

Treynor Community School District
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 31, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

The special board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Amy Graber.

Roll Call: Present – Board Members Heidi Gutttau-Fox, Gary Funkhouser, Amy Graber and Sally Myers.
Also Present – Supt. Kevin Elwood and Board Secretary Doreen Mowery.

Board member Erica Schnepel arrived at 5:09 PM.

There were approximately 17 members of the public present.

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

Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Funkhouser to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Ayes: Unanimous.

Supt. Elwood announced that Treynor Girls Golf team won the State Championship.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Graber to accept the resignation of business manager, Doreen Mowery, effective June 14. Ayes: Unanimous. Girls' basketball coach, Gail Hartigan read her letter of resignation as head coach. Moved by board member Gutttau-Fox seconded by board member Myers to accept the resignation with great regret. Ayes: Myers, Gutttau-Fox and Graber. Nays: Funkhouser.

Board member Schnepel arrived at this time.

Moved by board member Funkhouser seconded by board member Schnepel to approve a quote from Storage & Design Group in the amount of \$17,000.00 to install lockers at the elementary school. Ayes: Unanimous. Moved by board member Myers seconded by board member Gutttau-Fox to approve the quote of \$6552.29 from Old Hwy 6 Tractor & Equipment, Inc. to overhaul the lawn mower engine. Ayes: Unanimous.

At 5:11 PM the board adjourned to the Middle School conference room for an exempt session to discuss negotiation strategies for non-certified staff, non-teacher coaches and principal contracts.

The board returned from exempt session at 6:30 PM.

Board member Graber moved that all non-certified staff, with the exception of administration, be given a 4.7% pay increase, along with an additional \$.50 an hour increase for para-professionals, food service, custodians, and secretaries, with the exceptions of Danette Blackledge and Patty Walter who will receive an additional \$1.00 per hour instead of \$.50. The technology coordinator's contract will be increased from 210 contract days to 220. Administrators' contracts will be tabled until the board has had an opportunity to survey staff and discuss the surveys at the next board meeting, on June 19, 2017 (instead of June 12). Non-teacher coaching contracts were approved with the exception of the head girls' basketball coach, which will also be discussed at the June 19, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by board member Schnepel. Ayes: Unanimous.

Superintendent Elwood excused himself from the meeting at 6:35 PM.
Attorney Nitzschke joined the meeting via telephone.

At the meeting on May 24 the board approved hiring an interim superintendent for FY 2017-18. President Graber has contacted 3 or 4 reputable consulting firms to obtain proposals and costs estimates. Attorney Nitzschke indicated that it would be beneficial to hire a consulting firm to provide a comprehensive review and assist the board in making a hiring decision. A firm would also be able to expedite the process. Board member Graber will continue to collect information from the consultants.

Attorney Nitzschke left the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Nigel Horton provided the board with information on the hiring process recently used in Griswold to hire a superintendent. Griswold did not hire a consultant, however their board followed the same process that a firm would typically use. The board will meet on June 6, 2017 at 5:30 PM to review information submitted by the consulting firms and determine if they will hire a firm or if they will handle the hiring process internally. Board member Funkhouser has obtained a list of qualified individuals that would consider filling the position on an interim basis.

Moved by board member Guttau-Fox seconded by board member Funkhouser to adjourn the meeting.

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Graber, President

Doreen Mowery, Board Secretary