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School Bond Election Program

Brandon Vorthmann, Treynor Community School Board Member, presented to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, Sept. 1 about the upcoming School Bond Vote on Tuesday, Sept 11.



Brandon Vorthmann

A community group started meeting over 2 years ago to identify needs. There were 348 signatures on a petition to proceed with a bond election presented to the board on July 9. Key information regarding the bond resolution for \$11.5 million: If passed, it would provide: 1) classrooms for increased enrollment, 2) Fine Arts complex, 3) Repurposing of Music/Art/Auditorium area to increase wrestling room space, 4) transportation building, weight room for strength and conditioning, air conditioning of the west gym, expanded sprinkler system and HVAC/technology, safety upgrades.

The cost to property owners: The board is on record stating that their goal is no increase in debt service. The district could borrow approximately \$11.5 million without any increase in its present debt service levy, which for this school year is \$3.83739. Currently the school is making double payments so the present bond issue will be paid off in 2025 with just a regular payment, allowing the remainder to pay off the new bond.

Vorthmann accepted all ideas and said the actual plan is not finalized and can be adapted considering proposed ideas once the vote has occurred.

He stated the wrestling program has grown and there is a need for space for two full size mats. The weight lifting program has increased in numbers and there is a need for locker space. The current auditorium holds 300; the new will seat 500-600. Currently most musical programs can only be presented for one grade at a time. The band students have to leave their instrument cases and back packs in the hall way. The high school band has grown from 20 to 72 during our band director's tenure.

Issues related to the size of the school with 215 out of 849 students being open enrolled were discussed. The government pays for those open enrolled students, but taxes are not paid by those families to this school district. Having more students allows for more opportunities to offer more classes and extra-curricular activities and technology. Having too few students might cause the district to have to consolidate. The school district doesn't have much control with open enrollment because it is a state requirement.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present plus two guests, Tom Trede and Brandon Vorthmann. Chad Guttau and Gary Guttau shared jokes/stories followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Dee Guttau. Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 Award and Dee Guttau won the Attendance Drawing. See Jim Clausen each week to join in the Football Contest.

Bragging Rights included donations by John Klein to announce: 1) their successful block party and to encourage others to have one. Zion Congregational Church provides the meat. 2) the Dream Playground is hopefully in its final week. Volunteers are still needed. 3) a walk ability study grant has been applied for. 4) Sun., Sept 9 Hopeville, Iowa will have their 40th Hopeville

Music Fest. John started this when he was the Conservation Director in Clark Co. Hundreds come in to this town of 20 for this free annual fest. Hopeville is near Osceola. Gary Gutttau contributed to state that he learned Jay Goos is playing guitar in an accordion band in Minneapolis. Kevin Underwood donated because he and Marsha's niece, Barley, had her picture on the front page of the sports section.

Under old business, the homecoming float was discussed. The theme and time of the parade are yet to be learned.

Under new business, can kennel sorting with the Girl Scouts will take place at 4 PM on Wed. Gary Funkhouser stated that the Optimist theme for the writing project at the school this year is "If all the world's problems were solved, would we still need optimism?"

John Klein gave a commercial for the Murder Mystery Night which is free at the CB Library this Mon., Sept.10.

Flags are being put up today. There was discussion to leave them up also for 9/11 as well as Homecoming on 9/14.

The meeting was adjourned after the presentation with the stating of the Optimist Creed.

Gary Funkhouser and Chad Gutttau



These JOI Club members helped with flags today: Brandon Mass, Allison Green, Tyler Pollock, Regan Harter, Alex Love, Frankie Adkins, Nathan Narmie. Thank you to our local Jr Optimist International (JOI) members.

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The attorney tells the accused, "I have some good news and some bad news."

"What's the bad news?" asks the accused.

"The bad news is, your blood is all over the crime scene and the DNA tests prove you did it."

"What's the good news?"

"Your cholesterol is 130."

Calendar

- Sept 5 Can Kennel Sorting – Girl Scouts
- Sept 11 School Bond Vote and Board Election
- Sept 15 Homecoming

Birthdays

- Sept 22 Dee Gutttau

Anniversaries

- Sept 26 Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs

- September Linda Danker
- October Bill Vorthmann
- November Keith Denton

Speakers

- Sept. 8 Congressman David Young
- Sept 15 Connection (matter of balance)
- Sept 22 Flex Therapy
- Sept. 29 Angel's Health Care

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