

Treynor Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 19, 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. Review Return-to-Learn Plans for 2021-2022
 - B. ESSER II and GEER: COVID Relief Reimbursement
 - C. ESSER III Plan Guidelines
 - D. Review New Iowa Standards for School Leaders
 - E. 2021 Legislative Changes Affecting Schools
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 - C. Next Board Meeting(s)
9. Closed Session 21.5(1)(i): To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. (Superintendent Evaluation)
10. Adjourn

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 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

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

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

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

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 during recognition of visitors and open form.

Consent Agenda

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

1) Minutes of the June 21, 2021 regular meeting;

2) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund \$345,797.11

Management Fund \$165,538.00

Capital Projects Fund \$2,385.01

SAVE Fund \$32,062.45

Activity Fund \$11,877.96

Nutrition Fund \$3,867.72

4) June 30, 2021 Financial Statements;

5) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Information/Review Items

Review Return-to-Learn Plans for 2021-2022

As a requirement for federal ESSER III funding, all Iowa school districts must review and update their Return-to-Learn Plans every six months. The original Plan was created as mandated prior to the 2020-2021 school year. As a reminder, the 2020-2021 school year ended with the following press release from Governor Reynolds's office:

Thursday, May 20, 2021

DES MOINES - Today, Gov. Reynolds signed HF 847 into law, legislation that contains several components of the governor's Students First Act as well as provisions that prohibit K-12 schools from mandating masks as well as cities and counties from mandating masks in businesses.

"The state of Iowa is putting parents back in control of their child's education and taking greater steps to protect the rights of all Iowans to make their own health care decisions," said Gov. Reynolds. "I am proud to be a governor of a state that values personal responsibility and individual liberties. I want to thank the Iowa Legislature for their quick work in bringing this bill to my desk so that it can be signed into law."

HF 847: an Act relating to educational programs, funding, tax credits and deductions, open enrollment, supplementary weighting, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions.

The Return-to-Learn Plan will be reviewed, updated to current practice in the buildings, and brought to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

ESSER II and GEER: Covid Relief Reimbursement

ESSER II and GEER funding are part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021, with the stated purpose: to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. This federal funding is a reimbursable grant, paid through the Iowa Department of Education, meaning items must be purchased and then submitted for reimbursement quarterly. ESSER II: The total allotment for Treynor Schools is \$89,974, with allowable activities such as ensuring continuity of learning for all students, purchasing cleaning supplies, and purchasing education technology. GEER (Governor's Emergency Education Relief): The total allotment for Treynor Schools is \$31,200, with allowable activities such as support to allow school districts to continue to provide educational services during the coronavirus emergency. For the quarter ending June 30, 2021, the district submitted claims of \$81,926.94 for ESSER II expenditures and \$21,944.62 for GEER expenditures. The district's GEER funding has been entirely claimed. The district's ESSER II funding has a balance of \$8,047.06 for use in fiscal year 2022.

ESSER III Plan Guidelines

Federal ESSER III funding is part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, signed into law on March 11, 2021, to help safely reopen PK-12 schools, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. The Treynor School District is eligible for a total reimbursement grant of \$202,069, with a mandatory 20% (\$40,414) set aside to address learning loss. Part I of the Plan – district superintendents must submit assurances and acknowledge Part II requirements – was due May 21, 2021. Part II of the Plan is due August 23, 2021. All Iowa districts must: 1) Develop a plan regarding its proposed uses of ESSER III funds. 2) Engage in meaningful

consultation with all required stakeholders and providing the public opportunity to provide comments during plan development. 3) Submit the ESSER III Plan to the Iowa Department of Education. 4) Make the plan publicly available on its website in an understandable and accessible format. Plans at this time are to ask the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) to provide community input as the plan is created. The Board of Directors will be asked to give final approval of the ESSER III Plan.

Review New Iowa Standards for School Leaders

On November 18, 2020, the State Board of Education adopted the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders as Iowa's new standards for school leaders. The 2021 ISSL took effect July 1, 2021. Ten standards will be considered during the annual evaluation of each administrator who holds a professional administrator license issued under chapter 272 for purposes of assisting the administrator in making continuous improvement, documenting continued competence in the Iowa standards for school administrators adopted pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 27, or to determine whether the administrator's practice meets school district expectations. The administrators at Treynor School District will be developing goals in each of the ten standards for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

2021 Legislative Changes Affecting Schools

Board members were provided with a Summary of Changes Affecting Schools from the 2021 Legislative Session. The summary was compiled and distributed by the Iowa Department of Education.

Insurance Renewal for 2021-2022

The District comprehensive commercial property, liability, vehicle, and worker compensation insurance is provided by EMC Insurance of Des Moines, with local agent Kirk Campbell of Campbell Insurance Agency in Council Bluffs. The insurance coverage plan year runs from July to June annually. Mr. Campbell provided a comparison document of the insurance plan and premium cost, comparing 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Overall the total annual premium of \$165,538 is an increase of \$3,713, the majority of the increase being the property & different liability sections of the policy. A decrease in the work comp premium helped to keep the total renewal premium down, as did the deductible increases.

Radio System Update

Time was spent discussing a future update to the public safety radio system. On July 12th representatives from school districts in Pottawattamie County met at the Treynor Fire Station to hear from the Pott County Sheriff's Department in regards to how the update will affect future replacement of the safety radios. The Treynor District currently utilizes 22 portable or handheld radios and 11 fixed radios in buses. There may be savings in purchasing new radios in a large quantity along with several other entities, therefore Superintendent Hopkins will be providing the sheriff's department with a total number of units the district would be looking to purchase. It may be possible to switch the fixed radios in the buses to the portable type, with no loss of transmission, and save money. The portable radios will cost approximately \$2,000 each, with a possible discount for the bulk purchase, bringing the price down below that figure.

Construction Update

Kevin Strehle, BCDM architect, provided a written construction update.

Short-term look ahead for future activities:

- Contractor is finishing the last phase of the locker room, looking to be substantially complete prior to the start of school.
- The elevator controller board and the AV sound control panel are being replaced in the new addition due to lightning.

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. The Department does not issue a School Leader Update in July.

Action Items

Substitute Pay Rates for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the substitute pay rates as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Substitute Pay Rates for 2021-2022

Substitute Teacher	\$125.00/day
Substitute Nurse	\$150.00/day
Substitute Teacher Associate	\$12.00/hour
Substitute Secretary	\$12.00/hour
Substitute Food Service	\$12.00/hour
Substitute Custodian	\$12.00/hour

Substitute Route Bus Driver	\$42.00/route
Bus Driver Activity Trip Rate	\$13.00/hour

School Fees for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Christensen, to approve the school fees and activity pass prices as presented. All instructional textbook fees and activity passes will remain the same as last year. Textbook fees: Grades K-5 \$35.00, Grades 6-8 \$50.00, and Grades 9-12 \$60.00. Activity passes: Student \$75.00 and Adult \$100.00. Motion carried 4-0.

School Lunch Prices for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the breakfast and lunch prices as presented. It is assumed at this time the USDA will continue free meals for all students. Confirmation of that fact and a waiver application are anticipated in the near future. To cover all possibilities, lunch pricing for each category is being considered at this time. Motion carried 4-0.

Lunch and Breakfast Prices for 2021-2022

K-5	\$2.45
6-12	\$2.60
Adult	\$3.95
Breakfast	\$1.35

Legislative Priorities for 2021-2022

The board discussed priorities for the 2022 Iowa legislative session. A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the following as their four priorities for the 2022 legislative session in no particular order: 1) Mental Health, 2) Preschool, 3) School Funding, and 4) Teacher Leadership and Development. Board Secretary VanFosson will report the priorities to the Iowa Association of School Boards via the IASB web site. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel

Resignations

There were no resignations for the Board of Education to consider.

Employment

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve employment for Dana Boswell as elementary secretary for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Vacancy Update

The following positions are currently listed as open: Part-time para-educator (MS/HS Building), Part-time Reading/Math Interventionist (Elementary Building), Assistant HS Wrestling Coach, JH Girls Basketball, JH Volleyball, Prom Sponsor, Part-time Custodian, Part-time Cook/Food Service, Car/Van Drivers, and substitute support staff (bus drivers, 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 Fire Marshall report has been completed and submitted. The elementary playground tiles are pulling away from the outer edge so a vendor is being located to repair or replace them.

Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates

1) Superintendent Hopkins will attend the IASB Fiscal Management Conference in Des Moines on Wednesday, July 21st. 2) The administrators will attend the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) Annual Conference August 3rd-5th. 3) Included in the board packet was a document promoting Treynor Community Schools Fund through the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation.

Next Meeting(s)

A list of regular board meetings for the 2021-2022 fiscal year can be found on the district web site on the Board of Education link.

Closed Session 21.5(1)(i)

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i): To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Dreyer-Aye, Christensen-Aye, Stogdill-Aye, and Winchell-Aye. Vice President Stogdill declared the Board of Directors in Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. At 8:34 p.m. Vice President Stogdill declared the Board of Directors back in open session.

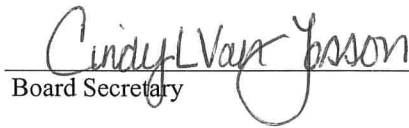
Adjourn

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Christensen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved on August 9, 2021



Board President



Board Secretary