

**Treynor Community School District**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 8, 2021**

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, November 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.

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

A motion was made by Stogdill, 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)**

JoEllen Travis spoke to the Board in regards to Item E. under Discussion/Information/Review Items. She expressed the desire for community involvement and staff involvement in the preschool/5<sup>th</sup> grade discussion to alleviate the feeling of non-transparency. Jodi Volkens stated she had questions concerning the moving of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and would contact the administration with any questions not answered during the meeting. Vicky Dowling conveyed her concern in moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students over to the MS/HS building with the older kids.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

1) Minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular meeting;

2) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund               \$78,587.32

Capital Projects Fund   \$17,469.00

SAVE Fund                 \$14,007.27

Activity Fund             \$7,400.99

Nutrition Fund            \$38,430.24

4) October 31, 2021 Financial Statements;

5) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **Reports and Communication Items**

#### **Elementary Principal**

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported: 1) Elementary teachers led professional development time on November 4<sup>th</sup> dealing with school environment. 2) Elementary students have been busy with such things as the second grade field trip to Arbor Day Farm, fourth grade monthly digital newsletter and IWCC Catapult show, fall harvest parties, Red Ribbon Week, bus evacuation drills, kindness awards, and the book fair.

Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported: 1) Parent-Teacher Conferences went well. Both teachers and parents appreciate the scheduled appointments. 2) Kara Huisman, Alex Herrington, Jen Nelson, and I, attended Computer Science training in Avoca on October 18 to prepare for a law signed in 2020 by Gov. Kim Reynolds, that required, for the first time, that K-12 schools provide computer science instruction. High schools must offer at least one high-quality one-semester course starting July 1, 2022. Middle schools must provide high-quality computer science in seventh or eighth grade by July 1, 2023. Elementary schools must provide high-quality computer science in at least one grade level by July 1, 2023. Schools and the state also must develop K-12 computer science plans by July 1, 2022. School districts are encouraged to allow computer science courses that meet state computer science standards and include math content to count as math credits for students who have completed other courses covering the required state math standards. In addition, a computer science course may fulfill a math requirement for graduation if the course meets state academic standards in math (for example, an integrated Algebra II/Computer Science course). 3) Middle school students will be assisting the local food pantry by collecting items for family meals for Thanksgiving. 4) MS/HS students will attend a Veteran's Day program in the auditorium on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hedger, High School Principal, reported: 1) Staff and students continue practicing, via drills, the district's Standard Response Protocol. Shelly Bailey, IT Director, has been a huge help in creating new maps for safety procedures. 2) Mr. Hansmann is working with a group of students for competitive Quiz Bowl. 3) The fall musical was a great success. We have very talented kids. 4) The PreACT test went well. Students will receive a report of their scores, along with the test booklet and the correct answer for each question. They will also receive possible career tracks based on strengths exhibited by student scores. The administration and teachers will have access to student scores and will spend time analyzing possible curriculum and teaching interventions in response to the scores received. The goal is to provide opportunities for students to be on track for college and/or career goals.

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

### **Board Policy Review – First Reading**

502.1 thru 502.10

The Board of Directors reviews all policies at least once every five years. The review of Section 500, Students, will occur over the course of several board meetings. Board members reviewed policies 502.1 thru 502.10, while Superintendent Hopkins noted any recommended changes.

### **Annual/Organization Meeting (December)**

Superintendent Hopkins thanked Brandon Vorthmann and Mickey Stogdill for running as incumbents for school board on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He explained the annual/organizational meeting of the board, which occurs following the election, will be held during the regular meeting in December because the canvass of votes by the county supervisors will not take place until November 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Vorthmann and Mr. Stogdill will be sworn in for their new terms at that meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **2021 IASB Conference for Board Members**

Board members were reminded to contact Board Secretary VanFosson to confirm their intent to either attend or not attend the annual convention of the Iowa Association of School Boards on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines.

### **Labor Management Committee Information**

Vice President Stogdill, as a member of the Labor Management Committee, updated the Board on a meeting held just prior to the board meeting. Issues discussed at the meeting included parking options for teachers to get them off of Highway 92 in front of the middle school, health insurance costs and possible options for change, and flex time for the teaching staff.

### **Preschool Program Information**

The Board of Directors and Treynor School Administration are working to establish a voluntary 4-year-old preschool. Current Iowa law stipulates school districts cannot use general operating fund dollars to establish the preschool program. During the first year of the preschool program the students would be counted, along with all other students on October 1st, and funding the second year and beyond would come from that count via state foundation aid. Grant opportunities and other funding sources are being explored to finance the initial year of the program. Due to grant submission and award timelines at organizations such as Iowa West Foundation, Superintendent Hopkins recommended targeting 2023-2024 as a possible initial year of a preschool program. Board members were provided with a copy of the 2021-2022 Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old-Children application packet in order to familiarize them with the requirements of the program.

### **Covid-19 Information/Updates**

The most recent parent/employee COVID-19 notification letter was provided. An updated notification is sent out each Friday.

### **Construction Update**

Kevin Strehle, BCDM architect, provided a written construction update. Meco-Henne, general contractor, is finalizing a handful of remaining items, several of which are waiting on materials.

### **Facility Repairs/Improvements Discussion**

On Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, board members met and toured district facilities and grounds to compile a list of projects, repairs, and upgrades. During upcoming meetings, the board will begin prioritizing the list and discuss possible funding and timelines for completion.

### **Action Items**

#### **Board Policy Review (Second Reading)**

A motion was made by Winchell, seconded by Stogdill, to approve Board Policies 501.9-501.17. This is the second and final reading. Attorneys with the Iowa Association of School Boards have recommended any changes made to the policies due to a change in state or federal law, or as the direct result of a change made to a corresponding policy. Board policies can be found on the district web site: [treynorschools.org](http://treynorschools.org), district, policies. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Buena Vista University Strategic Partnership**

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Christensen, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Buena Vista University to offer reduced tuition opportunities for Treynor School full-time and part-time employees. The strategic partnership would allow any full-time or part-time employee to receive a 30% tuition discount for

online/hybrid undergraduate programs offered through Buena Vista University. The strategic partnership would also allow the spouse or legal dependent of any full-time employee to receive the tuition discount. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **School Improvement Advisory Committee for 2021-2022**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve the SIAC Committee (School Improvement Advisory Committee) for the 2021-2022 school year. The annual meeting will be held Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Committee members:**

##### Board Member

Keith Christensen

##### Administrators & Teachers

Jacob Hedger

Jenny Berens

Jill Kay

Superintendent Hopkins

Kara Huisman

Jeff Koenck

Heidi Finnegan

Dani Floerchinger

Carrie Currin

Randi Endriss

Mallory White

Jackie Konz

Jane Leick

Charity Pearce

JoEllen Travis

Kristin Mundorf

##### Students

Beth Boese

Aiden Kennedy

##### Parents

Dan and Kari Kinsella

Matt Finnegan

Sarah Saar

Jeremiah and Gina Mieska

Adam and Missy Magill

##### Community Members

Carla Christensen

Staci McKern

Jerry Hempel

Allen Hadfield

#### **Purchase of Used 65-Passenger Bus**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve the purchase of a 2017 65-passenger bus for a total cost of \$55,000. School Bus Sales of Waterloo contacted Chad Polly, district mechanic, recently that a used diesel bus was available for purchase. Mr. Polly drove to Waterloo and was able to look at the bus and drive it. It had been a leased bus and has approximately 30,000 miles on it. While in Waterloo he was able to also see the district's new bus that was ordered back in April 2021. It had just arrived in Waterloo from the manufacturer. Board members discussed the need to maintain a schedule of school bus replacement, especially now while other vehicle manufacturers and dealerships are seeing supply shortages. Following discussion, the motion to approve the purchase of the 2017 used 65-passenger bus was approved on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Mower Replacement Quotes**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Winchell, to approve the purchase of a John Deere 4X4 mower, with a 72" deck, at a cost of \$41,243.14 from Agrivision. The mower, with a ComfortCab, would be available for delivery in June 2022 and if approved at that time, a broom and blade could be purchased for winter use. Other quotes received

were: 1) Toro 4X4 at \$50,010; and 2) Grasshopper (Not 4X4) at \$24,751.52. Board members were not interested in purchasing a mower without the 4X4 capability. Following a short discussion, the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

#### **Personnel**

##### **Resignations**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the resignation of Kim Barents as volleyball head coach. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Winchell, to approve the resignation of Larry Olsen as bus driver. Mr. Olsen has been safely driving the students of Treynor Schools for 30 years. Many thanks to him for his dedication! Motion carried 5-0.

##### **Employment**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Winchell, to approve employment for Kristin Mundorf as a PLC Facilitator and Building Leadership Team (BLT). Motion carried 5-0.

##### **Vacancy Update**

The following positions are currently listed as open: assistant high school track, car/van driver, paraeducator (Elementary building), substitute nurse, cook/food service (MS/HS building), and part-time custodian (MS/HS building).

##### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **Facilities and Grounds Updates**

Superintendent Hopkins provided an updated list of facilities/grounds projects.

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

The Iowa Association of School Boards Annual Convention is November 17 & 18, 2021.

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

The next regular meeting will be held December 13, 2021.

##### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved on December 13, 2021

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary