

**Treynor Community School District**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 8, 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. Reports and Communication Items
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  - B. Elementary Principal
  - C. Middle School Principal
  - D. High School Principal
6. Discussion/Information/Review Items
  - A. Board Member Handbook: Chapter 12 – School Finance
  - B. Middle School Radon Testing Results
  - C. Legislative Updates
  - D. Covid-19 Information and Updates
  - E. Review Draft of Calendar for 2021-2022
  - F. Discuss Upcoming Purchase of New Bus
  - G. Construction Update
  - H. School Leader Update (February edition)
7. Action Items
  - A. National Honor Society Proposed Changes for 2021-2022
  - B. Graduation Requirements Proposed Changes for 2021-2022
  - C. Lawn Service Bids for Fertilizing and Spraying
  - D. Video Surveillance Cameras for New Addition and Transportation Facility
  - E. Purchase of Classroom Technology and Equipment for New Addition
  - F. Calendar Changes for Snow Days & State Athletic Events
8. Personnel
  - A. Resignations
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9. Superintendent's Report
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  - B. Meetings & Misc. Updates
  - C. Next Board Meeting(s)
12. Adjourn

Exempt Session per Iowa Code 20.17(3): Negotiations Preparation

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 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 6:30 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. Student Representative Anna Halverson was also at the meeting.

### **Amend and/or Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Stogdill, 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 during recognition of visitors and open form.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- 1) Minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting;
- 2) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$170,081.60
Capital Projects Fund	\$287,579.01
SAVE Fund	\$14,571.99
Activity Fund	\$10,275.39
Nutrition Fund	\$18,037.10

- 4) February 28, 2021 Financial Statements;
- 5) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **Reports and Communication Items**

Curriculum & Instruction: Interactive Classroom Technology

Shelly Bailey, IT Director, was at the meeting to demonstrate a clear touch interactive classroom television. She and Superintendent Hopkins presented the technology as an option for the classrooms in the new addition, instead of purchasing multimedia projectors. Mrs. Bailey also explained the video surveillance cameras to be considered during Action Item D later on the agenda.

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported: 1) There are currently 46 potential kindergarten students signed up for next fall. 2) Elementary teachers will participate in training to pilot Illustrative Math. 3) Mrs. Endriss, TAG instructor, has coordinated several events recently for our students: Invention Convention, American Legion Flag Essay, Noetic Math Competition, and the Scholastic Hardest Math Problem contest.

Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported: 1) Seven students have signed up and are matched with a mentor for the TeamMates program so far. 2) Title IX training is complete for the 2020-2021 school year. 3) Kallie Danker, Monica Osborn, and Dane Gutta qualified for the MathCounts Competition. Monica Osborn's scores qualified her for the state competition on March 25th. 4) Middle school teachers have been integrating instructional sharing in the curriculum. A theme is determined and each instructor prepares lessons incorporating the theme. 5) Options are being considered for handling the large incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade class next fall.

Mr. Hedger, High School Principal, reported: 1) Teacher feedback on remote learning has been very positive. 2) Mrs. Floerchinger, Counselor, has been meeting with current high school students to begin registration for 2021-2022 classes. 3) Parent-Teacher conferences will be held March 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. 4) Mrs. Leick sponsored the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Anatomy Fair. Students created projects dealing with sports injuries and a panel of Treynor staff members judged. 5) Twenty-two new members were inducted into the National Honor Society.

### **Discussion/Information/Review Items**

#### **Board Member Handbook: Chapter 12 – School Finance**

Superintendent Hopkins provided the school finance chapter of the Iowa Association of School Board's board member handbook as a review as we move into budget preparation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

#### **Middle School Radon Testing Results**

Radon test results for the middle school were well below the recommended level of 4.0. The high school will be tested next year.

## **Legislative Updates**

Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on a couple of the education bills working their way through the 2021 Iowa Legislature.

## **COVID-19 Information and Updates**

The most recent parent/employee COVID-19 notification letter was provided. On March 5, 2021 there were no active student or staff Covid cases in the district. At this time masks will be worn until the end of the year. One hundred twenty-two people associated with Treynor Schools have received the vaccination.

## **Review Draft of Calendar for 2021-2022**

Board members were provided with the first draft of the school calendar for 2021-2022. Iowa law prohibits school districts from beginning the student school year prior to August 23<sup>rd</sup>. As has been past practice, four days will be built into the calendar for weather and/or state events. The calendar will continue to be considered by the administration and staff before a public hearing and approval by the Board of Directors.

## **Discuss Upcoming Purchase of New Bus**

The District's mechanic, Chad Polly, has thirteen buses to maintain. Two of the buses are nearing the end of their useful life, so Mr. Polly is collecting prices from at least 3 companies to replace at least one of them. He has inquired from them about the availability of a used bus, but used buses are hard to come by at this time. The district will probably purchase a 78 passenger bus and it will come with seat belts, per Iowa Department of Education rules.

## **Construction Update**

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

### Short-term look ahead for future activities:

- Flooring is being installed in the music rooms.
- Wood wall panels are being finished on the theater side walls.
- Finishes at the back control room of the auditorium are ongoing. (Paint, Glass, Flooring)

Week of March 10: State elevator inspection

The classroom wing is scheduled to be complete March 12, 2021.

The theater is scheduled to be complete April 2, 2021.

The balance of work is set to be complete in June, 2021.

## **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 March 2020 newsletter.

## **Action Items**

### **National Honor Society Proposed Changes for 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to increase the GPA requirement to 3.6 and use a selection committee to rate and vote on the National Honor Society candidates. Current bylaws use a 3.25 GPA and have all staff members rate the candidates. This change will be a better representation of the values of excellence Treynor has been recognized for over the years and also brings Treynor more in line with the GPA requirement of other area schools. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Graduation Requirements Proposed Changes for 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to increase graduation requirements to 48 credits, increasing the social studies requirement to 7 credits. Board Policy No. 505.6 will be updated to reflect the change, which will begin with the 2021-2022 freshman class. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Lawn Service Bids for Fertilizing and Spraying**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the \$4,795 turf management bid from A&A Lawn and Landscaping for 2021 and 2022 for a total cost for both years of \$9,590. The bid includes all grass areas around the school buildings, the transportation facility, baseball field, softball field, grass area south of the new addition, practice field, and all banks and grass areas within lower bowl of the football stadium. Bids received included:

A & A Lawn and Landscaping: \$9,590;

Loess Hills Landscaping: \$10,788; and

Tru Green: \$21452.

Following discussion of the three bids, the motion to approve the bid from A&A Lawn and Landscaping was approved on a 5-0 vote.

### **Video Surveillance Cameras for New Addition and Transportation Facility**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the purchase of surveillance equipment and installation for the cost of \$33,424. Prime Communications, Elkhorn NE, will install a new server to manage the additional equipment being purchased. The new equipment includes cameras for the new addition and the new transportation facility. The server will have capability to add additional cameras if/when new cameras are purchased for existing buildings. Following discussion, the motion was approved on 5-0 vote.

### **Purchase of Classroom Technology and Equipment for New Addition**

This item was tabled to allow additional time for research and planning. The touch screen television demonstrated by Mrs. Bailey at the beginning of the meeting will be considered, not just for the new addition, but also as upgrades for other classrooms.

### **Calendar Changes for Snow Days & State Athletic Events**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to waive one day of student instruction in order to conclude school with students on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and teachers would conclude on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The minimum amount of instructional time required under Iowa Code section 256.7(19) is 180 days of instruction or 1080 hours of instruction. Treynor School District will have met this requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Personnel**

#### **Resignations**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the resignation of Phil Kennedy as head high school wrestling coach. This position will be added to the vacancy update. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Employment**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve employment for 1) Lea Crouse as junior high track coach for spring 2021; and 2) Heather Behrendt as middle school math teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Vacancy Update**

The following positions are currently listed as open: assistant high school track (Spring 2021), assistant high school baseball (Summer 2021), head wrestling (2021-2022 school year), 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. Four remaining elementary classrooms will receive new lighting March 19<sup>th</sup> and the first part of April.

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

1) The fire marshall visited the district last week and will be providing his report soon. 2) Superintendent Hopkins spoke about school happenings with the Optimist Club last Saturday, March 6, 2021.

#### **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. A special meeting will be scheduled for March 22, 2021, to discuss the FY'22 budget and possibly receive the teacher association initial proposal for the 2021-2022 master contract and provide the board's initial proposal as well. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Monday, April 12, 2021.

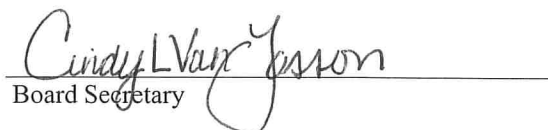
#### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The board moved into an exempt session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) for negotiations preparation.

Approved on April 12, 2021

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary