

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2018

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call -	Runyon – present	Hopkins – present
	Ulrich – absent	Sumer – present
	Ropp – present	Kilgus – present
	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. Approve annual membership to the IESA
6. Turkey Festival request to use Tremont School District Facilities
7. Approval of agenda

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

Roll Call -	Runyon – yea	Hopkins – yea
	Ulrich – absent (7:09 p.m.)	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Kaiser – yea	

Motion Carried 6-0

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 the TEF Grants that were awarded to projects as follows: K-4 Calm Down Spot (\$500), K-4 STEAM Closet (\$1,000), 1st Grade Reading Materials (\$1,500), 4th Grade Chair Pockets (\$400), and MS/HS Library Furniture (\$5,459). We are planning on moving the Central Office to the old MS/HS office and current Special Ed office. Mrs. Genard will move to the HS office and Board meetings will still be in the current Board Room. A special thanks go out to the Tremont Lion's Club for hosting a dinner last week honoring some of our high performing students. We also appreciate Dr. Sumer, Mr. Berry, and Mr. Garrett for pinch-hitting when the speaker cancelled last minute. Each was asked to provide one piece of advice to students who are about to embark on a new chapter.

Old Business

Information Items

Budget and Legislative Issues

Base Funding Minimum dollars have been vouchered to the Comptroller by the State Board of Education to be paid soon. Our District will receive \$41,476 in new money.

Therapy Dog

As a result of our MS focused Board meeting in February, board members saw firsthand the impact a Therapy Dog can have in an instructional setting. Remy has been a great addition to our staff and his use goes beyond counseling. The research of therapy dog effectiveness is overwhelmingly positive. We will recommend a 3% stipend next month for Remy's owner, Mrs. Weiland.

Kindergarten Enrollment Update

We are still looking at 51 kindergarten students for the 2018-19 school year after screenings last week.

Diversity Leadership Council

The Diversity Leadership Council meeting will be on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 and the Board is invited to attend. Retired Federal Judge, Peter Ault, will be our facilitator.

Co-Curricular Report

Mr. Hinman discussed the messages we're trying to get out and how this is pushing some people to reflection. There are some disagreements with our general philosophies and ultimately some of this is out of our control. The admin team is meeting with any interested youth coach on the 18th.

Alumni Association

Mr. Hinman shared with the Alumni Association our thoughts on being a bit more involved in the Hall of Fame selection process. They've invited him to a meeting on the 24th to discuss in more detail.

Action Items

BOE Policy Revisions and Updates

Motion by **Sumer** to adopt the following policies as presented last month:

Policy 2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
Policy 4:40	Incurring Debt
Policy 4:40-AP	Preparing and Updating Disclosures
Policy 5:200	Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

Second by **Ulrich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment

Motion by **Hopkins** to adopt the resolution to prohibit sexual harassment, as presented. Second by

Kaiser.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

National Honor Society

We are interested in reviving a long dormant National Honor Society chapter at Tremont High School. A staff member, Megan Ramlo, has been identified as a sponsor and she is developing a vision where service opportunities would be offered to students throughout the school year and summer with the expectation that students participate in at least two to remain eligible for the group. Her goal is that National Honor Society students make their presence known in the Tremont community.

Working Cash Bonds

After talking with David Pistorious, he believes we should look to late summer to start the process with a petition period beginning in August granting our bonding authority to begin in September.

Meeting with Law Enforcement

Our meeting with the local police department went well. We reviewed our plans and discussed various scenarios. Potential issues and challenges were also brought to the table. Chief Dodwell and Officer Troyer are going to be trained in ALICE principles next week. We've settled on a more extensive drill to be held this Spring that will include some barriers to building evacuation while locking down other parts of the building.

Sub Pay

We haven't raised sub pay since the 2007-08 school year. While \$85 dollars is on the low end, there are still 10 local districts who pay that rate. Tremont is fortunate to have many former teachers who sub for us but we did struggle more and more (like everyone else) this year to attract these individuals. We will be recommending \$95 next month to the board for their consideration.

Hopedale Sports Medicine Agreement

The majority of the HOIC conference has now expanded athletic trainer service to include home boys' and girls' basketball contests.

Action Items

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Runyon** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Sherry James as Middle School P.E. teacher, Shelley Patterson as 3/5 time MS Counselor and Social Worker, and Jessica Willoughby as District Social Worker, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Second by

Ropp.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kilgus** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Amber Eve as MS & HS Head Volleyball Coach, Laura Watts as MS Assistant Volleyball Coach and Blake Uhlman as Assistant Football Coach, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Second by **Kaiser.**

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Employment

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve Michele Robinson-Molton as a new sub beginning April of the 17-18 school year. Second by **Sumer.**

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Ropp** to employ Maggie Staker as a Full Time Counselor/Social Worker, Matt Robison as an 8th Grade Resource teacher, Michele Robinson-Molton as a 5th Grade Teacher and Rachel Patterson as a HS Special Ed Teacher for the 2018-19 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Runyon**.

Roll Call -	Runyon – yea	Hopkins – yea
	Ulrich – yea	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Kaiser – yea	

Motion Carried 7-0

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

Motion by **Sumer** to adjourn to closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -	Runyon – yea	Hopkins – yea
	Ulrich – yea	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Kaiser – yea	

Motion Carried 7-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: 8:31 p.m.

Reconvened: 8:55 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary