

**TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702**  
**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 8, 2020**

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**Public Hearing: 7:00 p.m.**

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

Motion by **Sumer** to hold the hearing for the Tremont Community Unit District #702 Tuition Waiver Proposal for Certified Staff Members. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

**Public Comments regarding the proposal to allow non-resident District 702 Certified Staff Members to send their children to Tremont District 702 tuition free.**

Mr. Garrett shared some of the emails/notes from staff that he received, thanking the district for allowing their children to attend Tremont Schools under the Waiver Proposal.

Public Hearing Adjourned: **7:05 p.m.**

**Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.**

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

**Persons Desiring to Address the Board** – None.

**Consent Agenda –**

1. Approval of previous meeting's 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 Agenda

Motion by **Kilgus** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Gierich**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

**Correspondence Received** – The District received a note and award from IASB recognizing Todd Kilgus as a Level II Master Board Member.

**Administrative Reports** – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

**Superintendent's Report** – The Superintendent presented a written report updating the Board on COVID-19 cases. The District has had just one positive case in the school. There have been a handful of quarantines, but we've been fortunate to avoid an outbreak. The Board Retreat will be held on Saturday November 14 at 9:00 am in the Cafetorium. The primary focus will be on short and long range finances, as well as the impacts of COVID-19. There will be a safety plan meeting on Tuesday, 10/13 at 9:00am with the new Tremont police chief and the administrative team. The PERA/Joint Committee met on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss modifications to teacher evaluations for the 2020-21 school year, with the idea that it's not a typical year and remote learning always looms.

## **Old Business**

### **Information Items**

#### **Financial Updates**

Mr. Berry met with Diane Robertson from IASA on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to review the budget and get an outsider's objective opinion. They went through the entire budget line by line. She seemed to think it was a pretty realistic outlook, but also said to consider the possibility of even less transportation funding this year, potential cuts in EBF funding for FY22, and closer monitoring of expenses throughout the year. Mr. Berry also had to complete a deficit reduction plan for the budget since our fund balances are low and our deficit is high. That plan is required when the ratio between the two reaches a certain level. The goal of the plan is to eliminate the deficit over the next 3 years (after this year).

#### **Update on Building Projects**

The insulating foam is nearly complete and silicone topcoat is being applied in multiple applications on the MS/HS roof. The upstairs locker room and shower is functional, but the downstairs locker room is not yet. We've been shorthanded for the last month, but now Mr. Weer has some help and can finish those projects.

#### **Solar Project Update**

Mr. Weer and Mr. Berry met with Jason Hawksworth and one of his project designers last week to discuss putting a plan together to present to the village board. It includes the bus port, a smaller array on the ground west of the parking lots, and additional panels on the roof of the bus shed. It keeps them off the roof of the main building and far enough away from the sewer line that the village had concerns about.

### **Action Items**

(None)

## **New Business**

### **Information Items**

#### **IASB Virtual Summit 2020**

School leaders will hear from two keynote speakers, four live presentations from Illinois school districts, and updates from the IASB Executive Director. Attendees will also have an opportunity to join a virtual networking chat to connect with peers and IASB staff. The Virtual Summit will take place on Friday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is intended for school board members and administrators from IASB Member Districts.

### Action Items

#### **2020-21 Deficit Reduction Plan**

Motion by **Sumer** to adopt the 2020-21 Deficit Reduction Plan for Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, Illinois as presented. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

#### **Approval of Submitting a Waiver to the General Assembly allowing children of certified staff to attend District #702 Schools tuition free.**

Motion by **Gierich** to approve the submission of a Waiver to the General Assembly allowing children of certified staff to attend District #702 Schools tuition free. Second by **Smith**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

#### **Resignation(s)**

None.

#### **Employment**

Motion by **Ropp** to employ Nate Miller as District Maintenance/Custodian and Kenneth Juhl as HS/MS Custodian effective October 5, 2020, per salary agreement. Second by **Ulrich**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Smith** to approve Evan Penn, Saige Runyon and Levi Cumberbatch as new subs for the 20-21 school year. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: **8:32 p.m.**

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

Motion by **Sumer** 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 **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Reconvened: **8:49 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: **8:49 p.m.**

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Volkan Sumer, President

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Renee Kaiser, Secretary