

Treynor Community School District
November 9, 2015 Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. – HS/MS Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schnepel. Roll call was taken and all directors were present (Schnepel, Myers, Boese, Funkhouser, Graber) along with Supt. Elwood, Principals Kay, Berens & McNeal and approximately 22 guests.

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

Open Forum:

Rachelle Miller – Would like the new Board to read the letter she sent to the old Board regarding her personal experience.

Lisa Honig – Feels community is still divided and that there is tension in the building that is being felt by the students feeling they need to take sides of what is an adult issue. She praised Mr. Beattie and Mr. Strutzenberg for their fine examples to the students.

Heidi Gutttau-Fox – Wants the Board to entertain a motion to hire independent counsel. She does not feel that the Board has endorsed any accountability with pending litigations. She stated the Board is not limited by statute of limitations and that counsel should not make the decisions but only guide in the decision making. She wants accountability. She also felt student e-mail was handled incorrectly.

Traci Comstock – Spoke on her experience of handling a sexual harassment case that got systemic relief because it went on too long. She would like to see a policy on discrimination and would like the Board to look at repeated patterns hard. She also commented on student e-mail and that the student was dealing with the problem in his or her own way and to not close the door.

Erica Schnepel – Read a letter on sexual harassment. Felt issue wasn't handled yet. Spoke on student e-mail. Action done is wrong way, but student came forward as felt no one listens or does anything. Stated Board needs to take ethical policies to heart and take best interest of all students. She wants the Board to look at policies tonight with children's best interest considered and not adult's. She feels children are not learning right decisions and district needs accountability.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve bills, financial statements, officials contracts, and minutes of previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Graber, second by Myers to approve Ellen Garaffa's notice of intent to retire at the end of the 2015-16 school year and to approve Assistant HS Boys Basketball contract for Joe Chapman and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of negotiations letter from the TEA.

Board reviewed policy 803.1 (disposal of equipment) and changed the wording to coincide with the new regulations. In some cases, equipment less than \$5,000 in value can now be sold with one advertisement instead of two.

Board reviewed policies 104 (anti-bullying), 903.4 (public conduct) and 402.3 (abuse of students). Policy 104 is a state policy. The district has a rubric in place for each building and coordinates with Olweus. Policy 903.4 was left as is for it allows for flexibility. Policy 402.3 is vague but there is a binder in the administrative office with state code and how certain events are to be dealt with. If the abuse is sexual, law enforcement gets involved and if the abuse is physical it goes through DHS.

Motion by Boese, second by Myers to increase lunch prices by .05 cents effective January 1, 2016. Due to equity, state says we have to charge a weighted average of \$2.13 per lunch.

Motion by Graber, second by Boese to change Honor Society application from a 3.0 GPA to a 3.25 GPA and the ratings will be done without the name of the applicant when considering "service".

Supt. Elwood gave a certified enrollment report and a class size report along with WIC comparisons. The district is currently up 35 students that are being provided instruction by the district and ranks at the top of the WIC in students served with an enrollment of 809.1. The average class size in the elementary is 20.47.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve SBRC request in amount of \$26,101, for Modified Allowable Growth due to change in open enrollment out and the motion carried unanimously.

Principals Kay, Berens, and McNeal all reported on past and up-coming events and shared the grade level goals for their building. Principal Kay reported elementary had close to 100% participation for P/T conferences and that four teachers went to an intervention training in math. Principal Berens shared Veteran Day Program information and that she and Mr. McNeal had curriculum department meetings underway. Principal McNeal gave kudos to all our students for the great musical, the band contest ratings, the great sports season, and to Michael Deitchler for placing 2nd overall in a young entrepreneurs competition held at Iowa Western. He also shared that Juniors attended a college fair.

Motion by Boese, second by Graber to appoint Funkhouser to the Pottawattamie Assessor's Board. Motion carried 4-1 (Funkhouser voted nay).

Supt. Elwood shared the snow removal quote to the Board from Genuine Snow Removal.

Motion by Schnepel, second by Myers to approve open enrollments in for the 2016-17 school year of 2 kindergartners and the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood gave kudos to Zachary Mass for being selected for Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council, gave info on U.S. Supreme Court Wynne decision and that it only impacted how the money was distributed, informed Board Strategic Planning work session was set for Dec. 3rd, at 5:15 p.m. , IASB convention was Nov. 18-20 and that all 336 districts in Iowa have applied to join the State's TLC System.

Supt. Elwood also informed the Board of the passing of past President Hempel's mother and the pending arrangements. In addition, the Board agreed to pay the lunch fee for special Olympians and their coaches when Treynor hosts an upcoming Special Olympics Day.

Motion by Boese, second by Funkhouser to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5c (pending litigation). Roll call taken and all directors voted aye (Schnepel, Myers, Funkhouser, Boese, Graber). Entered closed session at 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Boese, second by Myers to come out of closed session and all directors voted aye. Out of closed session at 8:47 p.m.

There being no further business, motion by Funkhouser, second by Graber to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 14th at 6:00 p.m. (earlier start because of MS/HS music concert).

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, Board President

Karli North, Board Secretary