

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(November 8, 2021)

The purpose of this communication is to provide the highlights of 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. Mark Hopkins

1. The Board reviewed policies 502.1 thru 502.10 (first reading) and approved 501.9 thru 501.17 (second reading). The 500 series includes student attendance, student rights/responsibilities, student discipline, student activities, student scholastic achievement, education records of students, and student health and well-being.
2. THANKS to Mickey Stogdill and Brandon Vorthmann for serving another term on the Board!! They will be sworn in at the Board meeting on December 13.
3. Meco-Henne Construction has completed the major construction and renovation work. The construction crew is working on the final punch list, and all work should be complete by the end of November.
4. The Labor Management Committee (LMC) held its second meeting on November 8. The LMC provides a structured process to work together to discuss and resolve workplace issues while identifying and addressing concerns of teachers, administration, and board. Vice-President Mickey Stogdill provided an overview of the topics currently being discussed, which include: health insurance, flex time, and a designated parking area for middle school and high school staff.
5. Buena Vista University (BVU) reached out to provide school districts with an opportunity to offer tuition discounts to full-time and part-time employees. This strategic partnership allows any full-time or part-time employee at Treynor School to receive a 30% tuition discount for online/hybrid undergraduate programs offered through BVU. The partnership also allows the spouse or legal dependents of any full-time employee at Treynor School to receive the tuition discount. The Board approved the agreement with BVU.
6. On October 13, the Board held a work session to tour the school facilities. This was a productive work session, and the Board began generating a list of projects, repairs, and upgrades that are necessary to maintain our facilities. During upcoming meetings, the Board will prioritize the work and determine completion timelines, while being mindful of budget parameters.

7. The Board approved the purchase of a 2017 65-passenger bus. The bus will replace a current regular route bus in order to keep the fleet updated. In addition, the Board approved the purchase of a new mower to replace our aging mowing equipment. Due to production and shipping delays, the mower will be delivered in June or July.
8. Preschool Program Update: The Board and administration are working to establish a preschool program. Current regulations prevent Iowa schools from using the school's general fund during the implementation of the program (first year). The State would not begin funding the school's program until the second year. Therefore, we have been trying to find ways to fund the first year of the preschool program, and we are currently seeking grant opportunities and other funding sources. However, due to grant submission and award notification timelines, we would not have an adequate amount of time to find preschool teachers/paraeducators for the start of the next school year. Also, there is no guarantee of receiving the grants. Therefore, the Board is proceeding cautiously and is planning a preschool start date of 2023-2024. More information to follow as planning continues.
9. Principal Reports: Mr. Hedger provided a brief update on the school safety committee, parent-teacher conferences, and the Veteran's Day assembly. He also reviewed PreACT results with the Board. Mrs. Berens reviewed the computer science training held on October 18, and she also noted the recent Student Assistance Team meeting, the Iowa Youth Survey, and Random Acts of Kindness. Ms. Kay highlighted the Instructional Framework professional development, which is planned and presented by the teacher leadership team. Ms. Kay also noted the various student activities and field trips.
10. The next Board meeting is December 13 at 6:30 P.M.