

**Treynor Community School District
Board of Directors
Special Meeting
August 31, 2020**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Monday, August 31, 2020, 6:30 p.m., in the MS/HS Library located in the Middle School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order & Roll Call

President Vorthmann called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and roll was taken. The following board members were present: President Vorthmann, Vice President Stogdill, Mr. Christensen, and Mr. Winchell. Mr. Dreyer was absent.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum

President Vorthmann welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitor chose to speak during the open forum.

Review/Discussion and Action Items

Return-to-Learn/Back-to-School Updates

Superintendent Hopkins updated board members on preliminary student enrollment in the buildings vs. students utilizing remote learning due to health considerations vs. students who chose homeschool options. Enrollment numbers will be finalized as we move toward certified enrollment on October 1st. Board members also heard from building principals that school has started well, with very few problems. The online curriculum provided for health-compromised students does create additional work for teachers, but they are adjusting and working hard to provide engaging instruction. Communication with the parents of students utilizing remote learning is a priority, and everyone is learning as we go. The nurses are doing a phenomenal job handling students who are quarantined. Yes, there have been anxious moments, but everyone is working together to keep school as normal as possible for the students.

Discussion of Homecoming Activities for 2020

Superintendent Hopkins started the discussion of Homecoming 2020 by stating what is currently known: we can have the king/queen homecoming court/coronation, hallway decorating, and dress up days during homecoming week. Administrators also believe they can modify the powderpuff football and powderbuff volleyball activities for high school students. Items to be determined are the community pep rally, the parade, and the dance.

Activities Director Navara and Student Council Sponsor, Mr. Koenck, joined a group of Iowa athletic directors and student council sponsors from across the state to discuss challenges and solutions they are working through this fall in regards to the tradition of high school homecoming. Board members, hoping to maintain as normal a homecoming as possible, discussed ways to make that happen. After discussion the following was determined: a community pep rally for middle school students, high school students, and the community is possible using social distancing at the stadium. The traditional parade and high school dance are not possible. An alternative parade for elementary students only (no parents) is a possibility and plans are moving forward to make that happen.

High School Renovation Updates

The new weight room renovations are almost complete. Coach Lovely has proposed the purchase of new/additional equipment and the possibility of a fundraiser for financing. With 95% of the high school student body utilizing the weight room for Strength & Conditioning, board members stated their desire to pursue other financing options to purchase the equipment rather than fundraising.

Meco-Henne, general contractor for the facility project, has asked if the district is interested in installing new lighting in the athletic hall next to the new weight room while the electricians are on site. It is not part of the original plan and would add \$3500-\$4000 to overall costs. Board members agreed new lighting to brighten the hall while the electricians are working is a good idea.

The new wrestling room is nearing completion, with wall padding to be added this week. Current wrestling mats are around 20 years old and the Wrestling Boosters are interested in helping the district purchase new mats. Board members stated their desire to work toward new mats for the upcoming wrestling season, if possible.

Title IX Board Policy Changes

Board members reviewed several board policies dealing with Title IX. These policies include all recommendations from the school attorney to comply with federal and state legislation. These policies will be reviewed one more time and approved after a second reading at the regular board meeting on September 14, 2020. In the near future, the school attorney, Brett Nitzschke, or a member of his firm will provide Title IX training for the Board of Directors. In addition to the updated policies and training, legislation requires the district to name a Title IX Coordinator. A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Winchell, to approve the designation of Mrs. Jenny Berens as the District's Title IX Coordinator to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with the responsibilities under Title IX. Motion carried 4-0.

Agreement with Boys Town for Student Services

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve the 2020-2021 contract for special education instructional services with Boys Town. Motion carried 4-0.

Sharing Agreement for Agriculture Class at Riverside School

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the 28E Agreement with Riverside Community School District for Treynor students to participate in agriculture classes provided by Riverside during the 2020-2021 school year. Eight students are currently participating in the agriculture class at Riverside, leaving Treynor at 7:55 am and returning around 9:20 am each day via school transportation. The cost paid to Riverside will be calculated by using the per pupil FY21 allocation. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Enrollment

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the open enrollment in and out applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Five open enrollment in applications and two open enrollment out applications were presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel

Employment

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve employment for: 1) Jacob Beresh as High School Debate Coach; 2) Ron Zimmerman as Van Driver; and 3) Marilyn Struckmeyer as Food Service Worker. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved on September 14, 2020


Board President


Board Secretary