

**Treynor Community School District
Board of Directors
Special Meeting
July 27, 2020**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Monday, July 27, 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, Mr. Dreyer, and Mr. Winchell.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

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

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum

No visitors chose to address the board.

Action Items

Return-to-Learn Plan for 2020-2021

Board members were provided the draft of a document containing highlights of the reopening plan, including health and safety precautions. The document contains plans for the two campuses and includes frequently asked questions and answers. Superintendent Hopkins reviewed results of three surveys: parent survey, teacher survey, and support staff survey. He also explained communications he's had with neighboring districts, Green Hills AEA, Pottawattamie County Emergency Management, the Iowa Department of Education, Governor Reynolds Proclamation, the CDC, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. In addition, Superintendent Hopkins spoke on the activities that have resumed: baseball, softball, summer weight training, and band. Fall sports practices are set to begin August 10th. When board members began discussion there was unanimous agreement that plans for onsite instruction should move forward. Discussion of face masks consumed the greater part of 70 minutes. The following is a list of several items discussed: masks when social distancing is not possible, masks in all common areas, seating charts, no masks at recess, masks at

all times on school buses, and frequent masks breaks. Mr. Christensen suggested using the word “expect” rather than “require” when communicating the use of masks in school. Board members agreed they preferred using “expected” rather than “required” masks in the Return-to-Learn Plan. They asked the administration to allow mask breaks as often as is possible and communicate to parents the district’s desire to work with them to keep as many kids in school as possible. The mask expectation will help us meet this goal. Enforcement of the expectation was deliberated. Board members were also concerned with communicating to parents the procedure the district will follow if and when a positive case occurs.

Parents will be asked to screen their children at home prior to coming to the school each day.

All parents, at registration, will be asked to sign a form acknowledging they have read, understand, agree with, and will comply with a document that includes the following:

- Your child/children do not have symptoms of COVID-19, including but not limited to, fever cough, loss of taste or smell or shortness of breath.
- No member of your immediate household has symptoms of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, fever, cough, loss of taste or smell or shortness of breath.
- Neither your child/children nor any member of our immediate household has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. Contact is defined as within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.

You further understand that the District will assume your child meets the conditions of this document if they are physically present in school.

It was a consensus of the board to begin the year following the governor’s proclamation, allowing accommodations to participate in remote learning only as a medical necessity. The administration will consider all requests on a case by case basis.

President Vorthmann spoke for the entire board in thanking the administrators for the tremendous amount of work they’ve accomplished preparing for the school year.

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve the Return-to-Learn Plan for 2020-2021 with the recommendation of changes made, with in-school learning for all students and the medical allowance when needed. Motion carried 5-0.

Remote Learning Application Form

A Request for Remote Learning Form, created by the Iowa Association of School Boards, was reviewed. During the Return-to-Learn discussion, it was a consensus of the board to start with allowing accommodations to participate in remote learning only as medically necessary.

Board Policy Review: Second Reading of Board Policies 907 and 907.R1

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the second and final reading of Board Policies 907 and 907.1. Board Policy 907, District Operation During Public Emergencies, includes the following language: “During a declared public emergency, the school board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to determine whether to close school buildings to traditional in-person learning if the Superintendent determines in-person learning would hinder the health and safety of the school community. The district will instead utilize remote or hybrid learning opportunities permitted by law.” Following the second reading, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

High School Renovation/Construction Change Order Request

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Christensen, to approve the change order for the mezzanine control upgrades for \$14,641. The upgrade will add digital controls to the existing units in the mechanical mezzanine in the old auditorium, which is the new wrestling room. This will provide better control of the units after connecting them to the new building control system. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Enrollment

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve two open enrollment-in requests for 2020-2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Girls Swimming Cooperative Agreement with Lewis Central for 2020-2021

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the application for a cooperative sharing agreement between the Lewis Central Community School and the Treynor Community School for girls swimming for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

**Personnel
Resignations**

There were no resignations to consider.

Employment

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the TLC Mentor Contracts for 2020-2021. Mentor teachers are assigned by the administration and work with teachers new to the profession and/or our district. Mentors are placed into a mentoring pool and are only assigned and compensated if services are needed. They continue to fulfill 100% of their classroom duties. Eight mentors have been identified for 2020-2021 and will receive \$2,000 for the year. The eight identified mentor teachers are Lauren Beck, Lori Castle, Alex Herrington, Jackie Konz, Erin Mrsny, Jennifer Nelson, Erica Schnepel, and Shantelle Vohs. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the work agreements with Mike Shannon and Bob Beattie for summer mowing and grounds maintenance for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Vacancy Update

Superintendent Hopkins provided a list of current position openings: Bus Drivers (regular route and substitute), and Paraeducator (elementary). Open coaching and extra-curricular positions include assistant cross country, head speech coach, assistant speech coach, head debate coach, and academic decathlon coach.

Closed Session 21.5(1)(i)


A motion was made by Stogdill, 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, Vorthmann-Aye, Winchell-Aye, and Stogdill-Aye. Motion carried. The board entered closed session at 8:13 p.m.

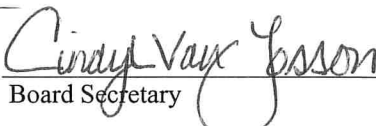
A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Christensen, to return to open session at 8:40 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: Stogdill-Aye, Winchell-Aye, Vorthmann-Aye, Christensen-Aye, and Dreyer-Aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved on August 10, 2020


Board President


Board Secretary