

Treynor Community School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 24, 2018

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Amend and/or Approve Agenda
3. Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public Comment limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)
4. Consideration for Student Disciplinary Hearing
5. Closed Session – per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e)
6. Action on Student Disciplinary Hearing
7. It's All about the Learning – Update on Guidance (Rita Laughlin and Carrie Currin)
8. Special Education: Request for Modified Allowable and Supplemental Aid
9. Open Enrollment – Special Request
10. KKA-D25 Application – Nature Works Everywhere 2019 School Grant
11. Facilities
 - a. Consideration Agreement for Professional Services
12. *Coherence* – Chapter 2
13. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Monday, September 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, located in the High School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order

President Graber called the special meeting to order at 8:24 p.m. due to a public meeting held earlier in the evening.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: Sally Myers, Mickey Stogdill, Brandon Vorthmann and President Graber via telephone. Vice President Guttau-Fox was absent.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

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

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public Comment limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Stogdill, to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e) – *to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student if the student is a minor*. Roll call vote was taken: Vorthmann-Aye; Myers-Aye; Graber-Aye; and Stogdill-Aye. Motion carried and the board entered closed session at 8:28 p.m.

President Graber declared the board out of closed session at 8:45 p.m. and asked for a roll call vote. Vorthmann-Aye; Myers-Aye; Graber-Aye; and Stogdill-Aye.

Action on Student Disciplinary Hearing

A motion was made by Vorthmann, seconded by Myers, to approve the consent agreement between the school district and the student's parents. Motion carried 4-0.

It's All about the Learning – Update on Guidance (Rita Laughlin and Carrie Currin)

Rita Laughlin, MS/HS Counselor and Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor, gave an overview of their role as school counselor. They explained several duties they perform on a daily basis while being proactive when it comes to the well-being of each Treynor student. They belong to the American School Counselor Association and abide by principles of ethical behavior necessary to maintain the high standards of integrity, leadership and professionalism. School counselors work to help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society.

President Graber exited the meeting at 9:02 p.m. and Sally Myers assumed the duties of President for the remainder of the meeting.

Special Education: Request for Modified Allowable and Supplemental Aid

A motion was made by Vorthmann, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2017-2018 Special Education Program deficit of \$289,673.95, or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review. Business Manager VanFosson reviewed the FY'18 Special Education Supplement, pointing out increases and decreases in special education revenues and expenditures in various categories in comparison to FY'17. The district spent \$289,673.95 more in special education services than what was received in dedicated special education funding. Board members discussed the limited number of options in closing the gap and will be considering those options in the future. Motion carried 3-0.

Open Enrollment – Special Request

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to approve an open enrollment request out to an alternate receiving district. This action is based on the recommendation of the Iowa Department of Education. Motion carried 3-0.

KKA-D25 Application

Alora Nowlin, president of the Junior Optimist Club and Treynor High School and Chair of the Keep Kids Alive – Drive 25 is leading an effort to obtain a grant for \$2000 that would be managed by the Treynor Community School District. The goal of the grant is to assist the JOI Club in working with school and city leadership to develop a comprehensive pedestrian plan of sidewalks and bicycle access trails in Treynor. The plan would provide funding for two internships with the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, which would result in cooperative cost-sharing with the Trees Forever Visioning project. The interns would be involved in completing the design studies for the development of a comprehensive pedestrian plan of sidewalks and bicycle access trails in Treynor. This is an authentic learning project that involves many of our students and chaired by one of our students, that involves the design of a solution to a complex real-world problem, that is focused on a community-based initiative, and that results in a plan that is worthwhile for the community. The school district's responsibility would be managing the funding and providing a meeting place, if the grant is approved. Following explanation of the application, a motion was made by Vorthmann, seconded by Stogdill, to endorse and approve the Nature Works Everywhere grant application. Motion carried 3-0.

Facilities

Consideration Agreement for Professional Services

Board member Vorthmann and Superintendent Howell worked with Danielle Handfield of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. to review the agreement for professional services with BCDM Architects. This proposal, if approved, provides the scope of services and fees associated with the upcoming building/renovation project. Next steps include reviewing an updated version of the contract with the attorney, meeting with the architect to finalize it, and then requesting approval by the Board of Directors.

Coherence – Chapter 2

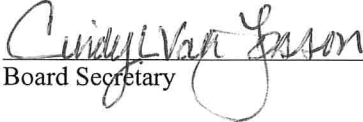
Board members discussed the second chapter, Focusing Direction, of *Coherence – The Right Drivers in Action for Schools, Districts, and Systems* by Michael Fullan and Joann Quinn. They agreed the district's moral purpose is the education of each and every student. They believe the mantra, "Excellence Is Expected, Excellence Is Achieved," really speaks to the board's goal of a strong teaching team, strong supports, and guaranteed and viable curriculum.

They addressed the need for us to be informed by data in order to achieve the results we want. A disciplined and deliberate focus is key.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.


Board President


Board Secretary