

Treynor Community School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, Mar. 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.  
HS/MS Media Center

President Graber called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

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

There were approximately 25 members of the public present.

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

Board Member Graber read the board mission statement.

Lori Burton introduced three speech students who played their large group short film “Drive” that was entered at state competition. She also announced that four students will be competing at All-State with individual performances.

Open Forum: President Graber read the rules regarding open forum procedures. Ann Vorthmann suggested that the agendas provide more information on closed sessions. (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 Myers to approve bills, financial statements, official’s contracts, and minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Kara Huisman introduced teachers Alex Meyers, Heidi Finnegan, Loren Rommel, and Mary Bleth-Harris. Each of the teachers provided information on the TLC program and how it has positively impacted each of them. The monthly meetings with WIC have provided opportunities to collaborate and pool resources.

Superintendent Elwood proposed adjusting the current school calendar to include a full day of PD for ALICE training on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school for students on that day. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve a full day of PD on April 26, 2017. Ayes: Unanimous.

Resignations have been received from Sophia Al-Khanfar, Spanish Teacher and Brianna Sperry part-time food service worker. Additionally there are three teachers that have re-applied for their current TLC positions for next school year. Moved by board member Guttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the resignations and contracts as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood submitted several documents pertaining to policy #104 – Anti-bullying. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the policy as presented. Ayes: Schnepel, Myers, Gutttau-Fox, Graber. Nays: Funkhouser.

President Graber announced at 7:00 PM that it was time for the public hearing on the proposed school calendar for 2017-18. There were no public comments regarding the calendar. The public hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the calendar as presented for the 2017-18 school year.

Principal Kay provided information on the many activities at the elementary school. The first elementary dance and Night of the Arts were very successful. All local winners of the Invention Convention will be going to State. There are four elementary students who had the highest scores in the State in the Stock Market game managed by Bob Mantell at Treynor State Bank. Mr. Funkhouser commended the K-3 staff for a literacy growth of 9.9. Principal Berens has scheduled the “Respect” program for the students on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Davis’s concert and treble choirs received superior ratings at state competition. There will be two middle school teams competing in the WIC Quiz Bowl. Ms. Berens is scheduling training on all forms of discrimination for the seniors. Title IX training for staff will be scheduled on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The board approves of checking with Attorneys Nitzschke and Sapp for referrals for trainers. Principal McNeal announced the jazz band has qualified for jazz championships for the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Jazz choir will be participating in Iowa championships at the end of the month. Girls’ basketball team was state runner up and several girls received honors at the state level. There were also several post season honors for the boys’ basketball players. Students have also excelled and been honored in wrestling and the Better Business Bureau Video Contest.

The Facility Planning process was discussed. The board will hold a work session on March 21st at 6:00 PM with BCDM and Piper Jaffrey to review the status of planning and financing.

Supt. Elwood reviewed the proposed budget with the board and public. The proposed tax levy would be \$13.34 per \$1,000 valuation which reflects a \$.10 decrease from the prior year.

Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Schnepel to set a public hearing for the FY18 budget for April 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Ayes: Unanimous.

There are 17 students requesting to open enroll into Treynor for the next school year. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Myers to approve the open enrollment requests as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. There are three requests to open enroll out.

Attorney Nitzschke provided information on legislative changes to collective bargaining. Base wages are now the only mandatory item for negotiation. Treynor’s master contract will be reviewed by legal counsel to make recommendations on items that should be removed from the contract and placed in a handbook as a guide for benefits.

Supt. Elwood stated that school has used 4 snow days. There were 3 days built into the calendar. School will be extended to a half day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

April 7<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for the administrators to meet with legal counsel to create a discipline chart.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Guttau-Fox to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) and 22.7(11) (confidential records). Ayes: Unanimous. The board went into closed session at 8:00 PM.

The board came back into open session at 10:10 PM.

Moved by board member Graber seconded by board member Myers to adjourn the regular board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Graber, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary