

**Treynor Community School District  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting  
April 8, 2020**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Amend and/or Approve Agenda
3. Discussion/ Action Items
  - A. Continuous Learning During School Closure  
Voluntary Educational Opportunities vs. Required Educational Services
  - B. Discussion of Events Impacted by School Closure  
(Prom, Graduation, Driver's Education, etc.)
  - C. Para-Educator Certification Training
4. Adjourn

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:30 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 special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and roll was taken. The following board members were present: President Vorthmann was present in the board room. The following board members were present electronically: Vice President Stogdill, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Dreyer, and Mr. Winchell.

**Amend and/or Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**Continuous Learning During School Closure**

**Voluntary Educational Opportunities vs. Required Educational Services**

Superintendent Hopkins provided April 2, 2020 guidance from the Iowa Department of Education in regards to continuous learning during the school closure. All public school districts are required to indicate which method of continuous learning they will use from April 13 through April 30, submitting the method chosen by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Districts may use different methods for different grade levels in any way that best serves the needs of their students. Districts are welcome to begin with voluntary educational enrichment opportunities and move to required educational services later if desired. Currently at the MS/HS level Mr. Hopkins and Mrs. Berens have been meeting electronically with all teachers. The teachers have been providing 2 educational opportunities per week for their students, tracking participation during Google Hangouts meetings. Elementary students were sent home with packets of material on the last day they attended and parents returned for a new packet this past week. Parents also received information on accessing online learning opportunities that teachers can monitor. Board members discussed pros and cons of both voluntary and required education. President Vorthmann voiced his concern of meeting the effort and rigor of the required method and also believed that during these uncertain times we should "do no harm." Dreyer questioned whether administrators and teachers could build an online curriculum quickly enough, and make it quality curriculum. Vice President Stogdill wondered about seniors finishing their coursework and whether parents could be notified of the participation or non-participation of their students in the Google Meet meetings with their teachers. Mr. Winchell asked if we continue with voluntary education until April 30 and the closure continues past that, would teachers have time to prepare for required online learning and Mr. Christensen wondered if it would be advantageous to give students the option to take any required class pass/no-pass or receive a letter grade.

Mr. Hopkins stated the information he's gathered is that most schools considering required educational services are considering it only for grades 9-12. Following discussion, it was board consensus to continue voluntary education at this time, but not completely disregard required education in the weeks to come.

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the Pandemic Resolution Regarding Continuous Learning. A roll call vote was taken: Vorthmann-Aye, Stogdill-Aye, Christensen-Aye, Dreyer-Aye, and Winchell-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treynor Community School District  
Pandemic Resolution Regarding Continuous Learning**

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency ordering all public schools to remain closed until and including April 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency waiving the instructional time requirements and minimum school day requirements in Iowa law from April 13, 2020, until April 30, 2020 for school districts that adopt a plan for offering continuous learning and submit a plan for offering continuous learning to the Iowa Department of Education by April 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency providing that consistent with any continuing learning guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, school districts may adopt a plan for offering continuous learning which may consist of Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities and/or Required Educational Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District adopts a plan for offering continuous learning which will consist of Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to develop a plan for offering continuous learning which will consist of Voluntary Educational Enrichment and to submit the plan to the Iowa Department of Education by April 10, 2020.

**Passed and approved April 8, 2020.**

Brandon Vorthmann, President, Board of Directors

Attest: Cindy L. VanFosson, Secretary, Board of Directors

**Discussion of Events Impacted by School Closure**

Discussion was held on student events affected by school closure. While waiting on final guidance on driver's education, parents will receive communication from Mrs. Berens. The district is also waiting on the possibility of a waiver for required CPR training for seniors. Prom was originally scheduled to be held April 25<sup>th</sup>. Parent Carolyn Umphreys has worked on rescheduling dinner and entertainment for post prom, while pointing out the deadline for returning decorations is next week. Board members were in agreement that with what is known at this time, prom could be scheduled for June 27, 2020, with dinner, prom and post-prom all held at the school. Superintendent Hopkins asked board members to be considering options for graduation. Other items to be considered are baccalaureate, senior awards, and kindergarten round-up.

**Para-Educator Certification Training**

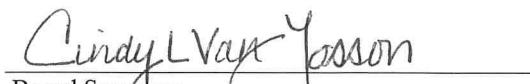
Superintendent Hopkins presented the opportunity to have teacher associates take online courses to gain para-educator certification. Green Hills AEA has decided to offer the three required online courses needed for certification starting April 14<sup>th</sup>. The coursework could be completed on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Following completion of the course, para-educators would receive certification from the Bureau of Educational Examiners. Continuing education will be necessary for renewal of the certificate every five years. Following explanation of the opportunity, a motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Stogdill, to approve paying course fees and certification fees for para-educator certification for fifteen district para-educators. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved on May 11, 2020

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary