts and athletics, and our fantastic facilities.

JoEllen Travis – Expressed her concern on behaviors shown following the last board meeting. For a Board member to go on social media and state personal opinions was completely unethical. Verbal and written threats given to staff and administration needed to stop. Her request was that the Board President resign.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Myers to approve bills, financial statements, officials' contracts, and minutes of previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Graber, second by Boese to approve with regret the resignation Roger Jensen's vocal music contract and Jennifer Tiark's JH volleyball contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Boese, second by Graber to approve the following contracts:

Sophia Al-Khanfar – HS Spanish
Nolan Mantell – Ass't HS Baseball
Erin Coughlin, Jeff Koenck, Jennifer Nelson, Shelly Larsen – Model Teacher
Lori Castle, Joan Palmquist, Reesa Waymaster, Shana Elwood – Mentor Teacher
Marilyn Abbott, Lori Burton, Joan Palmquist, Ashley McGehee, Cindy Cox, Charity Pearce,
Shantelle Vohs – District Leadership Team

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on getting a committee and a timeline set for training opportunities to be offered to students, staff, and administration as part of the settlement agreement. The committee was to be chaired by HS/MS Counselor Laughlin and include Directors Schnepel and Myers, Principals Berens and McNeal, and a HS and MS teacher yet to be determined. Expectation is for the committee to start

developing/reviewing potential training materials. Training will begin once the presentation is developed and approved.

Principals Reports: All three principals reported on past and upcoming events. Kay reported on the rollout of Guided Reading, Berens shared that quarterly award ceremonies would now take place in the middle school and that there would be a Cardinal of the Quarter for teachers and students, and McNeal extended many congratulations to the honors given to our students in athletics, fine arts, and scholastics.

President Schnepel opened the hearing to the public on the school calendar at 7:00 p.m. After listening to staff and public input the hearing closed at 7:20 p.m. After further board discussion, motion by Schnepel, second by Myers to approve the 2016-17 calendar with three days built in for students and staff and the school year ending June 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schnepel, second by Funkhouser to approve early graduation application of Liberty Lake and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Elwood shared the strategic plan feedback of staff and community. The administrative team will update the plan and bring a list of summer projects to the April meeting for the board to consider..

Superintendent Elwood reviewed the proposed 2017 budget with a 2% projection that would generate a 13.46 levy rate which would reduce the current levy by .12 cents. He also shared that in the past 6 years, the levy has been reduced by \$2.47. Motion by Schnepel, second by Graber to set the public hearing on the FY16 budget for April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent shared Piper Jaffrey's projection of \$700,000 interest savings should the district decide to proceed with advance refunding of GO bonds. Motion by Boese, second by Schnepel to do the refinancing and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve open enrollments in for 2016 of five kindergartners, one 1st grader, one 2nd grader, one 3rd grader, one 4th grader, one 5th grader, two 6th graders, one 7th grader, two 9th graders, one 10th grader, one 11th grader, and one 12th grader. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Elwood reviewed policy 504.9 (extra-curricular participation) and the sharing agreement with Lewis Central on girl's swimming. Elwood informed the Board he talked with IASB on a work session focusing on a mission/vision statement. It was IASB's recommendation that the Board wait on this since a Board member anticipates stepping down due to moving out of the district. The Board President, however, wanted to get this done right away so directive was given to Superintendent Elwood to schedule a work session with IASB representative Harry Heilegenthal. Elwood updated the Board on negotiations and informed the board that mediation was set for April 25th if an agreement could not be made beforehand. Elwood also shared that turf maintenance proposals would be sent out for bids this week and the next What's On Your Mind meeting with staff will be held on March 16th, 4:30 p.m. and community coffee will be held on April 27th, 5:00 p.m. These meetings will focus on budget and school finance.

The Board reviewed the June 2015 audit. Motion by Funkhouser, second by Myers to accept the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2015 and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Funkhouser, Second by Boese to set public hearing date of April 11, 7:00 p.m. to amend the FY16 budget and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, motion by Boese, second by Graber to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, Board President

Karli North, Board Secretary