

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(September 13, 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. A major responsibility of the school board is to review and update board policies. Because of the large number of policies, the review/update process will occur at most meetings. Starting this month, the Board began reviewing Board policies for the 500 series. This 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. The Treynor Community School's ESSER III allocation is \$202,069. ESSER stands for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. At least 20% of the allocation (\$40,414) must be used for academic learning needs. The Board of Education, administration team, labor management team, and the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) reviewed the allowable uses for the funds. Through discussion and feedback, we determined that the funds will be used for the following: 1) purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the school facilities; 2) improving facilities and indoor air quality to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure; 3) providing educational technology such as hardware and software; 4) providing mental health services and supports; and 5) addressing learning needs by using accelerated learning interventions.
3. The Board reviewed the requirements for computer science instruction. All schools need to develop a K-12 Computer Science (CS) Plan by July 1, 2022. Treynor will send a team of principals and teachers to the AEA in October to begin work on the CS Plan.
4. Starting with the 2022-2023 school year, shot clocks will be required for high school basketball. Therefore, we began collecting information on the cost of new shot clocks, as well as the cost of new scoreboards for the East Gym. The Board began discussion at this meeting, and they will consider the purchase of shot clocks and new scoreboards at the next regular Board meeting.
5. Meco-Henne Construction provided an update regarding the renovation of the band and choir rooms. This area has been transformed into two locker rooms and athletic office space. The construction crew will start the final punch list next week. We will have access to the locker rooms and office space by the end of the month. After two years and three months—the construction and renovation is close to completion!

6. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the use of the new safety response protocols that were introduced/reviewed with all staff and secondary students at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Hedger discussed the following protocols: HOLD, SECURE, LOCKDOWN, EVACUATE, and SHELTER. The safety committee will meet in the near future to discuss additional training and drills.
7. We have been having some issues with people running the bus stop arm when our drivers pick up/drop off students. At this time, the Board approved to purchase a stop arm camera for one bus. The stop arm camera will provide license plate and vehicle information of those individuals choosing to run the stop arm. We will monitor the situation to see if there may be a need to purchase additional stop arm cameras.
8. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, October 11 at 6:30 P.M.