

**Treynor Community School District  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2021**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Amend and/or Approve Agenda
3. Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)
4. Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s), Bills, Financial Statements, and Open Enrollment Requests
5. Discussion/Information/Review Items
  - A. Construction Update (BCDM Architect)
  - B. Covid-19 Information and Updates
  - C. Covid-19 Impacts on Iowa School Performance Profiles
  - D. Senior Year Plus Program Update
  - E. Review 2020 Auditor's Report
  - F. Radon Testing for Middle School Building
  - G. Review Superintendent Goals for 2020-2021
  - H. School Leader Update (January Edition)
6. Action Items
  - A. Special Education Contract(s)
  - B. Covid-19 Leave for Staff
  - C. At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application Request
  - D. Change Order for New Theater Equipment
7. Personnel
  - A. Resignations
  - B. Employment
  - C. Vacancy Update
8. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Facilities & Grounds
  - B. Meetings & Misc. Updates
  - C. Next Board Meeting(s)
9. Adjourn

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m., in the HS/MS Library, located in Middle School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

President Vorthmann called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 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 Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**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 of Directors during the open forum.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- 1) Minutes of the December 7, 2020 special meeting;
- 2) Minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting;
- 3) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$38,180.14
Capital Projects Fund	\$3,903.02
SAVE Fund	\$2,890.93
Activity Fund	\$1,455.17
Nutrition Fund	\$13,212.36

- 4) December 31, 2020 Financial Statements;
- 5) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/Information/Review Items**

**Construction Update**

Kevin Strehle, BCDM architect, was at the meeting to speak to board members about a construction change order the board will be asked to approve to add audio visual equipment in the new addition. He also provided a written construction update.

Work Complete:

- Majority of the new classrooms are substantially complete.
- Currently installing theater lighting.

Short-term look ahead for future activities:

- Hallway tile is currently being grouted.
- Dimensional wall panel installation will start shortly.
- Currently prepping and pouring concrete areas this week.

The project remains on schedule with the fine arts area scheduled for completion approximately February 2021. The balance of the work is scheduled to be completed approximately May 2021.

**COVID-19 Information and Updates**

Superintendent Hopkins provided a document from the IHSAA and the IGHS AU dealing with the Guidance to Schools Regarding Governor Reynolds January 7, 2021 Public Health Proclamation. He also provided Western Iowa Conference Guidelines for Event Attendance.

- Masks will be worn at all times in the buildings
- All active participants will be allowed to have their full immediate household plus 2 additional tickets they can share with grandparents, other close family or whomever they want.
- We will no longer be clearing the gyms between games.
- Social distancing from other households will still be expected.

**Covid-19 Impacts on Iowa School Performance Profiles**

In the spring of 2020, the Iowa Department of Education sent a request to the U.S. Department of Education (which was approved) to waive the requirements to administer all federal required assessments in the 2019-2020 school year due to the coronavirus. The district will participate in Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) for 2020-2021 the week of April 12, 2021. The School Improvement and Advisory Committee (SIAC) will meet to discuss student progress results.

**Senior Year Plus Program Update**

Legislation was passed during the 2020 legislative session which amended the Senior Year Plus program by allowing eligible students to enroll through the school district in postsecondary classes (IWCC) even if the student exceeds 23 credits at any one eligible postsecondary institution within an academic year. There is no longer a statutory limit on the number of credits in which a student may enroll.

**Review 2020 Auditor's Report**

Board secretary VanFosson presented the final FY'20 audit, highlighting such items as a comparison of revenues and expenditures for the past 10 years and a statement of Economic Factors Bearing on the District's Future. The audit of the financial records of the district as of June 30, 2020, was completed and statements prepared for filing with the State

and the federal clearinghouse by Schroer & Associates of Council Bluffs. A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of the State and the district secretary's office.

### **Radon Testing for Middle School Building**

The District will be conducting radon testing in the middle school building this week. Superintendent Hopkins and Roger Saylor received training last year to deploy test kits and then collect them for remittance to Energy Association of Iowa to determine the level of radon in the building. In the event elevated levels are found during occupied hours, steps will be taken to correct the issue using methods suggested by the EPA. The final testing results will be communicated to the Board of Education, the staff, and the public. The high school will undergo radon testing next year.

### **Review Superintendent Goals for 2020-2021**

Superintendent Hopkins discussed his goals for 2020-2021 with the Board of Directors. His priorities this year have been, and will continue to be: 1) Covid-19, 2) facility project, 3) labor-management meetings and working with the teacher association, 4) a new financial projection model for budgetary decision-making, and 5) continued work on the instructional framework. NIET's instructional framework, which is also part of the TAP system, is built around four domains of instructional practice (Instruction, Planning, Environment and Professionalism) with specific indicators for each, creating a common language for teacher practices and feedback, and guidance for professional growth.

### **School Leader Update**

The School Leader Update is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Education that includes a variety of timely topics, issues, and deadlines. Board members received a link to the January 2021 newsletter.

### **Action Items**

#### **Special Education Contract(s)**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve the tuition out special education contract for the Council Bluffs School District. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Covid-19 Leave for Staff**

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

The Treynor Community School District Board of Directors authorizes and directs the District to allow staff members to carry forward any unused days of paid FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) leave, up to 10 days and use any unused FFCRA leave days as paid Covid-19 related leave.

1. Staff members will be allowed to use paid Covid-19 related leave for the following reasons:

- If they are subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to Covid-19;
- If they have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concern related to Covid-19;
- If they are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and are seeking a medical diagnosis; or
- If they are caring for an individual subject to a federal, state, or local quarantine or isolation order related to Covid-19 or have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to Covid-19.

2. The superintendent may approve paid Covid-19 related leave beyond 10 days of FFCRA leave. If a staff member is approved to use paid Covid-19 related leave, the staff member's other leave balances will not be impacted.

3. These terms and conditions are subject to change if there is any subsequent state or federal legislation that impacts Covid-19 related leave.

4. These terms and conditions will expire on June 30, 2021.

Following discussion, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

#### **At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application Request**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Winchell, to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2021-2022 At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$95,916 for expenditures necessary to implement and maintain the 2021-2022 program plans as approved by the Treynor Community School Board of Education. The resolution was passed on a unanimous vote. The program focuses on four main areas: high school credit recovery, at-risk counseling, reading and math interventions, and secondary math tutoring. The funding provides for a percentage of the salaries and benefits of the teachers and counselors involved.

**Change Order for New Theater Equipment**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve the purchase of the AV theater equipment as proposed by Meco-Henne at a cost of \$50,000. This action was taken following explanation of the facility project change order earlier in the meeting by BCDM architect Kevin Strehle. Motion carried 5-0.

**Personnel****Resignations**

There were no resignations to consider.

**Employment**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve employment for Kara Huisman (Introduction to Teaching) second semester, and Michael Stinman, Assistant Jazz Band, for 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

**Vacancy Update**

The following positions are currently listed as open: junior high girls' track, and substitute support staff (custodians, food service, secretaries, and para-educators).

**Superintendent's Report****Facilities and Grounds Updates**

Superintendent Hopkins provided an updated list of items ongoing, in progress, and completed recently. The lighting replacement project in all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms is complete. The fixtures in the athletic hallway have been moved to provide better lighting. A solution is still being considered for a frame to hold the new wrestling mats in place over the top of the old ones.

**Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates**

Superintendent Hopkins reminded board members that spring is budget time for next year, so at least one special meeting will be held to review and discuss the budget for 2021-2022.

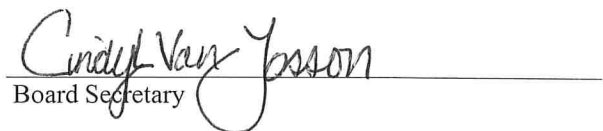
**Next Meeting(s)**

A list of regular board meetings for the 2020-2021 fiscal year can be found on the district web site on the Board of Education link. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Monday, February 8, 2021.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved on February 8, 2021

  
Board President  
Board Secretary