

Treynor Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, Aug. 8, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.
HS/MS Media Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schnepel.

Roll Call: Present – Board Members Erica Schnepel, Sally Myers, Gary Funkhouser and Amy Graber.

Also Present – Supt. Kevin Elwood, Principals Gary McNeal, Jill Kay and Jenny Berens.

There were approximately 28 members of the public present.

Moved by board member Myers second by board member Graber to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous.

Open Forum: Heidi Gutttau-Fox introduced herself and explained that she grew up in Treynor and received a great education in Treynor High. Her children are the fourth generation of her family to attend. She has deep roots in Treynor, an education in business, finance and law. She is a practicing attorney and partner at Baird Holmes in Omaha. She is interested in being appointed to the board vacancy and if there is an election she will be running for the office. She stated the kids come first and her goal is to serve the kids and families that need the system. She requested that the board appoint her to fill the vacant board seat.

Moved by board member Funkhouser, seconded by board member Graber to approve bills, financial statements, officials' contracts and minutes of previous meetings as submitted. Ayes: Unanimous.

A petition was received with 240 signatures to ask for a special election to fill the board vacancy. If someone is appointed their term would last until the election is held. Board President Schnepel stated that there are cases where school districts have decided to honor the public's request for a special election and not appoint someone. She would like to wait for the election and not make an appointment at this time. She also stated that IASB does not recommend following past practices of appointing the person that received the next highest number of votes at the last election. The five people who have submitted their names for consideration for appointment are Heidi Gutttau-Fox, Melissa Wisniewski, Matt Finnegan, Jerry Hempel and Shawn Gillespie. Moved by board member Funkhouser to appoint Matt Finnegan to fill the board vacancy until the election. Board member Schnepel nominated Heidi Gutttau-Fox. Board member Myers seconded the motion to appoint Matt Finnegan. Ayes: Myers, Funkhouser, Graber. Nays: Schnepel.

Matt Finnegan introduced himself to the public. He has always been in a household with an educator and has a good understanding of the concepts of education and the culture surrounding the Treynor School District. He has been an executive for Berkshire Hathaway Energy and has experience with budgets, bargaining agreements, contracts and projects. Mr. Finnegan was administered the oath of office. He then took his place at the board table for the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Myers to set the date for special election for Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016. Ayes: Unanimous.

Mr. Jeff Schoening presented information to the board regarding the proposed music trip to Chicago. He requested permission from the board to beginning planning the activity for the spring of 2017.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the request.
Ayes: Unanimous.

Superintendent Elwood reviewed the insurance coverage and cost provided by EMC for the district. The premiums increased by \$2,366 over last year. This is the smallest increase in the past five years. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Myers to approve renewal with EMC for the current fiscal year. Ayes: Unanimous.

Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the resignation submitted by the junior high volleyball coach Laurie Stogdill pending finding a suitable replacement. Ayes: Unanimous. New contracts were submitted for Jeff Koenck as Head High School Volleyball Coach, Gail Hartigan as Junior High Volleyball Coach, Angie Mittan as Assistant Marching Band, and Leigh Chaves as Dance Team. Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Graber to approve the contracts presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve adoption of State mandated updates to board policies #201, 202.3, and 202.4. Ayes: Unanimous. The first reading of board policy #403.1 was discussed. The board determined that they would no longer require a physical for all employees. Bus drivers are still required to have physicals and their contract stipulates the school district will pay up to \$200 of the cost. Policy 403.2 will be updated and included on the September agenda for second consideration.

Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Finnegan to adopt the State mandated updates to board policies #103, and 104. Ayes: Unanimous.

The Disaster Recovery Plan, policy #701.42 was reviewed and approved for first consideration. Second consideration will be in September.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Myers to approve adding Bankers Trust as a depository for the 2016-17 fiscal year and to set the deposit limit at \$12 million for each bank. Ayes: Unanimous.

The principals' reports outlined upcoming events and training. Principal McNeal commended all of the outstanding achievements by the baseball and softball teams and individual players.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Graber to approve the six open enrollment "In" requests as submitted. Ayes: Unanimous. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Myers to approve the two requests for open enrollment "Out" requests that were late filed. Ayes: Unanimous.

Superintendent Elwood submitted his monthly report. The IASB workshop with Harry H. will be scheduled after the board vacancy is filled.

Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Graber to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5i to discuss the Superintendent evaluation and preliminary goals. Ayes: Unanimous.

The board went into closed session at 7:25 PM.

The board came back into open session at 8:00 PM.

Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Funkhouser to adjourn the regular board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary