

**Treynor Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2023**

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Exempt Session – Iowa Code 20.17(3)

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m., in the Flex Room, located in High School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

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

Good News and Staff Recognition

Superintendent Beyenhof presented JoEllen Travis, elementary teacher, the “Raising the Red C” award. This is a monthly recognition, nominated by fellow teachers, of someone in the school community who exemplifies leadership qualities and the district’s “Excellence is Expected & Excellence is Achieved” motto. Good news shared included Winter 2023 Highlights Newsletter posted to the website and pushed out on social media, the 5th grade performing during half-time of the basketball game, JOI Club partnering with SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) to encourage undistracted driving, jazz competitions held in the district, and successful seasons by both the girls and boys wrestling teams.

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)

No visitors chose to address the board during recognition of visitors and open forum.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the following:

- 1) Minutes of the January 9, 2023, regular meeting,
- 2) Minutes of the January 16, 2023, special meeting,
- 3) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$110,904.83
Activity Fund	\$12,974.51
Capital Projects Fund	\$465,315.25
SAVE Fund	\$3,217.52
Debt Service Fund	\$300.00
Nutrition Fund	\$26,644.82

4) January 31, 2023, Financial Statements,

5) Fundraising Requests,

6) Open Enrollment Requests,

7) Resignation of Briteny Geyer-Food Service, Angie Mittan-Color Guard, and Kara Huisman-TLC Curriculum and Professional Development Lead. Employment of Annette Gill-School Business Official/Board Secretary, Rob Wilkie-Head Boys Golf, and Christina Boldra-Spanish for the 2023-2024 school year.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes-Dreyer, Christensen, Winchell, Stogdill, and Vorthmann. Nays-None. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Student Report

The student representatives to the board, student body president Kiralyn Horton and student body vice president Mira Dreyer, presented a report of the SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) meeting from February 1st. They told of several items discussed at the meeting, including the new STOPit app, which allows students to anonymously report bullying incidents, statistics of student involvement in clubs and organizations, IWCC class enrollment, and testing data from various student assessments. The meeting participants broke into small groups, which made it possible to review and discuss student outcomes.

Learning Report

Business instructor, Jodi Behrendt, was at the meeting with a couple of students to share information on the new student-run coffee bar. Mrs. Behrendt applied for, and received, a \$6600 grant through RPP (Regional Planning Partnerships) from the Iowa Department of Education, to use as start-up costs for the venture. The 2022-2023 school year is the first year for the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Club at Treynor Schools, and it is its 13 members who are running the coffee bar as a fundraising for club activities. Profits will pay for a leadership conference in March and plans are to see enough in profits to pay for annual dues and other future FBLA Club activities. The students told board members they have learned several things so far, such as teamwork, problem solving, flexibility, communication, leadership, customer service, and organization. The students involved divide the responsibilities of finances, social media posts, announcements, fliers, and even a commercial.

Technology Report

Mrs. Bailey, IT Director, reviewed a preliminary list of technology needs for the 2023-2024 school year. One item discussed, Clear Touch interactive screens for 4th and 5th grade, and the library, have a March 1 order deadline and a purchase order is being processed. Other items on the list will be considered at a future meeting. Mrs. Bailey reminded board members that technology has most certainly become a very large part of the educational environment, from the classroom to extra-curricular activities.

Principal Reports

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported: 1) On February 15th elementary teachers will receive Panorama Education training. Panorama Education is an independent education technology company that partners with schools and districts to support student literacy and social-emotional learning (SEL). Schools and districts use the technology to gather feedback from students, families, and educators. Panorama only uses student data for the purpose of helping schools and districts better serve their students. Panorama Education was founded in 2012 and serves 1,500 school districts today. 2) The annual Invention Convention at Treynor Elementary will be held February 16th. 3) Last week, Ms. Laura Monson, our County Education Coordinator, came to the 2nd grade classrooms and taught some experiments about rocks to soil. This involved 5 different experiments on erosion. The students had a blast learning and participating in these experiments.

Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported: 1) FAST scores are used to help identify students needing reading/math intervention. Students who have 2 scores that are at some risk/at risk in a row are scheduled into the intervention class. 2) The middle school SAT (Student Assistance Team) meets after each grading period to review students on the D/F grading list. A student may also be added if he/she exhibits behavioral or social-emotional needs. Goals are set for each student and at the next meeting data is used to determine if students have met the goal. A new goal may be set or modified, or a student may be transitioned out to a watch list.

Mr. Nickerson, High School Principal, reported: 1) We will be offering an opportunity for Juniors to take the ACT at school for free during the school day. This year our plan is to have students sign up to take the test with parent permission. After reviewing our ACT data from last year, we determined that it is important to offer it to those students who want to take it. We know not all students have the same post high school path and those that do not wish to take the ACT should not need to. We will continue to offer other opportunities for students looking to get an inventory of skills such as the ASVAB, MAPP (Motivational appraisal Personal Potential). We want to provide the appropriate opportunities for all students. 2) March 1st, we have a guest speaker coming to talk to high school students about how choices matter when driving. As we enter spring with lots of activities and prom, we felt it important to take advantage of this opportunity. It also blends very well with our KKAD25 group and their efforts. This group has been present at games and in the parking lot getting the message out about safe driving.

Discussion/Information/Review Items

2022 Audit Report - Draft

The audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was available in draft form for board members. Representatives from Schroer & Associates, P.C. of Council Bluffs were in the district the week of September 12, 2022, for field work and are finalizing all required reports for the final audit to be submitted to the federal audit clearinghouse, the state auditor's office, the Iowa Department of Education, and Piper Sandler.

Calendar for 2023-2024 Input

Board members studied two options presented for the possible 2023-2024 school calendar. They were provided with survey results from teachers, all staff, and community members on several items affecting the school calendar. The student representative to the board joined in the discussion of the end of the first semester scheduled prior to Christmas break or scheduled after Christmas break. Possible calendars will continue to be discussed prior to final approval by the Board.

First Reading: Policy 501.15 and 705.1

The proposed change in Policy 501.15, Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Receiving District, would allow the superintendent to sign open enrollment applications into the district rather than waiting for board approval at the next meeting. The proposed change in Policy 705.1, Purchasing – Bidding, would raise the dollar amounts for proposals, quotes, and competitive bidding. This is the first reading of the proposed changes. A second reading will occur at the next regular meeting.

Preschool Update

Dr Beyenhof and Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, provided an update of possible grants from Green Hills AEA and Iowa West Foundation for preschool startup costs. There is also the possibility of a transformational grant to assist in purchasing playground equipment, which must follow compliance guidelines. The elementary building leadership team met to create priorities for the student application process. The application window for the 2023-24 preschool program

is now open through Wednesday, March 15th. All applications submitted on or before March 15th will be considered for enrollment. Applications received after March 15th will be considered if any spaces remain unfilled. The district is accepting preschool teacher applications currently as well.

School Threat Assessment Results

On June 14, 2022, Gov. Reynolds announced \$100 million in school safety funding to support Iowa's 327 public school districts and 183 nonpublic and independent schools during a press conference with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Education, and the Department Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Initial funding will come from American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Emergency and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. Vulnerability assessments were conducted at each school last fall and those results have been received. Up to \$50,000 per school building is made available through the School Safety Improvement Fund for schools to implement recommended safety measure capital improvements identified through the vulnerability assessment. The purchase of new cameras on the agenda later in the meeting will address a safety issue. Two other items the administration is exploring, exterior door locks and radios for communication, will come to the board for final discussion and approval in the future.

Seasonal Employment

Dr. Beyenhof let board members know he will be posting summer seasonal employment opportunities internally soon, prior to posting externally. It has been the practice of the district to employ summer help for both interior and exterior custodial and maintenance. If qualified applicants are available, perhaps additional help will be hired for smaller paint jobs.

Discussion and Action Items

Copier Agreement

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the copier lease agreement with Access Systems at a cost of \$2343.20 per month for 60 months. Shelly Bailey, IT Director, worked with vendors who provided quotes for copiers, printers, service, and toner. Other quotes received were from Eakes-\$2376.14 per month, and Visual Edge IT-\$2959.46 per month. The lease agreement with Access Systems provides 6 larger Sharp machines, 2 smaller Sharp machines, toner, maintenance on the Sharp machines, and maintenance on 12 school-owned laser printers. The monthly lease is \$700 less than the current lease and is locked in for the entire 60 months. Motion carried 5-0.

Camera Replacements

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the proposal from ThinkSpace IT for cameras and door video cameras for a total of \$76,500.17. The proposal includes 20 cameras in the HS/MS building, 10 cameras in the elementary building, video displays, and new video operated door releases. This purchase will be partially paid with funds remaining from the facility project. Mrs. Bailey worked with vendors to collect proposals after assessing camera needs and researching solutions. Proposals received, but not chosen, were from Prime Secured at \$111,686.02 and Verkada at \$132,111.50. Each of the proposals varied slightly, but after weighing quality, cost, and service, the ThinkSpace IT proposal was recommended. Following discussion of possibly adding cameras in the gymnasiums in the future, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Driver's Education

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the contract with Moore Better Driver's Education to provide driver education for the district. This is a third-party vendor that will provide the instructor, the vehicle, and all materials for the classroom. In-district students will have priority for enrollment over non-district students at a cost of \$380 per student. Class times will be determined and parents and students eligible for the program will receive information regarding the enrollment process. Motion carried 5-0.

Special Education Contracts

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve the special education contracts for special education students attending Lewis Central. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report

Facilities & Grounds

Nothing beyond the security camera purchases earlier in the meeting was shared.

Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates

1) A fact sheet from IASB explaining the new Education Savings Accounts passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed by Governor Reynolds was provided.

Book Study Discussion

Board members continued discussion on the book they are studying, Motion Leadership in Action, by Michael Fullan.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn


A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Exempt Session

The Board entered exempt session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) – strategy session for negotiations.

Approved on March 13, 2023


Board President


Board Secretary