

Treynor Community School
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2015 – 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 (came in right after roll call), Funkhouser, Graber. Others in attendance were Supt. Elwood, Principals Kay, Berens, & McNeal, Attorney Joe Thornton and approximately 16 guests.

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

Open Forum: Jerry Hempel spoke on previous Board's reasoning for retaining current counsel. Shannon Simpson thanked the new board member's for taking on their role, asked that they take the code of ethics to heart, reminded them that they represent the whole school district and not an individual group, asked the community to allow the new members to do their job, asked Board to consider retaining current counsel and what it would cost to change, and that after reviewing a survey given to students it was not the general perception that they did not feel safe.

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

Motion by Myers, second by Boese to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(c) to review current litigation. Roll call vote was taken and all directors voted aye. Entered closed session at 6:45 p.m. Those in closed session were Directors Schnepel, Funkhouser, Myers, Boese, Graber, Secretary North, and Attorneys Thornton and Philipps.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to come out of closed session. Roll call vote was taken and all directors voted aye. Out of closed session at 7:35 p.m.

During the discussion of district legal needs, Boese stated there was no need for further investigation or additional counsel. Boese would like to change current representation of the district to give the community a fresh start. Myers stated she was content with counsel the way it was. Principals Berens and Kay stated they were very confident of current attorney and hesitant of change. Schnepel wants neutral attorney to get past divide. Funkhouser wants to retain current counsel and Graber stated that she would like to leave legal counsel as it is for now.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve the following contracts:

Mary Bleth Harris – JH Track

Jeff Koenck – HS Head Boys Track

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve SPED request for Modified Allowable Growth in amount of \$326,020.04 and the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood gave the preliminary 2015-16 enrollment numbers. District enrollment is up 35 students (8 resident – 27 open enrolled).

Supt. Elwood presented a final copy of the TLC grant application for the Board to review and discuss.

Principal Kay shared past and upcoming events, talked on teacher mentoring, shared information on the “Making Meaning” program and went over the teacher evaluation process.

Principal Berens informed the Board that the PD focus for this year is “Depth of Knowledge”. She also shared information on the Pay It Forward day the students participated in and PLC (Professional Learning Community) time during 8th period.

Principal McNeal talked on the WIC Principal Meetings and how informative they were, gave kudos to the marching band for their impressive performance in Clarinda, and encouraged all to attend the upcoming musical Nov. 6 & 7. He also discussed the need to increase the criteria for National Honor Society to make it a more prestigious honor.

Supt. Elwood reviewed the 2014-15 APR (Annual Progress Report) and AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) data. Motion by Boese, second by Graber to approve reports and motion carried unanimously. Supt. Elwood also shared SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) information.

Motion by Funkhouser, second by Boese to approve open enrollment in for the 2015-16 school year of one 7th grader, one 9th grader, and one 12th grader. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood reviewed the FY16 superintendent and board goals. Motion by Myers, second by Graber to approve the goals and motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Elwood handed out Board Member Handbooks, talked on possibility of IASB workshops, gave information on upcoming IASB convention, handed out WIC and Regional VB schedules and took a picture of the new board.

There being no further business, motion by Graber, second by Boese to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 9th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Schnepel, President

Karli North, Secretary