

Treynor Community School Board Meeting
January 11, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
HS/MS Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schnepel. Roll call was taken and all Directors were present (Schnepel, Funkhouser, Myers, Graber, Boese). Others in attendance were Supt. Elwood, Principals Kay, Berens, & McNeal and approximately 40 – 45 guests.

Motion by Graber, second by Myers to approve agenda and motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum:

Heidi Gutttau Fox voiced concerns on use of a local vendor for the purchase of muffins for an elementary event, felt there were harsher punishments geared toward girls, and once again voiced her opinion for the Board to seek separate council.

Jerry Hempel shared how the Open Forum (policy 215) became part of the agenda. He stated that as long as it was done right by going through the proper channels before coming to open forum it was a good thing. It was not started to bypass the chain of command and put administrators on the spot. He stated that a Board Member was a Board Member 24 hours a day and couldn't wear different hats. His suggestion was for open forum to allow comments on agenda items only, thank-you's, and performance of Board members.

JoEllen Travis stated that students enjoy the support of local vendors, the vendors should all be treated fairly and that the school should support local businesses. She stated the Board is equal partners and the President has no more say than other members. Where powers and duties are concerned, the Board needs to exercise themselves as a whole.

Shannon Simpson said in reviewing policy 215, policy 402.5 also needed to be included as it gives the chain of command that needs to be followed before coming to the Board. She also stated that the Board needed to take a look at the Board President and her overuse of power and that there was no need to rediscuss issues over and over.

Heidi Lunn voiced her concern on prom transportation. She would like the Board to consider a policy that required transporting prom goers in one mode of transportation.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Myers to approve bills, financial statements, official's contracts, and minutes of previous meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Policies #215 (open forum) and #906.3 (Sunday use of school facilities) were discussed.

Policy #215 - IASB gives 4 options for school board protocol on open forum:

1. Not limited to agenda item
2. Limited to items on agenda
3. Comments allowed on each agenda item
4. Some Board do not provide a regularly scheduled public comment

After much discussion on pros and cons on each area and what it takes to get an item on the agenda, Boese moved to table the item and get a sub-committee to explore the items and not change the

current format at this time. The sub-committee will consist of Directors Boese and Myers, along with two administrators.

Policy 906.3 – Sunday use of building and facilities were discussed. Consensus of the Board was that we need to maximize the use of building. Criteria discussed was that a staff member needed to be present as a volunteer or that was hired by the group wanting use of the building, that it be equitable treatment of groups, and that it not be a requirement for attendance. A draft policy will be created for Board review at a future meeting.

Supt. Elwood gave update of TLC grant timeline for application of each position and reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He informed the public the grant, applications for various positions, and timeline was on the website. Motion by Boese, second by Graber to approve MOU and motion carried unanimously. Supt. Elwood also gave update on concurrent enrollment data and financials.

Principal McNeal informed Board semester tests were taken before the break, that there are exciting winter sports taking place, and that the Iowa National Guard Band will be performing here Feb. 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Principal Berens gave update on past and upcoming events and sent kudos out to the middle school students and Mrs. Stogdill for coordinating the effort in helping pick up trash after home events.

Principal Kay informed Board of past and upcoming events, that FAST testing will be starting Jan. 18th, and the 4th Grade Invention Convention will be Feb. 2nd. She also shared that elementary PD focused on Number Talks and the Power of Collaboration.

Supt. Elwood reminded the Board of the IASB work session to be held Jan. 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Board room. The scheduled topics are strengths and challenges of the Board, creating a culture of excellence and Board self-assessment. He also informed the Board of the Community Coffee which will be held Jan. 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Library where Board and Administration Team will meet with interested community members to review and discuss the District's Strategic Plan.

Motion by Myers, second by Funkhouser to approve open enrolled ins for 2015-16 of one kdg, one 2nd grader, and one 5th grader from Glenwood and for 2016-17 of one kdg. from Lewis Central. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood shared Governor's proposal to extend state penny and fund water quality. He informed Board that Jan. 18th PD would be on Capturing Kid's Hearts "Winning Culture" training, that Iowa Legislature convenes on Jan. 11th, and that negotiations would begin on Jan. 25th with Supt. Elwood, Business Manager North, and Directors Schnepel and Myers being the District's team.

Graber & Myers attended the staff "What's On Your Mind" meeting in December and gave a brief update.

Supt. Elwood gave Feb. 8th as the date for the IASB Day on the Hill and informed the public that Board meeting audio files are now available on the website.

Motion by Boese, second by Graber to enter closed session per Iowa code 21.5c (Board review of pending litigation). Roll call taken all five Directors voted aye (Schnepel, Funkhouser, Myers, Graber, Boese). Entered closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to come out of closed session. Roll call taken and all 5 Directors voted aye. Out of closed session at 9:05 p.m.

There being no further business, motion by Schnepel, second by Graber to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, Board President

Karli North, Board Secretary