

Treynor Community School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 22, 2018

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Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Treynor Community School District met in special session on Monday, October 22, 2018, 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room, located in the High School Building, 102 E. Main St., Treynor, IA 51575.

Call to Order

President Graber called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: President Graber, Vice President Vorthmann, Heidi Guttau-Fox, Sally Myers, Mickey Stogdill, and student representative Alora Nowlin.

Amend and/or Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Guttau-Fox, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

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

President Graber welcomed all visitors to the meeting. No visitors chose to address the board during the open forum.

Principals' Reports

Jill Kay, Elementary Principal, reported:

1. Following the Fall literacy screening using FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers), 87% of K-5 students met the recommended benchmark.
2. Math screening using FAST has been completed and the leadership team is analyzing the results.

Jenny Berens, Middle School Principal, reported:

1. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students were assessed in math and reading using iReady in September. The scores will assist teachers as they work on instructional strategies for their classrooms.

Interim Superintendent Howell reviewed the high school report, focusing on Mr. McNeal's report of Class of 2018 ACT scores. For the composite score, the State average was 21.8. The average composite score for the Treynor CSD Class of 2018 was 22.1. It was noted that ACT reports the scores of the last ACT test attempted by a student, no matter how many times the test is attempted. If ACT were to report the best score of each student, the Treynor CSD Class of 2018 would show a 22.5 composite. Board members discussed the OnToCollege with John Baylor ACT test preparation online software purchased by the school as a free service to our students who are preparing for the ACT. Alora Nowlin, student representative, stated she had used the service and felt it was very beneficial in preparing for the test. Board members asked that the administration look for ways to communicate the availability of the service to parents, as well as the students, feeling perhaps parents could further encourage its use.

It's All about the Learning – Strength and Conditioning Program

Jim Lovely, strength and conditioning coach/instructor, first offered a history of the program. When he was hired in 2014, there were 3 strength classes and 4 PE classes. This year he is teaching 227 students strength and conditioning eight periods a day, with the additional help of a paraprofessional. Mr. Lovely explained TeamBuilder, an online strength and conditioning software students use on their devices to follow their workouts and track their progress. Recently Brendan Mass created cell phone holders for the weight room using the 3D printer, allowing the students to safely access the software during class. Middle school students are able to participate 2 days a week and summer conditioning includes incoming 6th grade through high school. A few enhancements Mr. Lovely would like to add to the program in the future are nutrition guidance or curriculum, and a larger weight room with more equipment. He concluded the conversation by expressing how happy he was to be part of the district and all the successes.

Personnel - Review and Approval of New Contracts and Resignations

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Vorthmann to approve the new contracts and resignations, including:

Contracts

Joan Becker-Assistant Speech Coach
Maria Frye-Cook
Justin Huisman-Assistant High School Softball Coach
Dan Kinsella-Junior High Wrestling Coach
Bob Mantell-Head High School Baseball Coach
Nolan Mantell-Assistant High School Baseball Coach
Trey Stickler-Assistant High School Wrestling Coach

Resignations

Jason McIntosh-Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach
Margarita Bernardez Pousa-High School Spanish.
Motion carried 5-0.

Open Enrollments

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to approve two open enrollment requests for two students who wish to continue education in the Treynor District following a move to a neighboring district. Motion carried 5-0.

Early Graduation

A motion was made by Gutttau-Fox, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the special graduation request from Morgan Richter and the early graduation request from Rylee Huff, who has met all graduation requirements. Motion carried 5-0.

Alora Nowlin, student representative, left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Facilities

Contract with BCDM Architects

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Stogdill, to approve the contract with BCDM Architects for the school project. The project includes high school/middle school renovations/addition and elementary traffic improvements/transportation facility. Compensation for the architect's basic services is \$813,000, with credit of \$18,000 applied for half of the Master Plan Fee, resulting in a final sum of \$795,000. In addition, reimbursable expenses for such things as permitting and other fees required by authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, postage, handling, and delivery, other Project-related expenditures approved by the Owner, and NOI/SWPPP submittal and Publishing, will be billed with 0% mark-up. Motion carried 5-0.

Bonding Agreement

A motion was made by Stogdill, seconded by Vorthmann, to approve the contracts with Piper Jaffray. Those contracts include 1) Financial Services Agreement-services with respect to the planned issuance of Series 2018 and Series 2019 General Obligation School Bonds. Compensation is based on a fixed fee and is contingent on the size of the bond issue or nominal value of product and contingent on closing. Fee will be 0.30% of the par amount of securities sold; with a minimum fee per issue of securities sold of \$13,500 and a maximum fee of \$35,000. An additional \$2,500 will be billed for the preparation, distribution, printing, and mailing costs associated with the preliminary and final official statement for the issue. 2) Bidding Agent Agreement-services in assisting the district with the award to the winning bidder. A maximum fee of \$7,500 will be billed upon settlement of winning bid. 3) Dissemination Agent Agreement-Services provided to assist the district in disclosing financial information with respect to outstanding bonds to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) via their Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system. This agreement will remain in force until defeasance, refunding or total redemption of all the bonds, unless termination is requested by either party and will occur at the end of the most recent fiscal year. The annual report filing fee, paid to Piper Jaffray, will be equal to \$1,000 per year per class of security outstanding and subject to the US Security and Exchange Commission Rule. If there are any material events, a \$250 filing fee per event will additionally be billed. Motion carried 5-0.

Geotechnical Engineering Services

Board members were provided a proposal from Terracon Consultants, Inc., Omaha, NE, for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the high school/middle school renovations/addition and the elementary traffic improvements/transportation facility.

State of the District

Interim Superintendent Howell utilized a PowerPoint presentation to deliver the State of the District. She began by reviewing the Treynor District Mission Statement, the Treynor Board of Education Mission Statement, and the District Vision. Interim Superintendent Howell reviewed current realities in the areas of student population, student opportunities and goals, student participation in extra-curricular activities, staffing, finances, technology, transportation, and nutrition. In addition, Ms. Howell discussed the Safe Schools Plan required by all Iowa districts by June 30, 2019, hiring procedures, professional learning, curriculum review, assessments, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and the State Report Card. She referenced "student growth" many times throughout the presentation, stressing the importance of one year's growth in each one-year time span. She stated providing quality education for Treynor students will be met by 1) hiring quality teachers, 2) following the curriculum cycle, 3) providing highly-effective professional learning, and 4) focusing finances on top priorities.

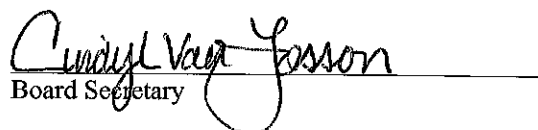
Superintendent's Report

1. Chad Polly, bus mechanic, and I will be completing an application for the annual DERA (Diesel Emissions Funding Act) funding. It would provide \$20,000 toward the cost of a new bus if the application is drawn in the lottery process.
2. Special education count is November 1st.
3. Trent Grundmeyer of Grundmeyer Leader Search, will be attending the November 12, 2018 regular meeting to lay out the plan for selection of the superintendent. President Graber has been, or will be, in the buildings 3 times prior to the meeting to gather teachers' input informally on characteristics of the ideal superintendent.
4. The Iowa Association of School Boards Annual Convention is November 14-16, 2018. Registered attendees have received their itineraries and will be receiving hotel information.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Guttan-Fox, seconded by Vorthmann, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.


Board President


Board Secretary