

Treynor Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 10, 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, Heidi Guttau-Fox and Amy Graber.

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

Absent – Board Member Sally Myers

There were approximately 10 members of the public present.

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

Board President Graber read the board mission statement.

Principal Berens introduced Duncan Clark, the winner of the boys for the Optimist's Oratory contest. Duncan will be going to the state competition. Duncan presented his speech to the board and public.

Open Forum: There were no comments made during the open forum.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Guttau-Fox to approve bills, financial statements, official's contracts, and minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

A resignation has been received from Valerie Jaehrling. Moved by board member Guttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the resignation as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Principal Gary McNeal presented the proposed changes to the curriculum/course offerings for 2017-2018. There was a discussion by board members about the proposal that includes adding a semester of Career Readiness as a graduation requirement.

President Graber announced at 7:00 PM that it was time for the public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2017-18. Superintendent Elwood reviewed the proposed budget for the public. Property tax levy rates would decrease by \$.10 to \$13.34639. The amount of state aid per pupil will be \$6,664. A resident spoke in favor of the 5 year plan submitted by the TEA. He would like to see the plan get funded through the budget process. The public hearing was closed at 7:18 PM.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the proposed budget as published for the 2017-18 school year. Ayes: Unanimous.

The board resumed reviewing the proposed changes to the curriculum and graduation requirements. There was discussion around college and high school credits and changing the curriculum to offer classes locally, and consideration to adjusting a part-time instructor to full-time.

The board is in general agreement with revising board policy #505.6 for graduation requirements to include career readiness as a requirement. This policy change will be placed on the May agenda for second consideration and approval. Mrs. Abbott stated some of the students are frustrated with the lack of class offerings and would like to see extended hours for work release.

Superintendent Elwood received two bids for turf maintenance. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the two-year bid submitted by Loess Hills Landscaping for \$6,708 annually. Ayes: Unanimous.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

A resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds Dated June 14, 2016, Approving the Escrow and Amended and Substituted Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2017-18 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds dated June 14, 2016 was submitted to the board for consideration. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the resolution. Ayes: Unanimous.

The principals updated the board and public on events at each of the schools. The Respect Program was recently presented to the students. Iowa Assessments are completed. ALICE training has been scheduled for all staff on April 26th. Students at all levels continue to excel in academic and athletic competitions. Service learning has been scheduled for the 6th thru 12th graders at the Open Door Mission on April 12th. The JDRF Walk-a-Thon will be held on April 28, 2017. Kindergarten round-up will be on April 21st. An elementary mother/daughter night will be held in April. Board member Gutttau-Fox would like for the staff to find a way to continue with the Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms events. A parent has offered to help with the project to build parental support.

Ms. Berens introduced Mandy Stogdill to present her speech on "What the World Gains from Optimism." Mandy was the winner for the girls in the Optimist Oratory contest.

Mr. McNeal continued with the principals' updates. Many of the student accomplishments can be found on the website. A mock accident will be held on May 5th at 1:30 PM. Prom is on April 22nd at Prairie Crossing Vineyard and Winery. Teacher Title IX training will be on May 10 and in September.

Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve the AEA Purchasing Agreement for 2017-2018. Ayes: Unanimous.

Bids were submitted and reviewed for the purchase of a new bus. Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the purchase of a 77 passenger bus from Thomas for \$90,787 and use ISL funds. Ayes: Unanimous.

The new HVAC system for the auditorium requires digital controls for the existing economizer. Moved by board member Schnepel seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve the purchase of digital controls for the economizer from Rasmussen Mechanical Services for \$3,529.00. Ayes: Unanimous.

The Facility Planning process was reviewed by Superintendent Elwood. The financial overview and various funding scenarios were reviewed with the project in mind. The board prefers to fund the project

using a combination of GO bonds and SAVE funds without raising the debt service levy of \$3.52. This is a similar method that was used on the elementary and high school additions. This formula would generate a capacity in the 10 million dollar range. At this time the board would like BCDM to proceed with conceptual plans after meeting with the Steering Committee.

There are 4 students requesting to open enroll into Treynor for the next school year. Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Schnepel to approve the open enrollment requests as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. There are no requests to open enroll out at this time.

Superintendent Elwood provided the board with an update on some of the legislative changes that effect TCSD.

The April 7th meeting between administrators and legal counsel to create a discipline chart has been moved to April 25th.

The board had previously shown an interest in Lighthouse research. Harry Heiligenthal with IASB provided several options available to the board for this training. At this time the board would like to bring this back for consideration in the fall.

The board expressed a desire to have their Mission Statement on the front page of the website, or possibly on the rotating information, or on a separate button linking to the policy. They also suggested that it be distributed through a mass email to parents or placed in the Friday Weekly Bulletin.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Graber, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary

An audio recording of this meeting may be accessed at: <http://www.treynorschools.org/>)

Immediately following the regular board meeting the board held an exempt session to discuss negotiations strategy with the TEA.