

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(January 10, 2022)

The purpose of this communication is to provide information regarding the most recent Board meeting. This document will only provide highlights of the meeting, and it will not include a summary of every agenda item. For more detailed information, please review the meeting minutes when they are posted on the school website. –Dr. Hopkins

1. The Board approved policies 503.1 thru 503.6R1 (second reading). The 500 series includes student attendance, student rights and responsibilities, student discipline, student activities, student scholastic achievement, education records of students, and student health and well-being.
2. Kara Huisman attended the Board meeting to discuss our 2021 School Performance Profile. This year, the Treynor Elementary and Middle School scored in the “high performing” category, and the High School scored in the “commendable” category. You can visit the Performance Profiles website at www.iaschoolperformance.gov. The information from the profile will be discussed during the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting on January 26.
3. Mrs. Berens and Ms. Kay discussed the upcoming Western Iowa Conference (WIC) professional development day on Monday, January 17. The Riverside School District is hosting the event. Teachers can choose from several breakout sessions that are offered throughout the day. THANK YOU to the following Treynor staff members for presenting at the conference: Jim Lovely, Natalie Andersen, Kara Huisman, and Jacob Hedger. Also on Monday, January 17, sixteen Treynor elementary teachers will travel to the Tri-Center School District to attend math curriculum training. It will be a full day of learning!
4. Mr. Hedger discussed the Multi-Occupations (MOC) Endorsement. This endorsement authorizes the holder to supervise students in cooperative programs, work-based learning programs, and similar programs in which students are placed in school-sponsored, on-the-job situations. A goal of the Treynor School is to provide students with more opportunities for internships and job shadow experiences. Having a trained teacher to coordinate the program ensures that students have quality learning experiences.
5. The Board reviewed information regarding radon testing. Treynor is a Repeat School, which means we have already tested our elementary and middle school buildings. This year, we will test our high school building. Kedryn Graham, the elementary custodian, will help coordinate the radon testing. We will be testing at the end of January or beginning of February. Results will be shared sometime in February.

6. The Board approved the 2022-2023 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention application request for supplemental aid in the amount of \$95,484. The At-Risk/Drop Out application is submitted annually to receive funding that supports dropout prevention. Our 2022-2023 Dropout Prevention Program focuses on three main areas: High School Credit Recovery, At-Risk Counseling, and Academic Interventions. The funding goes toward paying a percentage of salaries for individuals who support students in the three areas. The funding also pays for Edgenuity, our online credit recovery program.
7. Dr. Hopkins provided the latest update regarding the employee vaccinate-or-test mandate. On Friday, January 7, the Iowa Division of Labor issued the following statement: “As a state-plan state, the Iowa Division of Labor is charged with protecting the health and safety of those in the workplace and has the authority to enforce workplace safety and health standards for Iowa businesses. Iowa doesn’t have a standard requiring the COVID-19 vaccine or testing. But after closely reviewing the federal OSHA vaccine mandate, Iowa has determined it will not adopt the federal standard.”

Based upon this development, Iowa school districts are not required to take any further action on the vaccine mandate. This is based on the fact that the Iowa Division of Labor has stated that Iowa employers and their employees are not required to comply with the federal mandate, which means the Iowa Department of Labor will not be enforcing the mandate. Therefore, the Board will not take further action at this time.

8. Open Positions at Treynor Community School

Support Staff Positions

- Full-Time Cook/Food Service (MS/HS Building)
- Paraeducator (Elem Building)
- Car/Van Driver
- Substitute Nurse
- Part-Time Custodian (MS/HS Building)

Coaching Positions

- Assistant HS Track
- Assistant HS Baseball