

Treynor Community School District
Work Session
Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
HS/MS Media Center

The work session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Graber.

Roll Call: Present – Board Members Erica Schnepel, Gary Funkhouser, Sally Myers and Amy Graber.
Board member Heidi Gutttau-Fox arrived at 5:35 PM.

Also Present – Supt. Kevin Elwood and Board Secretary Doreen Mowery.

Board member Schnepel drafted a Mission Statement using information previously gathered during a work session with Harry Heiligenthal from IASB. After additional discussion and consideration the board agreed upon a Mission Statement specifically for the Board of Education.

The work session was adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Joan Palmquist introduced Emily Sutherland as one of the seven students that recently won eleven awards in the Scholastic Midwest Regional Writing competition. Emily presented her a critical essay to the board and public.

President Graber called the regular meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present – Board Members Erica Schnepel, Gary Funkhouser, Sally Myers, Heidi Gutttau-Fox and Amy Graber.

Also Present – Supt. Kevin Elwood, Board Secretary Doreen Mowery and Principals Gary McNeal and Jill Kay.

There were approximately 12 members of the public present.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Myers to approve the agenda as submitted. Ayes: Unanimous.

Open Forum: President Graber read the rules regarding open forum procedures. Comments regarding the proposed legislative changes to Chapter 20 were presented by Marilyn Abbott, President of the Treynor Education Association and TEA member Bob Beattie. (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 Schnepel to approve bills, financial statements, official's contracts, and minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Resignations have been received from Carrie Schweer, nutrition worker and Mary Bleth-Harris as wrestling cheer coach. New contracts have been offered to Molly Sengmany as nutrition worker and Diana Crouch as assistant speech coach. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the resignations and contracts presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood submitted several documents pertaining to policy #104 – Anti-bullying. The board made additional changes to the policy. A member of the public verified that the proposed policy addresses what is to be done if a teacher is being the bully. Action to adopt the policy with the additional changes was tabled until the March meeting.

President Graber read the proposed Board Mission Statement. Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the Mission Statement as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. The Board's mission statement will be read at future board meetings and posted on the district website.

President Graber discussed providing legal counsel to assist school administrators in setting up and collecting data for discipline charts, as discussed during the Title IX work session. Members of the board would like the charts to be used as a tool to gain knowledge for oversight of disciplinary action. Board member Gutttau-Fox stated that the charts are a common tool and they would show disciplinary trends and could be used to guide the administrators. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to authorize legal counsel to work with administration on a discipline chart as a learning opportunity. Ayes: Unanimous.

Board member Schnepel updated the board on TOPS committee meetings and actions over the past year as well as future proposed trainings and events. Board member Schnepel would like to add training on Title IX procedures for teachers. Board member Gutttau-Fox reiterated that she would like to make sure there is staff training by the end of the year and student appropriate Title IX training for high schoolers before they leave. Mr. McNeal will work with Ms. Laughlin to schedule training for seniors.

Supt. Elwood provided the board with a proposed school calendar for 2017-2018. The calendar will be emailed to staff and posted on the website to allow for feedback. Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Funkhouser to set a public hearing on the proposed FY 17-18 school calendar for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Ayes: Unanimous.

Principals McNeal stated there are many students that have accomplished many great things recently. Ms. Kay provided information on the many activities at the elementary school. There will be a full day of professional development for staff on the 20th of February.

Supt. Elwood updated the board on a proposal that was submitted for ALICE training. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Myers to approve the proposed contract for ALICE training. Ayes: Unanimous.

The status of Facility Planning was reviewed. There will be a board work session in March with BCDM and the financial consultants to update the board on the status of the project.

Legislative changes on collective bargaining will need to be reviewed prior to beginning contract negotiations.

Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to authorize legal counsel to review contract negotiations and timelines for administrator contracts so legal counsel can educate and update the board on existing contracts. Ayes: Schnepel, Myers, Gutttau-Fox, Graber. Nays: Funkhouser.

There is currently one Open Enrollment In request for the current school year and seven Open Enrollment In requests for school year 2017-2018. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the Open Enrollment In requests. Ayes: Schnepel, Funkhouser, Guttau-Fox, Graber. Abstain: Myers. Applications were submitted for three Open Enrollments Out in the current year and one for next school year.

The football field by the elementary school will not have turf maintenance in the next year. It will be mowed and have weed control. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Graber to instruct the superintendent to request turf maintenance bids for a two year contract. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood provided the board with a legislative update prepared by Lynch Dallas.

TLC will provide an update to the board at the March meeting. Applications for the top three TLC contracts are currently being taken and recommendations will be made at the March meeting. Additional positions will be filled after the top 3 positions are filled.

Budget will be discussed at the March and April meetings.

Post season schedules were provided to the Board.

Supt. Elwood updated the board on the status of the goals that were previously set for FY 17.

The board went into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) and 22.7(11) (confidential records) at 7:39 PM.

The board came back into open session at approximately 8:52 PM.

Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Guttau-Fox to adjourn the regular board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Graber, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary