

**Treynor Community School District**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 9, 2022**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Amend and/or Approve Agenda
3. Recognition of School Board Members
4. Recognition of Visitors and Open Forum (Public comment is limited to items on any current or upcoming published board agenda)
5. Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s), Bills, Financial Statements, and Open Enrollment Requests
6. Reports and Communication Items
  - A. Elementary Principal
  - B. Middle School Principal
  - C. High School Principal
7. Discussion/Information/Review Items
  - A. ACHIEVE Special Education System
  - B. Inter-District Transportation Agreement for 2022-2023
  - C. Teacher/Paraeducator Apprenticeship Grant Application
  - D. School Leader Update (spring edition)
8. Action Items
  - A. AEA Social Worker Agreement for 2022-2023
  - B. Buena Vista University Student Field Experience Agreement
  - C. Auditor Bid Proposals for 2022-2024
  - D. Activity Driver Pay Rate Increase
  - E. Early Graduation Requests
9. Personnel
  - A. Resignations
  - B. Employment
  - C. Vacancy Update
10. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Facilities & Grounds
  - B. Meetings & Misc. Updates
  - C. Next Board Meeting(s)
11. Adjourn

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m., in the HS/MS Library, located in Middle School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

President Vorthmann called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and roll was taken. The following board members answered roll call: President Vorthmann, Vice President Stogdill, Mr. Christensen, and Mr. Dreyer. Director Winchell was absent.

**Amend and/or Approve Agenda**

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

### **Recognition of School Board Members**

May is school board recognition month. Board members were presented with a certificate from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) as Superintendent Hopkins thanked them for their time and commitment to the Treynor School District.

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

No visitors chose to address the board during recognition of visitors and open forum.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the following:

- 1) Minutes of the April 5, 2022, special meeting;
- 2) Minutes of the April 11, 2022, regular meeting;
- 3) Minutes of the April 28, 2022, special meeting;
- 4) Bills in the amounts of:

General Fund	\$71,762.26
Capital Projects Fund	\$2,508.80
SAVE Fund	\$124,705.52
PPEL Fund	\$1,730.92
Activity Fund	\$10,238.50
Nutrition Fund	\$26,975.19

- 5) April 30, 2022, Financial Statements;

- 6) Open Enrollment Requests.

Motion carried 4-0.

### **Reports and Communication Items**

Ms. Kay, Elementary Principal, reported: 1) With the last day of school approaching, there are several student events planned, such as field trips and the annual field days. 2) The TS Bank Cardinal Branch has had a successful year, meeting the goal of 25% of students participating. 3) The TeamMates Program is sponsoring a bowling night for mentors and mentees on May 17<sup>th</sup>. 4) The fifth grade class will visit the middle school this week and we will hold a 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Berens, Middle School Principal, reported: 1) Two Middle School TAG teams participated in the Battle of the Books competition. 2) Computer Science will be a required subject in middle school and elementary beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Randi Endriss, TAG instructor, and Jen Nelson, Librarian, will both be attending some classes this summer to prepare. Mrs. Endriss will incorporate computer science into TAG and Mrs. Nelson will teach computer science as an exploratory to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. 3) Junior High girls and boys track were WIC champions.

Mr. Hedger, High School Principal, reported: 1) Treynor Day of Caring at Open Door Mission was held April 19<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is a terrific opportunity for students and staff members to give their time and talents to help others. 2) Mrs. Behrendt's Career Readiness students participated in mock interviews and job shadows over the course of the semester. It is a great learning opportunity. 3) Fifteen Treynor HS students attended Career Day at the Iowa State Fair grounds. It was a great hands-on learning experience for the students interested in vocational pursuits. 4) May is all about celebrating the Class of 2022. They will be busy with senior trip, awards night, baccalaureate, their last day at Treynor High School, and graduation day on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion/Information/Review Items**

#### **ACHIEVE Special Education System**

Iowa school districts are moving to a new special education documentation system called ACHIEVE, with Treynor beginning the move to the new system in June 2022. Ms. Kay, as special education administrator, will lead the district in implementing the system with the help of the Iowa Department of Education and Green Hills AEA.

#### **Inter-District Transportation Agreement for 2022-2023**

Iowa Code 285.9 requires each Area Education Agency Board of Directors to review all transportation agreements between districts in the AEA. The agreement for 2022-2023 outlines reasons Treynor and neighboring districts may drive school buses into each other's district. Neighboring districts include Riverside, Underwood, Glenwood, Lewis Central, East Mills, and Council Bluffs.

### **Teacher/Paraeducator Apprenticeship Grant Application**

Twenty-one school districts in the southwest corner of Iowa are joining forces to address the lack of quality paraprofessional and teacher candidates. The Southwest Iowa Consortium of Rural Schools (SICRS), in an effort to address the increasing inability to adequately staff our schools with paraprofessionals and teachers and the knowledge that fewer people are selecting the teaching pathway, believe it is vital for us to “grow our own.” The purpose of the grant application to Iowa Workforce Development is to secure the monetary support needed to assist current employees and high school students who are interested in making education their chosen profession. Green Hills AEA will serve as fiscal manager for the grant. Academic partners include Iowa Western Community College, Southwest Community College, William Penn University, and Western Governors University.

### **School Leader Update**

The School Leader Update is a newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Education that includes a variety of timely topics, issues, and deadlines. Board members received a link to the Spring 2022 newsletter.

### **Action Items**

#### **AEA Social Worker Agreement for 2022-2023**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the AEA Social Worker Agreement for 2022-2023. This agreement stipulates the services of a Master Social Worker, provided by Green Hills AEA, 76 days during the 2022-2023 school year at \$347.87 per day, plus associated travel. The Treynor District has utilized this service since the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Buena Vista University Student Field Experience Agreement**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve the Buena Vista Student Field Experience for 2022-2025. This agreement allows collaboration between Buena Vista University and Treynor School District in providing students in the education department at Buena Vista the opportunity to complete all field experiences, practicums, and student teaching at Treynor. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Auditor Bid Proposals for 2022-2024**

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the auditor proposal from Schroer & Associates to audit the financial statements for the years ending June 30, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Cost of the annual independent audit, required by Iowa Code, will be \$9,000 per year. Schroer & Associates has been satisfactorily auditing the records of Treynor School District since 2019. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Activity Driver Pay Rate Increase**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve an activity bus driver pay increase of \$2.00, raising the hourly rate to \$15.00, beginning June 1, 2022. This will put the activity rate in line with other bus driver rate increases made during the year and will assist the district in ensuring there are drivers for the summer sports season. Motion carried 3-0, with Christensen abstaining because he occasionally drives activity trips for the district.

#### **Early Graduation Requests**

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Stogdill to approve the early graduation requests for Samantha Leazenby and Connor Graybill. These two juniors and their parents have worked with Mr. Hedger and Mrs. Floerchinger to assure all parties agree with the early graduation. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Personnel**

#### **Resignations**

A motion was made by Dreyer, seconded by Christensen, to approve the resignations of 1) Jacob Hedger as high school principal; 2) Thad Nelson as high school math teacher; 3) Heather Behrendt as middle school math teacher; 4) Clark Allen as high school social studies teacher; 5) Jackie Konz as middle school social studies teacher/paraeducator; 6) Dana Boswell as elementary secretary; 7) Penny LeVier as elementary cook; 8) Jeff Koenck as high school student council sponsor; and 9) Tom Trede as bus driver/transportation director (activity scheduler). President Vorthmann spoke for the entire board in thanking them for their service to Treynor students and the Treynor School District. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

#### **Employment**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to approve employment for Dr. Joel Beyenhof as Superintendent, to begin July 1, 2022. Several community members and staff participated in superintendent interviews on May 2, 2022, with Grundmeyer Leader Services coordinating the search. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve contracts/agreements as presented for: 1) Charity Pearce as middle school math; 2) Ryan Stumbo as high school social studies; 3) Taci Beam as 5-12 instrumental music; and 4) Katrina Hobart as middle school/high school English/language arts. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Christensen, to approve employment for: 1) Courtney Lovely as elementary/middle school paraeducator (math interventions); 2) Annette Koehler as bus driver (regular route); 3) Mike Shannon as summer grounds maintenance; 4) Bob Beattie as summer grounds maintenance; 5) Ron Zimmerman as summer custodian; 6) Cory Young as summer custodian; and 7) Melanie Schuler as summer custodian. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Christensen, seconded by Dreyer, to approve employment for: 1) Madelyn Deitchler as assistant softball; 2) Josh Weis as assistant baseball; 3) Lea Crouse as head high school volleyball; and 4) Jacob Beresh as junior high boys' basketball. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Vacancy Update**

The following positions are currently listed as open: high school principal, High School Spanish (half-time position), Middle School Social Studies (half-time position), High School Math, Elementary (grade level TBD), Full-Time Cooks/Food Service (Elementary Building), Part-Time Custodian (MS/HS Building), Transportation Director (part-time position), Elementary Secretary, Assistant HS Volleyball, Assistant HS Wrestling, JH Wrestling, Assistant HS Basketball (Boys), Head HS Golf (Boys), and HS Student Council.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **Facilities and Grounds Updates**

Superintendent Hopkins provided an updated list of items ongoing, in progress, and completed recently. Summer projects include painting the east gym, refinish the east gym floor, painting several elementary classrooms and east hallway, paint and carpet old art room, new ceiling tile in the lower MS/HS hallways, fence for new addition driveway near softball field, and move concession area to current middle school work room (this project is in collaboration with the Treynor Booster Club).

##### **Meetings & Miscellaneous Updates**

Nothing to report.

##### **Next Meeting(s)**

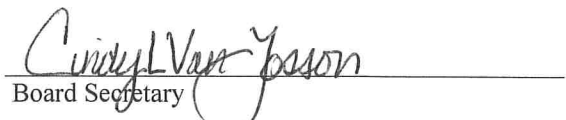
A list of regular board meetings for the 2021-2022 fiscal year can be found on the district web site on the Board of Education link. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Monday, June 13, 2022.

##### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Dreyer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved on June 13, 2022

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary