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

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 5:30 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 special meeting to order at 5:30 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 Stogdill, to approve agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Information Items

Review 2020-2021 School Calendar

Superintendent Hopkins reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar. With the Governor's action of waiving the Iowa Code start date of August 23rd, schools are able to add additional days to prepare staff and students for the transition back to school and allow time to assess student challenges academically. The proposed calendar shows a student start date of August 19th, three additional student days. The proposed calendar will be posted on the district web site for viewing prior to the public hearing and approval by the Board.

Schedule Date for Public Hearing for School Calendar

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Christensen, to schedule the Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 School Calendar for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Board Room. Motion carried 5-0.

Review/Discussion of School Events/Activities Impacted by COVID-19

Board members reviewed: 1) Permission Form to Participate in Summer 2020 Behind the Wheel Driver Education; 2) Permission Form to Participate in 2020 Summer Extracurricular Activities. The school attorney developed both forms. Coaches will be holding meetings with parents of athletes to explain procedures for baseball and softball. Per guidance from the Department of Education, items of interest to community members anxious to attend baseball and softball games include:

- Schools must limit the use of bleachers for fans. Encourage fans to bring their own chairs or stand. Fans should
 practice social distancing between different household units and accept personal responsibility for public
 health guidelines.
- Schools must also implement any other reasonable measures under the circumstances of each school to ensure social distancing of staff, students, and community members, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the IDPH.
- Fans must not attend if they have symptoms of illness.
- No concessions stands are permitted.

Plans are continuing on Graduation 2020, with hopes to hold a ceremony on June 21, 2020. At minimum it may be possible to use the football field and allow immediate family to attend. Afterward a graduation parade may be held to celebrate with all Treynor residents.

The final decision on prom will be made at the June 8, 2020 board meeting.

Review Components of the Return-to-Learn Plan

Board members were provided with a copy of the Return-to-Learn Support Document the administrators will be using to complete the Return-to-Learn Plan prior to July 1, 2020. The support document is organized into seven areas the Department of Education deems essential in planning for the 2020-2021 school year: 1) Leadership, 2) Infrastructure, 3) Health and Safety, 4) Iowa Academic Standards, 5) Social-Emotional-Behavioral Health, 6) Equity, and 7) Data Considerations. Each area has several items to address, regardless of whether the school is planning for Required Continuous Learning, Hybrid Learning, or On-Site Learning. Teacher Leadership Teams will be included in the development of the Plan, of which the school calendar is a part. Communication of the Return-to-Learn Plan for the 2020-2021 school year will be communicated to students, parents, and the community at the appropriate time.

Technology Needs for 2020-2021

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the 2020-2021 Technology Needs Plan in the amount of \$151,262.32. Major equipment purchases include replacing 210 Chromebooks for 6th-8th grade, Chromebooks, laptops, and desktop workstations for staff rotation, projectors, and Chrome tablets for kindergarten students. Other yearly recurring items include internet filter, SOCS web hosting, licensing agreements, cloud back-up, anti-virus software, firewall, and server & network monitoring. The kindergarten tablets will be part of the Return-to-Learn Plan. Following discussion of the technology needs for 2020-2021, the motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Purchase Cargo Trailer for Marching Band and Other Activities

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Winchell, to approve the purchase of a cargo trailer in the amount of \$5,200, with the school district contributing \$2,600 and the Music Boosters contributing \$2,600. The instrumental music department has grown to a size that requires a larger trailer to transport instruments and equipment. Mr. Schoening and the Music Boosters located the used trailer, that is in excellent condition. Chad Polly, bus mechanic, has been consulted to verify the larger trailer can be pulled by one of the district vehicles. By sharing the cost of the trailer with the Music Boosters, the district will be able to utilize it for other activities and events. Motion carried 4-0, with Dreyer abstaining, due to an association with the prior owner of the trailer.

Approve Early Graduate

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve early graduation for Gabe McCain. He has completed all graduation requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

Construction Update

Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the facility project: 1) asbestos removal is complete, 2) the old auditorium has been gutted, 3) exterior brick is complete on the addition, and 4) walls in the new high school classrooms are going up. With the current rains we've been experiencing, the property at the new transportation facility has been closely monitored and drainage is functioning as designed.

Personnel

Employment

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve the pre-contract work days for Mr. Jacob Hedger at a cost of \$4,090.90. Mr. Hedger begins his official high school principal contract on July 1, 2020, but with additional decisions to be made regarding the Return-to-Learn Plan, summer activities during COVID, and returning to school earlier than a normal school year, Mr. Hedger's involvement is needed during June. Motion carried 5-0.

Resignations

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Winchell, to approve the resignation of Clark Allen as junior high football coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Vacancy Update

Superintendent Hopkins provided a list of current position openings: High school math, or middle school math if Derek Steeve is approved by the Bureau of Educational Examiners to receive a conditional license allowing him to teach at the high school level. The elementary teacher position has been offered and verbally accepted, pending release by her current district. Open coaching positions include assistant high school girls' volleyball and assistant high school girls' track.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved June 8, 2020

Board President

Board Secretary