

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
MS/HS Cafetorium, 400 W. Pearl Street, Tremont, IL 61568
November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Persons Desiring to Address the Board – Matt Koch gave our audit presentation.

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 agenda

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

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – None.

Administrative Reports – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent presented a written report updating the Board on COVID-19. The District seems to have rebounded from the spike in cases that led to the high school moving to remote learning, but there are major concerns about staff members and the number of available substitutes. There is talk among superintendents about the prospect of a statewide school closure being inevitable with the numbers (cases, hospitalizations, ICU, ventilators) increasing every day. Our Safety Plan Meeting/Drill meeting was held on 10/13 to educate the new police chief about the history of our safety plan. We are continuing to work on internal communication systems in the event of an incident. The MS/HS roof project is complete and there was no overage in the final cost of the project. The addition of Nate Miller to our maintenance staff has helped get the locker room project moving forward again. The new lockers are installed now. Mr. Berry has been contacted by a current student and a former student who is working with an outside group about strategies to assess and address racial and ethnic diversity and inclusivity within our curriculum.

Old Business

Information Items

Audit Presentation – Matt Koch of Koch Consultants

Matt Koch gave his audit presentation during Persons Desiring to Address the Board.

Financial Updates – Monthly Financial Discussion

Mr. Berry has been adjusting FY21 figures to reflect likely changes to revenue and revenues/expenditures related to grants that we should be receiving. Post-election Illinois – We’ve been told to prepare for cuts to state funding of 5%-10% for FY21 and FY22.

Board Retreat – Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 am in the Cafetorium

The Primary focus of the Board Retreat on November 14th will be finances (short and long range), including projections, potential cuts and a timeline for a potential referendum. They will also discuss the strategic planning process, the legislative outlook after the November election, impacts of COVID-19 (financial, academic, public relations, etc.), long-term vision for facilities and further discussion on basketball and other co-curricular programs.

Solar Project Update

The Village Board approved the District’s variance request at their last meeting.

IASB Virtual Summit 2020 – Nov. 20th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

There is still time for Board Members to register, if interested. Let Jill Hellrigel know if you would like her to register you.

Action Items

Resolution declaring the intention to issue working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

Motion by **Sumer** to approve the resolution declaring the intention to issue working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Solar Project Layout

Motion by **Ulrich** to approve the Solar Project layout as presented. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

IHSA Basketball

IHSA sent out a survey to see what schools are planning and we responded “unsure”. We believe the results of this survey could be the basis for them postponing the start of the season until January. This would take the heat off of schools, at least for now.

Central States Bus Lease Proposal

Cost went up with the new lease agreement, but not as much as last year.

Action Items

Levy Estimate Resolution

Motion by **Sumer** to approve the tax levy resolution as presented. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -

Sumer – yea

Gierich – yea

Kaiser – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Ropp – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Resignations

None.

Employment

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Debra Litwiller as a part-time GS Title I Aide for the 2020-2021 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

Roll Call -	Sumer – yea	Gierich – yea
	Kaiser – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Kilgus – yea	Smith – yea
	Ropp – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Ropp** to employ Jesse Getz as HS Head Baseball coach for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -	Sumer – yea	Gierich – yea
	Kaiser – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Kilgus – yea	Smith – yea
	Ropp – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve Natalie Martz and Andy Homa as new subs for the 20-21 school year. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: **9:27 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 **Ropp**.

Roll Call -	Sumer – yea	Gierich – yea
	Kaiser – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Kilgus – yea	Smith – yea
	Ropp – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Reconvened: **9:42 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: **9:44 p.m.**