

Treynor Community School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 25, 2019

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Amend and/or Approve Agenda
3. Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)
4. Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s), Financial Statements, Open Enrollment Requests, Personnel-Contracts and Resignations
5. Facilities: Financials and Architectural
6. Bus Pickup Request
7. Mental Health Provisions
8. Hawkeye 10
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12. Principals' Updates
13. Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c)
To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation
14. Action on Closed Session
15. Adjournment

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Monday, February 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room, located in the High School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice President Vorthmann called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and roll was taken. The following board members were present: Vice President Vorthmann, Heidi Gutttau-Fox, Sally Myers, and Mickey Stogdill. President Graber was absent. Student representatives Kyle Christensen and Alora Nowlin were present.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Gutttau-Fox, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)

Vice President Vorthmann welcomed all visitors to the meeting. Liz Fate participated in the open forum, addressing the Board on the bus pickup request. She asked board members to approve the request because the lack of sidewalks creates a safety issue for children crossing the road on L55.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Gutttau-Fox, seconded by Myers, to approve the following:

- 1) Minutes of the January 14, 2019 regular meeting,
- 2) Minutes of the January 24, 2019 special meeting,
- 3) Minutes of the January 30, 2019 special meeting,

- 4) January 31, 2019 Financial Statements,
 - 5) Open Enrollment Requests,
 - 6) Resignations from Peggy Huston-paraprofessional, Roger Saylor-night custodian at MS/HS, Nikki Maguire-paraprofessional, and Julia Perez-Spanish teacher,
 - 7) Contracts with Bob Schmidt-van driver, Roger Saylor-day custodian at elementary, Dana Boswell-paraprofessional, Kelcie Chlupacek-paraprofessional, Mike McSorley-assistant boys' soccer coach, Gary Schuler-drivers' education instructor, and Mark Hopkins-superintendent, beginning July 1, 2019.
- Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Gutttau-Fox, seconded by Myers, to approve the resignation from Laurie Stogdill-MS English/Language Arts, effective the end of the current contract year. Ayes: Vorthmann, Gutttau-Fox, Myers. Abstain: Stogdill, spouse of Laurie Stogdill. Motion carried 3-0.

Facilities: Financials and Architectural

Board members were provided an update on meetings with BCDM Architects during January and February 2019. They were also informed of preparations for the upcoming bond sale on March 25, 2019. This will be the second of two bond sales to reach the \$11.5 million referendum total. The first bond sale on November 29, 2018 totaled \$9,840,000.

Vice President Vorthmann and Superintendent Howell met with Kelly Groskurth, Treynor City Manager, to discuss the establishment of an urban renewal plan, which includes a TIF development agreement to be extended more than 11 years. The City asked the board to consider approving a resolution allowing the City of Treynor to use incremental property tax revenues from the designated property for 5 additional fiscal years, as provided by law. Following discussion, a motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Gutttau-Fox, to approve the Resolution allowing the City of Treynor to use incremental property tax revenues from the Property for five additional fiscal years. A roll call vote was taken: Stogdill-Aye, Gutttau-Fox-Aye, Vorthmann-Aye, and Myers-Aye. Vice President Vorthmann declared the following Resolution approved:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Treynor, Iowa (the "City") is in the process of establishing the Stephens Ridge Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa which includes the real property described on Exhibit A hereto (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, project development needs with respect to the Property will require that the City use incremental property tax revenues, as provided for in Section 403.19 of the code of Iowa, received with respect to the Property to pay the costs of the construction of public infrastructure improvements thereon necessary for the development of a residential housing subdivision in the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, Section 403.22 of the Code of Iowa prohibits cities from collecting incremental property tax revenues for this type of project for more than eleven years without the express consent of any affected county, school district and community college; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has requested that the Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District approve this resolution in order to allow the City to use incremental property tax revenues from the Property for five additional fiscal years, as provided by law;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 403.22 of the Code of Iowa, this Board hereby approves the use by the City of Treynor, Iowa, of future incremental property tax revenues produced with respect to the Property, for a total period of up to sixteen fiscal years.

Section 2. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to forward an executed copy of this Resolution to the City Council of the City of Treynor.

Passed and approved the 25th day of February, 2019.

Brandon Vorthmann, Vice President

Attest: Cindy L. VanFosson, Board Secretary

Bus Pickup Request

Board members considered a request from a resident on Countryside Drive for a bus pick-up at the corner of Countryside Drive and L55/North Eyberg Avenue. Considerations included:

- 1) Board Policy 711.1 states elementary and middle school students living more than two miles from their designated school attendance centers and high school students living more than three miles from their designated attendance centers are entitled to transportation to and from their attendance center at the expense of the school district. The corner of Countryside Drive and L55/North Eyberg Avenue does not meet the qualification of the Policy.

2) The walking students presently have to cross L55/North Eyberg Avenue in order to make it to sidewalks available on Highway 92 or walk on L55/North Eyberg Ave., as sidewalks have not yet been provided.

A motion was made by Gutttau-Fox, seconded by Myers, to approve the bus pickup request until installation of sidewalks. Motion carried 4-0.

Mental Health Provisions

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Gutttau-Fox, to approve a memorandum of understanding with Healthy Homes Family Services for establishing mental health access to students with their parents' permission from February 1 – June 1, 2019. During discussion the following was shared: 1) services would be provided at the MS/HS building, coordinated by Rita Laughlin, school counselor. 2) The family/guardian of the student receiving the services through Healthy Homes Family Services is ultimately financially responsible for services, with all sessions billed direct through Healthy Home Family Services. 3) This is a four-month opportunity, offered as a convenience for parents and their students, allowing the district to experience and evaluate this collaborative pilot of mental health services for our students. 4) A renewal of the memorandum of understanding will be available upon agreement by both parties. Following discussion, the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Hawkeye 10

Tim Navara, activities director, addressed the board on the possibility of applying to the Hawkeye 10 Conference for admittance. He provided lists of school enrollments, travel times and mileage, and academic opportunities for both the Western Iowa Conference and the Hawkeye 10 Conference, allowing board members to compare data. The investigation primarily began as a way to look for more rigorous competition and teams with greater numbers to provide more playing time for our junior high athletes. Discussion centered on sports and activities most affected by a possible conference switch. Concerns voiced by board members were the loss of fine arts opportunities, travel time, and a change in school culture. Following considerable discussion, a motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Gutttau-Fox, to table this item until the March 11, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Board members ask coaches and activity sponsors to either attend the March 11th meeting or email them to convey their thoughts on this topic.

State Participation Guidelines

Superintendent Howell and Activities Director Navara presented a protocol for state competitions. At an earlier meeting board members had asked for documented procedures, as consistent as possible, for decisions necessary when students compete in state-level events. Dismissal of school, including early outs, is highly dependent on starting time and location of the event. A clarification was made that any day missed by a student who attends a state competition as a fan will be considered an excused absence with prior parent notification to the school.

Cooperative Sharing – Girls' Soccer

A motion was made by Gutttau-Fox, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the cooperative sharing agreement with Heartland Christian School for girls' soccer. The agreement will allow Heartland Christian female students to participate in the girls' soccer program at Treynor Community Schools for 2018-2019 for a fee of \$250 per student, which covers the cost of equipment and meet transportation. Students and their families are responsible for transportation to and from practice. Motion carried 4-0.

Dates and Agendas for Upcoming Board Meetings

Superintendent Howell provided a list of upcoming board meetings during the months of March, April, May and June, including possible agenda items dealing with the facilities project.

Principals' Updates

Mr. McNeal, High School Principal, reported:

- 1) The Speech team performed at the State Large Group Speech contest on February 2nd. Eight of the 12 events received Division I ratings.
- 2) The High School Jazz Band placed first at the WIC Jazz Festival, received a Division I rating at the State Jazz Festival for the 28th consecutive year, and first place at the Southwest Iowa District Jazz Festival, qualifying for the Iowa Jazz Championships for the 28th straight time. Iowa Jazz Championships (IJC) will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in Ames.
- 3) Congratulations to Alora Nowlin for being named Runza Student of the Week. They will be at the school Tuesday, February 26th to video.

Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported:

- 1) Treynor teachers enjoyed the professional development opportunity at Riverside on January 14th. Dr. Joe Sanfelippo, the speaker, encouraged those in attendance to “brand” our school’s story. Other sessions included safety, mental health, and various legal issues impacting K-12 schools.
- 2) The practice test of bandwidth for the new Iowa School Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) went well. Mrs. Berens thanked Kara Huisman, the district’s coordinator of the new test, for her work in preparing everyone.

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported:

- 1) Reviewed Treynor Elementary scores on the new Iowa School Performance Profile. Treynor Elementary performance score was the highest of the Western Iowa Conference.

Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c)

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Guttau-Fox, to enter closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll call vote: Myers-Aye, Vorthmann-Aye, Guttau-Fox-Aye, and Stogdill-Aye. The motion carried and the board entered closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Guttau-Fox, seconded by Stogdill, to return to open session. Roll call vote: Myers-Aye, Vorthmann-Aye, Guttau-Fox-Aye, and Stogdill-Aye. The motion carried and the board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Action on Closed Session

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Guttau-Fox, to approve the tentative agreement between Jann Strutzenberg and EMC Insurance, negotiated on behalf of the Treynor School District. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Guttau-Fox, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.



Board President
Vice



Board Secretary