

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing:

Roll Call -	Smith – present	Sumer – present
	Ropp – present	Gierich – present
	Ulrich – present	Kilgus – present
	Kaiser – present	

Motion by **Sumer** to hold the hearing for the Tremont Community Unit District #702 FY2021 Budget. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Power Point Presentation on Proposed Budget for FY2020-21 by Mr. Berry.

Call for Public Input.

Budget Hearing Adjourned: **7:36 p.m.**

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	Kaiser – present	

Persons Desiring to Address the Board – None.

Consent Agenda –

1. Approval of previous meetings' minutes as published/corrected
2. Acceptance of treasurer's report
3. Approval of activity fund
4. Approval of bills, payroll, and Imprest Fund
5. Approval of Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits 20-21 Report
6. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Sumer** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Smith**.

Roll Call -	Smith – yea	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Gierich – yea
	Ulrich – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Kaiser – yea	

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – Mr. Berry received a thank you note from Meg Baer regarding the efforts made by the district for in-person instruction for students.

Administrative Reports – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a written report sharing an update on COVID-19. The district had its first positive case involving an in-person student or staff member on Friday August 28th. This was a high school student who was exposed to the virus in her home. Contact tracing resulted in 19 students and one teacher being sent home to quarantine. So far, those 20 individuals have not reported symptoms or any positive test results. Mr. Berry will continue to send out weekly updates to families that include our numbers. These updates seem to be appreciated by our families from the feedback we've received. District 702 usually has an annual report meeting in November. With all the limitations on gatherings right now, November may not be an option. The school will be assembling the "Joint Committee" (composed of teacher reps and administrators) to discuss our approach to teacher evaluation during the pandemic. Mrs. Uhlman, Mr. Garrett, and Mr. Berry attended the Educator Open House at Pekin First Church of the Nazarene event on August 25th to discuss how the church could be a resource for area schools during the pandemic, especially if remote learning becomes necessary. The principals and Mr. Berry attended the Lions Club Meeting on September 1st along with one of our new teachers. This is an annual event for introduction of new teachers and a "State of the District" address by the superintendent.

Old Business

Information Items

Bond Scenarios Presentation – David Pistorius of First Midstate

David Pistorius of First Midstate presented a couple of options for us to help support the Ed Fund until we are in a better position to consider an Ed Fund referendum.

ESG Facility Study – Kim Brisley of ESG

Kim Brisley from ESG presented an overview of the process for the facility study they are conducting for us, including how they will help us identify projects of higher priority and various options for funding those projects should we decide to move forward on any.

Solar Project Update

With our variance denied by the village's zoning committee due to the inflexibility of the ordinance itself, we will be appearing before the village board on Tues. Sept. 8th to seek approval for our ground-mounted solar panels.

Building Projects

- Locker rooms are not finished, but are getting closer. The original shipment of new lockers was damaged and had to be returned, but we now have the new lockers. The plumbing work is all done and the shower areas have been sprayed with a durable coating. Remaining work includes: installation of lockers, finishing drywall, painting, installation of shower lighting and vent fan.
- The roof project began Thursday afternoon. They originally said they'd start on Sept. 10th, but arrived with the vacuum trucks a week earlier to begin vacuuming off the rock. They should finish the vacuuming portion of the job Labor Day weekend, which is good because it's rather loud.

Enrollment

Current enrollment for in-person and remote learners is 907. From what we know, 50-60 students were removed for homeschool, but we expect most of those to return after the pandemic. Kindergarten enrollment is only 44, but there were likely quite a few people who simply didn't enroll due to the pandemic. Since they were not returning students that were removed for homeschool, it's impossible to know how many are out there. I would expect after the pandemic that we'd be in the 970-980 range at the least.

The Turk Center enrollment is currently about half of what it was last year. There is some hope that more will enroll over time. Several families were waiting to see how things started out with the school year. Staffing at the Turk Center is the same as past years despite the lower enrollment. This is necessary to limit group sizes and allow for more distancing.

Board Retreat

Based on conversation last month, Mr. Berry recommended that the board look at meeting on a Saturday morning in the high school cafetorium so the board can spread out.

Action Items

Adopt FY21 Tremont School District 702 Budget

Resolved by **Sumer**

Whereas the Tremont Community Unit District #702 FY2021 budget was posted 30 days prior to the hearing of the budget September 10, 2020; now, therefore, be it resolved that the fiscal year of Tremont Community Unit District #702 be set as July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, and that the budget for the 2020-2021 school year be adopted and one copy of the same be inserted in the official records of the Board of Education of District #702.

Motion by **Ulrich** to adopt said resolution and the official 2020-2021 budget for Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, Illinois. Second by **Gierich**.

Roll Call -

Smith – yea

Sumer – yea

Ropp – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

BOE Policy Updates – Press Plus Issue 104 & 105

Motion by **Kaiser** to adopt the following policies as presented:

Policy 2:265	Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
Policy 7:345	Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
Policy 2:220	Board of Education Meeting Procedure
Policy 2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
Policy 4:180	Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
Policy 5:10	Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
Policy 5:20	Workplace Harassment Prohibited
Policy 5:100	Staff Development Program
Policy 5:220	Substitute Teachers

Policy 7:10	Equal Educational Opportunities
Policy 7:20	Harassment of Students Prohibited
Policy 7:40	Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
Policy 7:180	Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
Policy 7:185	Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
Policy 7:190	Student Behavior
Policy 7:340	Student Records

Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Student Graduation Request

Motion by **Kilgus** to approve a student request to graduate high school after 6 semesters.

Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

(None)

Action Items

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Ropp** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Blake Uhlman as MS Assistant Boys Basketball coach, effective August 17, 2020, Kristy Williams as MS Secretary, effective September 11, 2020 and Isaiah Thompson as HS/MS Custodian, effective September 18, 2020. Second by **Sumer**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Smith** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Jim Benson, Seth Errion, Emily Kemp, Kate Kincaid and Zac Montgomery as substitute teachers, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Employment

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Sue Litwiller as part-time HS/MS Cafeteria Cashier, Ian Wilkey as part-time Turk Center employee and Donnie Rice as MS Assistant Boys Basketball coach for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

Roll Call -

Smith – yea

Sumer – yea

Ropp – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Sumer** to employ Gail Israel as MS Secretary for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kilgus**.

Roll Call -

Smith – yea

Ropp – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kaiser – yea

Sumer – yea

Gierich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve the following list of new subs as presented for the 20-21 school year: Ellen Denler, Michael DeRoss, Jonathan Hauter, April Herrin, Reagan Leitner, Michalah Rice, Barbara Schweigert, Cassandra Steel, Jennifer Travis and Lisa Van Natta. Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Closed Session - under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee

Motion by **none** to adjourn to closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee. Second by **none**. (The Board did not adjourn to closed session, as it was no longer needed.)

Resignation or Termination

Motion by **Ulrich** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Randi Jones as Grade School Title I Aide, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Second by **Sumer**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Meeting Adjourned: **9:42 p.m.**

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary