

**Treynor Community School District  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2023**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Amend and/or Approve Agenda
3. Good News and Staff Recognition
4. Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)
5. Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s), Bills, Financial Statements, Fundraising, Open Enrollment, and Personnel
6. Reports
  - A. Reflection on the First Semester from a Student Perspective – Student Representatives to the Board
7. Principal Reports
  - A. Elementary Principal
  - B. Middle School Principal
  - C. High School Principal
8. Discussion/Information/Review Items
  - A. Grant Application – Funding Opportunity for Energy Improvements at Elementary School
  - B. Investments
10. Discussion and Action Items
  - A. Second Reading: Policies 600-603.11 and Wellness Policy
  - B. At Risk/Dropout Prevention Application Request
11. Superintendent’s Report
  - A. Facilities & Grounds
  - B. Meetings and Miscellaneous Updates
  - C. Book Study Discussion
  - D. Next Board Meeting(s)
12. Adjourn

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 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 Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**Good News and Staff Recognition**

Dr. Beyenhof announced there would be no “Raising the Red C” award given this month. Good news shared included wrestling, with one WIC champion, girls’ basketball pitching in to help clean during Christmas break, and Clara Tieglund reaching 1000 career points. The middle school teacher workroom is being transformed to accommodate a new concessions area and a second batting cage is being assembled in the storeroom next to the east gym.

**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 Winchell, to approve the following:

1) Minutes of the December 12, 2022, regular meeting,

2) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund                \$108,206.40

SAVE Fund                    \$3,217.52

Activity Fund                \$15,644.21

Nutrition Fund               \$410.55

3) December 31, 2022, Financial Statements,

4) Fundraising Request from the Music Department.

5) Open Enrollment Requests,

6) Resignation of Scott Reelfs-Assistant Girls' Soccer and Kelcie Chlupacek-Paraeducator. Employment of Jeff Schrage-Assistant Baseball and Rachel Schott-Head Girls' Soccer. The following positions are currently listed as open: HS/MS Spanish, Preschool teacher, School business manager/CFO, head HS boys' golf, and JH volleyball for 2023-2024.

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 student happenings from the first semester in the areas of learning, activities, culture, and climate.

**Principal Reports**

**Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported:** 1) January 4<sup>th</sup> professional development at the elementary included an exercise in defining core values. 2) "Books and Breakfast" will begin on January 27<sup>th</sup>, allowing elementary students to bring a parent or book buddy to read with them.

**Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported:** 1) During professional development on January 4<sup>th</sup>, teachers discussed and chose reading/writing as the area they could focus on to help students achieve their academic goals. 2) Plans are to spend time during the full day professional development on January 16<sup>th</sup> talking over various safety scenarios in tabletop discussions.

**Mr. Nickerson, High School Principal, reported:** 1) On December 16th we invited Seniors who have decided on future plans to come to the flex room to get pictures taken and we posted on social media. We will recognize all next steps from 4-year, 2-year, military, workforce, and apprentice programs. The goal was to celebrate student accomplishments as well as encourage others to make informed decisions about what comes after high school. 2) High school staff held an open discussion about grading, the use of zeros and weighting of grade categories during full-day professional development on January 4th. We lead with the learning question of: What does a grade mean in your classroom? Groups of 4 read an article about grading and shared out in a jigsaw with all staff. This led teachers to a robust conversation about personal beliefs with grading and others sharing how they grade and why.

**Discussion/Information/Review Items**

**Grant Application – Funding Opportunity for Energy Improvements at Elementary School**

Morrissey Engineering, specifically Ken Hansen of Morrissey Engineering, has been working with the district to apply for funding to accomplish the following energy improvements at the elementary building:

Upgrade existing building automation,

Upgrade existing lighting to LED with integrated controls for occupancy to the BAS,

Replace existing rooftop units and associated VAV boxes,

Commissioning, optimization, and integration of electrical and mechanical systems,

Metering for energy baseline and measurement for indoor air quality.

If awarded the \$3.4 million funding, Treynor Community Schools will partner with Morrissey Engineering Tune Facilities to implement the high-impact energy efficiency and health improvements. Plans are to match 10% of the federal dollars using a combination of capital building funds, performance contracting through a partner, or State Energy Office Revolving Loans to implement these improvements. Matching dollars will be identified and secured prior to the full funding application deadline.

Measurement and verification of energy reduction and indoor air quality will be implemented through the Morrissey Tune Facilities Monitoring Center using revenue grade meters using a monitoring-based commissioning approach through the BAS and associated systems. High technology methods through veriDART SafeTraces will be used to baseline and provide a safe environment for students, staff, and teachers in the years to come. Using the Teaming Partner (Morrissey Engineering) allows the district to implement the energy upgrades and commissioning expertise to achieve the end results on time and within budget while at the same time leveraging additional funding through local, State, and private entities in the future. Morrissey Engineering will assist the district in all phases of the project if the funds are awarded.

### **Investments**

Dr. Beyenhof brought board members up to date on discussions with TS Bank regarding increased interest earnings on school district funds maintained in four bank accounts. The Fed began raising interest rates in March 2022, raising the rate by 3 percentage points in six months, all to curb inflation running at a 40-year high. The rise in interest rates provides the district the opportunity to earn dollars for operating costs using current reserves. The bank and the district will revisit the rate quarterly.

### **Discussion and Action Items**

#### **Second Reading: Policies 600-603.11 and Wellness Policy**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the second reading of board policies 600 to 603.11 and Wellness Policy 507.10. The 600 Series of Board Policies deals with the district education program. Board policies can be accessed on the school website in the dropdown menu under District. Motion carried 5-0.

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

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to request the maximum amount of \$106,599 for FY'24 Modified Supplemental Amount for At Risk/Dropout Prevention, with a matching district amount of \$35,533 (or 25%). The program focuses on four main areas: high school credit recovery, at-risk counseling, and reading and math interventions. The funding provides for a percentage of the salaries and benefits of the teachers and counselors involved and the online program used for high school credit recovery. Ayes: Winchell, Stogdill, Dreyer, Vorthmann, and Christensen. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Facilities & Grounds**

Superintendent Beyenhof reported on two facility items during Good News earlier in the meeting: the concession stand project and the addition of another batting cage in the storeroom by the east gym.

#### **Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates**

- 1) Budget workshop with Larry Sigel of ISFIS and Travis Squires of Piper Sandler will be held Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) The School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) will be meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Book Study Discussion**

Board consensus was to table this item until the next regular meeting.

#### **Next Meeting**

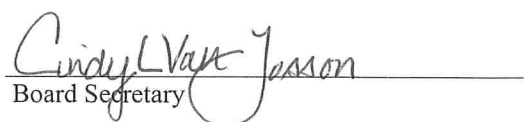
The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved on February 13, 2023

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary