

**Treynor Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2020**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2020, 6:30 p.m., in the Board 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 were present: President Vorthmann was present in the board room. The following board members were present electronically: Vice President Stogdill, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Dreyer, and Mr. Winchell.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, 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)

There were no visitors to the meeting.

Recognition of School Board Members

May is school board recognition month. Board members were presented with a certificate from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) as Superintendent Hopkins thanked them for their time and commitment to the Treynor School District.

Consent Agenda

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

- 1) Minutes of the April 8, 2020 special meeting;
- 2) Minutes of the April 13, 2020 regular meeting;
- 3) Minutes of the April 22, 2020 special meeting;
- 4) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$16,593.29
Capital Projects Fund	\$383,924.80
SAVE Fund	\$20,441.53
Activity Fund	\$475.00
Nutrition Fund	\$2,098.92

- 5) April 30, 2020 Financial Statements;
- 6) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Information/Review Items

Elementary and Secondary Principal Reports

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported: 1) Current enrollment of kindergarten students for Fall 2020 is 50 students, consistent with prior years at this point. 2) The Special Education Service Delivery Plan will be sent to the AEA Special Education Director for plan compliance. Following that step, the Board of Directors will be asked to review and approve the plan. 3) Student online engagement numbers for grades K-5 were provided. In addition to online engagement, K-4 students are working on packets picked up by parents.

Mrs. Berens, Secondary Principal, reported: 1) Data provided shows online student engagement in grades 6-12 has increased since school closure on March 17th. 2) Driver's education for June and July is being considered, with two sessions necessary to serve the students who have shown interest. The format of classroom time and driving time will be dictated by state guidance. 3) Senior students have received communication in regards to their end-of-the-school-year learning, grading, and senior check-out.

CARES Act Funding Information

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act represents the largest emergency relief package ever passed into law in the United States. Iowa received \$71.6 million under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) portion of the act, \$64.4 million of which will go to Iowa school districts for the purpose of mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Allotments per district are based on current Title I allotment calculations. The allotment available for the Treynor Community School District is \$7,985. A simple application process, performed by Superintendent Hopkins on the Department of Education website, will document how the funds will be expended. Examples of qualified uses include purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean facilities, training staff to sanitize facilities, purchasing technology for students for online learning, providing meals to eligible students, coordinating preparedness and responses efforts, and developing procedures and systems for preparedness and responses.

Summer Meal Program Waiver for School Closure

Although the Treynor School District typically does not qualify to provide a summer meal program, the USDA announced a nationwide waiver until June 30, 2020 to ensure the needs of low-income children are met because of unanticipated school closures due to COVID-19. Food Service Director Carol Leaders has led a team in preparing, packaging, and delivering 5 days of breakfasts and lunches each Wednesday to eligible students. The final day of meal delivery will be June 24, 2020.

Other COVID-19 Related Updates and Information

Superintendent Hopkins updated board members on current and upcoming items and events dealing with the school closure. Student check-out for grades 9-11 will occur the last week of May, followed by teacher check-out. Final decisions regarding prom, graduation, awards program, will be made as we move toward the tentative dates of June 21st and June 27th. A decision on baseball and softball is expected this week or next. The custodians will be moving weight equipment, uniforms, and athletic supplies to the east gym this week as construction renovation occurs in that area of the high school. Chad Polly, bus mechanic, has primarily moved all buses and transportation equipment to the new facilities. President Vorthmann stated the Alumni Group has cancelled the annual banquet for this year.

Return-to-Learn Plan Guidelines and Information

Return-to-Learn plans are required to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education by July 1, 2020. These plans are designed to help districts and nonpublic schools meet the challenges of 2020-2021 by:

- Ensuring that remote learning options are available for all students;
- Planning to help students catch-up for the learning they may have missed during school closures;
- Integrating public health strategies into Iowa's schools;
- Enabling schools to move between on-site and remote learning as needed; and
- Helping the Department and our partners at Iowa's area education agencies (AEAs) understand how best to support schools.

The school calendar for 2020-2021 will be affected. Applications for Required Continuous Learning are part of Return-to-Learn Plans for all district and nonpublic schools, regardless of prior approval during spring school closure. The Iowa Department of Education, along with AEAs and other education organizations, will be creating and releasing support and professional learning to ensure that all Iowa schools can meet the demand of the Return-to-Learn plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

Review/Discuss 2020-2021 School Calendar

With a proclamation signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds, school districts can begin the school year before August 23, 2020, "but only if the school district adopts a calendar as a part of its Return to Learn Plan submitted to the Iowa Department of Education that ensures that any instructional time scheduled before August 23, 2020, is in excess of the minimum instructional time of one hundred eighty days or one thousand eighty hours." A decision on Treynor's 2020-2021 school calendar start date will be made as administrators work through the Return-to-Learn Plan.

Schoology – Online Learning Management System

Superintendent Hopkins explained that during the school closure 6th through 12th grade teachers, and some elementary teachers, have been using Google Classroom as the online tool to provide instruction. Other elementary teachers have used SewSaw, also a remote learning tool which seems geared more toward younger learners. Administrators and Shelly Bailey, Technology Director, are exploring Learning Management Systems that might provide greater flexibility in personalized learning and assessment management and are more parent-friendly. Schoology is being used by several school districts to deliver digital learning to their students. In the event online learning continues to be, or is required to be an option, Schoology is one alternative being considered. All teachers have been given the opportunity to explore the system with a demo and their feedback is being compiled. No decisions will be made without thorough investigation and collaboration with all teachers.

Technology Needs for 2020-2021

Shelly Bailey, Director of Technology, presented a spreadsheet of 2020-2021 technology and facility-related technology needs. The spreadsheet also lists required year-to-year technology needs. Recurring yearly purchases include internet filtering, firewall, cloud back-up, software licensing, anti-virus, and server and network monitoring, with several of those required by the Children's Internet Protection Act. Purchases for 2020-2021 include replacement of 6th-8th grade Chromebooks, projectors, laptop and desktop replacements for staff, charging stations, and other technology repair parts and supplies. With the district faced with the possibility of expanded digital learning, Ms. Bailey included an estimate for purchasing Chrome Tablets for kindergarten. The total estimate of technology needs for 2020-2022, including the Chrome Tablets, is \$151,262 and is comparable to previous years. A large percentage of the items can be purchased from the SAVE fund (State-wide penny). Board members will be considering technology needs and take action at a future meeting.

Construction Update

Kevin Strehle, BCDM architect, provided a written construction update. The transportation and site prep contract with Andersen Construction was originally \$2,026,000. We are very near completion of that contract, with approved change orders increasing the contract to \$2,044,314. Meco-Henne has continued to work on the high school addition, and it appears they are on target with the fine arts area to be completed February 2021, and the remainder of the renovations

completed approximately May 2021. Superintendent Hopkins stated the seats in the old auditorium have been removed and the stage and lighting are next. The weight room and supply cages will be emptied to prepare for renovations.

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 May 2020 newsletter.

Action Items

Pandemic Resolution for Suspension of Graduation Requirements

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the Pandemic Resolution Regarding Suspension of Graduation Requirements for the Graduating Class of 2020. A roll call vote was taken: Winchell-Aye, Dreyer-Aye, Christensen-Aye, Stogdill-Aye, and Vorthmann-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

PANDEMIC RESOLUTION REGARDING SUSPENSION OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRADUATION CLASS OF 2020

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency temporarily suspending the provisions in Iowa law requiring curriculum standards and completion of specific units of credit for completion of a high school program of study to the extent such provisions would hinder Iowa school districts in assisting the Iowa high school graduating class of 2020 in completing a course of study during this disaster emergency.

WHEREAS, District Policy 505.6 Graduation Requirements sets out the courses students must successfully complete in order to graduate which are based upon the provisions in Iowa law requiring the completion of specific units of credit for completion of a high school program of a student which Governor Reynolds has temporarily suspended for the graduating class of 2020.

WHEREAS, District Policy 210.4 Suspension of Policy provides that the Board may, in extreme emergencies of a very unique nature, suspend policy and further provides that it is within the discretion of the Board to determine when an extreme emergency of a very unique nature exists.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that present circumstances constitute an extreme emergency of a very unique nature which provide adequate and appropriate grounds to suspend District Policy 505.6 Graduation Requirements for the graduating class of 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the provisions of District Policy 505.6 Graduation Requirements are suspended for the graduating class of 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED May 11, 2020.

Brandon Vorthmann, President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST: Cindy L. VanFosson, Secretary of the Board of Directors

Approve Class of 2020 for Graduation

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve the Class of 2020 for graduation. There are 60 graduates. President Vorthmann, speaking for the Board, congratulated the Class of 2020 and wished them future success. Motion carried 5-0. The list includes:

Emma Altic	Chloe Gregory	Kristian Martens	Tyler Pollock
Benjamin Boese	Madalyn Haas	Nathan McCombs	Chase Reber
Jadie Burhenne	William Halverson	Noah McCombs	Caitlin Reed
Jane Campbell	Allison Harris	Rayna McDowell	Jacob Reelfs
Tori Castle	Maxwell Hayes	Sydney Melby	Jon Schwarte
Craig Chapman	Jacob Hrasky	Luke Mieska	Sophie Showalter
Ryan Danker	Rylie Jacobsen	Nathan Molde	Jack Stogdill
Cainan Davidson	Wyatt James	Emily Morse	Derrick Talbott
Ian Dinsmore	Katherine Johnson	Quinn Navara	Derrick Thompson
Mya Egan	Jacob Key	Nathan Nelson	Jordan Thompson
Kennedy Elwood	Brocktyn Kinnison	Nolan Niesen	Jack Tiarks
Jacob Fisher	Jacob Lang	Erik Olsen	Ares Valdiviezo
Thomas Fleming	Jacob Lowe	Andrew Petersen	Clarissa Weitzel
Brock Fox	Mitchell Lutz	Jordynne Piittmann	Allison Young
Kaleigh Gillespie	Taylor Main	Lanie Pilling	James Young

High School Renovation Asbestos Project Bids

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the bid from ABC Abatement for the asbestos project in the amount of \$16,260. Terracon Consultants Inc., providing asbestos project design, bid solicitation and oversight services, collected bids from asbestos abatement companies for asbestos removal during renovation of the high school. Other bids received were from Wheeler Contracting - \$22,700, and Bockmann, Inc. - \$20,700. Projected start date for asbestos removal is May 18th. Motion carried 5-0.

Baseball/Softball – Field Improvement needs

Superintendent Hopkins provided information and pictures to explain the need for improvements on the baseball and softball fields. The current level of ag-lime is well below the grass line due to the ag-lime settling and/or washing away. A possible future project is removing the ag-lime on the softball field warning track and replacing it with grass or sod. Significant amounts of ag-lime have washed away there, causing safety concerns.

Following explanation of the needed field improvements, a motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the quote of \$10,861.25 for ag-lime and installation work for the baseball and softball fields. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resignations

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the resignations of Julie Showalter as Head Speech Coach, Joan Becker as Assistant Speech Coach, Kayla Harris as Assistant Volleyball Coach, and Delford “Jeep” Miller as bus driver. President Vorthmann, speaking on behalf of the entire board, thanked each for their service to the district. Motion carried 5-0.

Employment

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen to approve employment for Jacob Beresh as High School Social Studies Teacher; and Chaley Hempel as Head High School Cross Country Coach. Mr. Beresh graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science Secondary Education in 2019. Ms. Hempel assisted Coach Schleisman in cross country last fall as junior high coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Vacancy Update

Superintendent Hopkins provided a list of current position openings: HS math, Elementary teacher, HS assistant volleyball and HS assistant girls’ track. Interviews for the elementary teacher position have occurred and a contract has been offered.

Superintendent’s Report

Facilities and Grounds Updates

Superintendent Hopkins provided an updated list of items ongoing, in progress, and completed recently.

Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates

Mr. Hedger, new high school principal for 2020-2021, will be transitioning during June. The administrators have many items to consider as the Return-to-Learn Plan is completed and Mr. Hedger’s involvement is needed and welcomed.

Next Meeting(s)

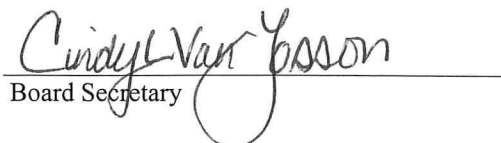
A list of regular board meetings for the 2019-2020 fiscal year can be found on the district web site on the Board of Education link. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is June 8, 2020.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved June 8, 2020


Board President


Board Secretary