

Treynor Community School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.  
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schnepel.

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

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

Absent – Board Member Sally Myers

There were approximately 50 members of the public present.

Moved by board member Funkhouser, second by board member Finnegan to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Open Forum: Board member Schnepel read the board policy regarding open forum procedures. Rosalie Soloth, Judy Gutttau, Ann Vorthmann, Heidi Gutttau-Fox and Chris Clausen all spoke regarding the Superintendent evaluation and preliminary goals. The majority of the speakers expressed concern over previous events. They believe many of the issues and complaints were mishandled. Ms. Soloth and Ms. Gutttau-Fox requested that the board hold the superintendent accountable and ask for his resignation. Ryan Avis, Pottawattamie County Sheriff offered his assistance with the TOPS committee and the Level I Investigators. The County has access to free resources to assist victims. He will forward resource information to the superintendent and board president. Ms. Clausen spoke out in favor of the leadership, schools and the community. (An audio recording of all comments made during the Open Forum may be accessed at: <http://www.treynorschools.org/>)

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.

Treynor City Council Member Lewis updated the board on changes that were adopted by the council extending the "no parking" zone at the intersection of Highway 92 and Eyberg. Business parking will be allowed in the Community Center parking lot. The State will post signs and the City will paint the curbs.

There were several contract adjustments that need to be made due to changes in circumstances, health issues and timing in completion of contract negotiations, as well as a new hire for wrestling coach. Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Finnegan to approve the contracts presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Supt. Elwood provided information on the number of students with health issues that require monitoring by the school nurse. At this time he would recommend that an additional half-time nurse position be created for the Middle School/High School. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve the addition of a half-time nurse and authorize advertisement for the position. Ayes: Unanimous.

Ms. Laughlin updated the board on the TOPS committee. The group suggested changes in the harassment policy, updated the Rubrics, and discussed future training opportunities. The Crawford County Attorney has scheduled training with teachers and students. TOPS committee will also request a presentation for parents.

Board policies #403.1 (employee physicals), #104 (anti-bullying) and #701.42 (disaster recovery plan) were reviewed for second consideration. The board requested that policy #104 be forwarded to legal

counsel for review and compliance with Title 7 and 9. Moved by board member Finnegan, seconded by board member Graber to approve policy #403.1 and #701.42 on second consideration. Ayes: Unanimous. Legal counsel and the TOPS committee will review the anti-bullying plan and take into consideration adding provisions for annual training and compliance with Title 7 and Title 9.

There is a proposed SIAC meeting for Oct. 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM. A list of proposed SIAC committee members was submitted to the board. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the 2016-17 SIAC committee. Ayes: Unanimous.

Superintendent Elwood reviewed the annual ACT data that was recently released. Board member Finnegan expressed concern over the math scores. Principal McNeal has reviewed the data and has some suggestions for improvement and to raised awareness on the importance of the test results. John Baylor test prep is available to the students for free.

The principals' reports outlined upcoming events and training. Principal McNeal stated school got off to a great start. The athletic teams are performing well. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> is the first professional development day and they will be working on an instructional framework. Homecoming is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Super Heroes. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> is the SIAC meeting. Jenny Berens updated the board on the TLC meetings and training. The Rubrics have recently been updated. Jill Kay informed the board that the staff will be trained on the new math curriculum on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. They have started their Professional Learning Communities. Danny Kinsella won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Iowa State Fair Spelling Bee.

A proposed list for the annual appointment of Level I Investigators was submitted to the board. Moved by board member Finnegan seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the list of Level I Investigators. Ayes: Unanimous. Level I Investigators are required to be trained every 5 years.

Amy Graber will be the board delegate for IASB on Nov. 16, 2016.

Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Finnegan to approve the open enrollment requests as submitted. Ayes: Unanimous.

Superintendent Elwood acknowledged the passing of Audrey Stewart. She was a long time employee of the Treynor Community School District. LOST income projections were presented to the board. There will be an increase in LOST funds this year. LOST funds are allocated for debt payments, bond reduction, and annual projects. A portion is held in reserve for major projects. There is a special election scheduled for Sept. 20, 2016. The county will canvass the votes on Sept. 26, 2016. After the canvass the winning candidate will be administered the oath of office. The annual board meeting will be held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Elwood updated the board on the health insurance that was offered to the part-time employees. There were no employees who were interested in the insurance at this time. EMC has refunded a \$16,397.00 dividend of insurance premiums.

The board went into closed session at 7:51 PM, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5i to discuss the Superintendent evaluation and preliminary goals.

The board came back into open session at 9:13 PM.

Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Finnegan to adjourn the regular board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary