

**Treynor Community School District  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2022**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m., in the Flex 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 answered roll call: President Vorthmann, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Dreyer, and Mr. Winchell. Vice President Stogdill was absent.

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

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

## **Good News and Staff Recognition**

Board members welcomed Kiralyn Horton, Student Body President, and Mira Dreyer, Student Body Vice President, to the meeting. They will be attending board meetings when possible this school year. They will not be voting on action items but may speak on agenda items with a student perspective.

Superintendent Beyenhof presented Andrea Saar the “Raising the Red C” award. This is a monthly recognition of someone in the school community who exemplifies leadership qualities and the district’s “Excellence is Expected & Excellence is Achieved” motto. Other good news items, such as the high school musical, the Veterans Day Program, middle school students chosen for Southwest Iowa Honor Band, and middle schools students contributing to the local food pantry, were shared at the meeting.

## **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 forum.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

1) Minutes of the October 10, 2022, regular meeting,

2) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund               \$63,111.84

Management Fund       \$2,697.00

Capital Projects Fund     \$3,358.64

SAVE Fund                 \$47,392.12

Activity Fund              \$3,564.53

Nutrition Fund             \$31,501.01

3) October 31, 2022, Financial Statements,

4) Elementary Fundraising Request,

5) Open Enrollment Requests,

6) Resignation of Shane Jacobsen-Head Girls Soccer, and Shane Reed-JH Girls Basketball. Employment of Adrian Okerbloom-Assistant HS Girls Basketball, Phil Kennedy-Assistant HS Wrestling, Cody Kingery-Assistant HS Wrestling, Jane Leick-JH Girls Basketball, and Taryn Maguire-JH Girls Basketball. The following positions are currently listed as open: HS Spanish, Elementary Special Education, head HS boys’ golf, head HS girls’ soccer, assistant HS baseball, and JH volleyball for 2023-2024.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes-Dreyer, Christensen, Winchell, and Vorthmann. Nays-None. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Reports**

### **Green Hills Area Education Agency**

Ed Gambs, Director of District 5 that includes Treynor, and Chad Bartlett, Director of Organizational Strategy, Improvement, and Equity and Universal Services and Supports, were at the meeting and spoke on the many services provided to all school districts in Green Hills AEA, which covers 17 counties and 9,000 square miles. There are 43 public and 6 non-public school districts in the AEA, serving 37,755 students. These services are provided by 315 staff members who work through the 7 offices located in the area.

### **Career and Technical Education Presentation**

Ryan Messerschmidt, Industrial Technology Instructor, updated board members on new equipment and online textbooks purchased this school year for the classroom. He provided video of current student projects and explained how students are being exposed to multiple job and career opportunities in the classroom. Mr. Messerschmidt invited board members to visit the classroom to view the changes and check out the new Twitter account @Treynor\_ITE.

### **Learning Report – Iowa School Performance Profiles**

Mrs. Huisman, TLC Curriculum & Professional Development Lead, reported all three Treynor schools received a score of High Performing for 2022. The Iowa School Performance Profiles is an online tool showing how public schools performed on required measures. The website was developed to meet both federal and state requirements for publishing online school report cards: The federal Every Student Succeeds Act and House File 215, adopted by Iowa lawmakers in 2013.

The website includes: 1) Scores on school accountability measures required under ESSA, 2) Ratings based on those scores: Exceptional, High Performing, Commendable, Acceptable, Needs Improvement, and Priority, 3) Identification of schools for support and improvement based on accountability scores (Comprehensive and Targeted schools), 4) Additional education data that must be reported by law but do not figure into school accountability scores. Mrs. Huisman demonstrated how to access the online tool and highlighted a few scores. The website can be accessed at: [www.iaschoolperformance.gov](http://www.iaschoolperformance.gov).

### **Principal Reports**

**Mr. Navara, Activities Director, reported:** 1) Review of fall activities, including some of the awards and recognition of our student athletes, and musicians. 2) Winter seasons outlook, including girls wrestling. 3) Treynor has 6 high school students participating in the Western Iowa Conference Student Advisory Council. These students receive leadership training provided by the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

**Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported:** 1) Red Ribbon Week activities were a success! The staff and students enjoyed events celebrating healthy choices and being drug-free. 2) Talented and Gifted/Enrichment education opportunities for elementary students include: Noetic math competition, American Legion flag essay, Yearbook, Invention Convention, School Newspaper, and Primary Education Thinking Skills.

**Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported:** 1) Student Assistance Team meetings occur after each grading period to review the list of students who have been receiving learning interventions. Team members add and release students as needed. 2) Middle school students identified as talented and gifted are participating in an online Quiz Bowl. There are fall and spring competitions this school year. 3) Middle school students helped the local food pantry by collecting food items. Twelve Thanksgiving meals are being distributed to local families.

**Mr. Nickerson, High School Principal, reported:** 1) The Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> was a great activity, with help of the American Legion. Students took part in the program by reading selected items and introducing the guest speaker, Chief Master Sargent Quinton Otto of the United States Air Force, retired. 2) The high school musical White Christmas was performed November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Students worked very hard and put in many extra hours after school and on the weekends to prepare for the show. The performances highlighted the many talented students in the high school fine arts department. 3) Jodi Behrendt, HS Business instructor, recently was awarded a grant of \$6,600 to help cover the start-up cost for a student run coffee shop. This grant will allow students the opportunity to work and learn how to operate a business. 4) A winter activities pep rally will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>. Fall activities will be celebrated and winter activities will be introduced, including the new girls wrestling team. The pep band will play a few songs and the dance team will perform a halftime routine as they prepare for their upcoming state performance. 5) All sophomore students took part in the PreACT on November 8<sup>th</sup>. They were tested on Reading, Math, Science, and English. The students filled out an interest inventory that will give them results and information along with scores. All information will be shared with families as soon as it becomes available.

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

#### **Teaming Partner – Morrissey Engineering**

The district has recently learned of an opportunity to partner with Morrissey Engineering of Omaha to apply for federal funds through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. Morrissey Engineering would provide Treynor Schools with the necessary engineering support for an assessment and assistance to apply for the grant funds. The focus of the grant would be assistance in upgrading HVAC, Building Automation Systems, and Lighting at Treynor Elementary.

#### **ESSER III Plan**

Board members were reminded of the federal reimbursable funds extended to Iowa school districts through the Iowa Department of Education to address loss of learning and items such as air quality in school buildings following the coronavirus pandemic. The Treynor district has \$161,770 available for projects such as air quality, and the administration is hopeful the funds can be utilized as the local contribution toward the partner project with Morrissey Engineering.

#### **Planning and Zoning Commission – Public Hearing November 21**

Board members were told of a public hearing to be held November 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the development of a subdivision on McPherson Avenue. The proposal would mean the addition of 12 residential lots in the Treynor Community School District.

#### **Annual Meeting – December Agenda Item**

Superintendent Beyenhof asked board members to be aware of the Annual Meeting of the Board, which will be held during the regular December Board meeting on December 12, 2022. The board will examine the financial statements for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Because this is a non-election year, the board will elect a president and vice-president, who will each serve a term of one year.

## **Discussion and Action Items**

### **Preschool Update**

A committee of community members and school staff have been meeting to determine if investigating and moving forward with planning to offer Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year is the right decision for the Treynor Community School District. The group is currently at the point of forming a consensus around a recommendation for the School Board. Dr. Beyenhof explained the steps the committee has completed and asked board member Christensen, as a member of the committee, to weigh in on whether a consensus of the Committee was going to be reached. The question of whether a survey could be created to forecast possible enrollment if a 4-year-old preschool room were added was asked. President Vorthmann stated he personally would like to see the district move ahead with one preschool room next fall as long as it was done right. Other board members agreed, although there was hesitation in defining what “doing it right” meant. Following discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to ask the Preschool Committee to plan for one classroom for the 2023-2024 school year and provide a proposal for how that would look to the Board of Education at their December 12, 2022, board meeting.

### **Mills County Conference Board**

The district received communication from Mills County asking if a school board member would be interested in serving on the Mills County Conference Board. No Treynor school board member volunteered to serve.

### **Open Enrolled Out Student from Prior Year Headcount – Spending Authority**

Certified enrollment is the annual report of enrolled resident students used for the Iowa School Finance Formula calculation. The certified enrollment count is taken on the first day of October every year, or the following Monday if the first falls on a weekend. Following the count, districts may request modified supplemental amount (spending authority) for students open enrolled out in the current year for whom the district is required to pay tuition in the current year and were not included in the certified enrollment of the prior year. Board members discussed whether the district needed to request the spending authority and concluded the district, with an estimated \$3,815,591 unspent authorized budget carryover for fiscal year 2022, did not need to request the additional modified supplemental amount at this time.

### **SIAC 2022-2023**

The School Improvement Advisory Committee, SIAC, is a group of interested community members and school staff members charged with charting a course for improved student learning. The committee reviews data, sets goals, and determines strategies or actions to accomplish goals and evaluate the results. At this time, meetings of the SIAC Committee are scheduled for December 7, January 18, March 1, and May 10, 2023. These dates may change if necessary. A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee members are:

#### **School Board**

Keith Christensen

#### **Administrators**

Rick Nickerson

Jenny Berens

Jill Kay

Joel Beyenhof

#### **Teachers**

Kara Huisman

Jeff Koenck

Heidi Finnegan

Danie Floechinger

Carrie Currin

Randi Endriss

Mallory White

Jane Leick

Andrea Saar

JoEllen Travis

Kristin Mundorf

#### **Students**

Kiralyn Horton

Mira Dreyer

#### **Parents**

Dan and Kari Kinsella

Matt and Dana Hughey

Sarah Saar

Jeremiah and Gina Mieska

Adam and Missy Magill

Jeff and Nancy Schrage

#### **Community Members**

Carla Christensen

Staci McKern

Jerry Hempel

Allen Hadfield

### **Second Reading of School Board Policies 505.1 to 508.4**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Winchell, to approve board policies 505.1 to 508.4, listed in the second reading as presented. With this group of policies, the 500 Series of School Board Policies, Students, has been reviewed and updated. Board policies can be accessed on the school website in the dropdown menu under District. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Facilities & Grounds**

Superintendent Beyenhof identified the following as projects completed or soon to be completed: railing and rubber covering added to the wrestling room to stabilize the wrestling mats, replacement of the water softener at the high school, awaiting a final punch list from Meco-Henne for the facility project, and a threat assessment by Tetra-Tech in coordination with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security. A priority list will be provided by Tetra-Tech following the assessment.

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

Board members were presented with a book they will be studying as a group.

#### **Next Meeting(s)**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. A work session is being planned to follow the regular agenda items.

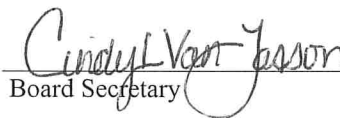
#### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Dreyer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved on December 12, 2022



Board President



Board Secretary