

Treynor Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – HS/MS Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Hempel. Roll call was taken and all directors (Hempel, Funkhouser, Schnepel, Young, Paulsen) were present along with Superintendent Elwood, Principals Larsen (came in at 7:00 p.m.), Berens and Navara. Others in attendance included school attorney Joe Thornton, Lamp Rynearson Representative Joe Zadina, and approximately 18 guests.

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Young to approve the amended agenda which included item 10 (review of board policies) and the motion carried unanimously.

There were no sign-ins for the open forum.

Motion by Funkhouser, seconded by Young to approve bills, financial statements, official's contracts, and minutes of previous meetings and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hempel, seconded by Young to enter closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5(i) to review current legal counsel. Roll call vote was taken and all five directors voted aye. Entered closed session at 6:37.

Motion by Hempel, seconded by Funkhouser to come out of closed session. Roll call vote taken and all five directors voted aye. Out of closed session at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Schnepel to table the appointment of a school attorney for further discussion. There was no second so motion failed. Motion by Hempel, seconded by Paulsen to appoint Joe Thornton as the District's legal counsel for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll call vote was taken and Directors Hempel, Funkhouser, Young, and Paulsen voted aye and Director Schnepel voted nay.

Motion by Funkhouser, seconded by Schnepel to approve the following lane changes:

Joan Palmquist from BA12 to BA24
Nigel Horton from BA12 to BA24
Lauren Leonard from BA to BA12
Heidi Finnegan from MA to MA15

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the negotiations letter from the TEA which would include language and salary.

Board Policies 215.1, 402.5, and 502.6 (complaints) were reviewed which included the addition of a complaint form. Discussion was held on tracking of complaints, informal vs. formal complaints, and the difficulty of documenting verbal only complaints. Policies will be ready for the Board's first reading at the next regular school board meeting.

Joe Zadina from Lamp Rynearson and Associates gave a report on the year one evaluation of the athletic complex. He mapped out warranty, suggested areas to be improved, and identified areas needing

further maintenance. He was directed by the Board to get additional quotes on the recommended improvement items.

Board Policy 401.4 (nepotism) was reviewed. This item was tabled as Director Schnepel wanted the Board to have time to review additional verbage to the policy.

Principals Larsen, Berens, and Navara gave reports on past and upcoming events and updated the Board on GPA weighting investigations, professional development plans, and homecoming activities.

Motion by Funkhouser, seconded by Young to approve the 2014-15 SIAC members and agenda and the motion carried unanimously. It was also made known that a JMC blast would be sent to let parents know that any and all were invited and encouraged to attend.

Superintendent Elwood gave a brief overview of the ACT data and informed the Board that it will also be reviewed at the SIAC meeting.

Motion by Schnepel, seconded by Young to approve the open enrollment of one 6th grader for the 2014-15 school year, one kdg, one 3rd grader and one 5th grader for the 2015-16 school year and to approve a tuition in of one 7th grader for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hempel, seconded by Young to nominate Funkhouser as IASB Board Delegate for the 2014-15 school year. There were no further nominations and the vote was unanimous.

Motion by Funkhouser, seconded by Young to nominate Hempel as Board President. No further nominations were made. A roll call vote was taken and all directors voted aye.

Motion by Funkhouser, seconded by Paulsen to nominate Young as Vice President. No further nominations were made. A roll call vote was taken and all directors voted aye.

The oath of office was administered by Karli North to Jerry Hempel as Board President and Randy Young as Board Vice-President.

Motion by Hempel, seconded by Schnepel to continue the same time and place for Board meetings. Motion carried unanimously to keep the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The following committee assignments for the 2014-15 school year were determined as follows:
Negotiations and Insurance – Jerry Hempel and Erica Schnepel
Transportation – Randy Young
Building and Grounds – Gary Funkhouser and Dave Paulsen

Superintendent Elwood gave enrollment estimates but informed the Board the official count wouldn't be until October 1st.

The Board reviewed handbooks and noted a few edits. Each member received a copy of the "Energy Bus" book and the 10 rules for the "ride of your life". Board members commented positively on the self-assessment work session. It was determined that a schedule would be set for future work sessions.

Superintendent Elwood gave an estimate of what the 2014-15 sales tax revenue would be, the homecoming schedule, and upcoming meeting dates.

Motion by Paulsen, seconded by Young to go into closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5 for superintendent evaluation. A roll call vote was taken and all five directors voted aye. Entered closed session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by Hempel, seconded by Schnepel to come out of closed session. Roll call vote taken and all five directors voted aye. Out of closed session at 10:37 p.m.

There being no further business, motion by Young, seconded by Paulsen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m. The next meeting will be October 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Hempel, Board President

Karli North, Board Secretary