

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(October 11, 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 501.9 thru 501.17 (first reading) and approved 501.1 thru 501.8 (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. Starting with the 2022-2023 school year, shot clocks will be required for high school basketball. Last month, the Board reviewed information about the cost of new shot clocks, as well as the cost to update the scoreboards in the East Gym. The Board approved the purchase of the scoreboards for the East Gym and the shot clocks for both gyms.
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 October/early November.
4. Mrs. Huisman attended the meeting to discuss the Curriculum Review Process and Timeline. She reviewed the four phases of the review process, which includes guidance on how to implement curricular changes to improve student achievement. The following content areas are currently at different phases of the process: Science, Math, and Social Studies. Also, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 during the last two years, the Board approved an adjusted timeline for the review of other content areas.
5. Buena Vista University (BVU) has reached out to provide school districts with an opportunity to offer tuition discounts to full-time and part-time employees. This strategic partnership would allow 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 would also allow the spouse or legal dependents of any full-time employee at Treynor School to receive the tuition discount. This information was reviewed during the Board meeting, and it was also shared with the Labor Management Team prior to the meeting. The Board will consider this for approval at the November meeting.

6. Due to drainage and erosion issues on the softball field, the Board approved the installation of sod on the outside warning track of the field. This should prevent future drainage issues, as well as the loss of agrilime during significant rain events. The Board also approved additional work on the field, which includes moving the main gate and modifying the bullpen area. We are hopeful the work can be completed this fall.
7. The Board approved the painting project in the middle school area. The lower level halls by the gyms and classrooms will be painted to match the hall by the new locker rooms (off-white with red stripe). In addition, the casings around the doors, windows, and trophy cases will be painted, as well as the poles and stair railings in the middle school commons. Painting will be completed in phases during school breaks and holiday vacations.
8. Principal Reports: Mr. Hedger highlighted the Foods III class, which is taught by Ms. Schneider. Ms. Schneider is working hard to develop the new course with a focus on a farm-to-table format with growing stations. Mrs. Berens informed the Board on the efforts to recognize students, such as Students of the Month and weekly drawings for students who choose excellence. Ms. Kay provided an update on FAST testing in math and reading. Ms. Kay also noted the work of the Student Assistance Team (SAT).
9. The Board will meet for a work session on Wednesday, October 13 at 5:30 P.M. The Board will tour the buildings and grounds to begin planning for short-term and long-term facility improvements and projects. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, November 8 at 6:30 P.M.