

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2018

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing:

Roll Call -	Kaiser – present	Kilgus – present
	Ulrich – present	Ropp – present
	Hopkins – present	Runyon – absent
	Sumer – present	

Motion by **Sumer** to hold the hearing for the Tremont Community Unit District #702 FY2019 Budget.
Second by **Hopkins**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

Power Point Presentation on Proposed Budget for FY2018-19 by Mr. Hinman.

Call for Public Input.

Budget Hearing Adjourned: 7:22 p.m.

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Roll Call -	Kaiser – present	Kilgus – present
	Ulrich – present	Ropp – present
	Hopkins – present	Runyon – absent
	Sumer – 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 18-19 Report

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

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Correspondence Received – None.

Administrative Reports – The principals presented their written reports during the New Business portion of the Agenda.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent presented a written report noting a number of bus stop arm violations on our routes and while picking up at the grade school in the afternoon. The school has sent home a note to all our e-mail contacts and continues to work with local authorities on the issue. The Illinois State Police are beginning a statewide initiative to establish a presence around school buildings

this Fall. The dedication of the Dick Muselman press box was held on September 7 at halftime of our football game with Fieldcrest. It was a very nice ceremony and well received by fans and the family. The State of the Schools Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 1 in the Cafetorium.

Old Business

Information Items

Budget and Legislative Update

Participants in the Federal lunch program are now required to provide a federally reimbursable meal to any student that requests one, regardless of ability to pay. We may not provide an alternative meal, as there is a new law designed to address “lunch shaming”. Other new mandates include the responsibility for districts to provide flu vaccinations when providing info on school health issues, law enforcement drills must address an active shooter situation with police present to observe, IEP requirements for informing parents if the team does not make a decision to include a technical device, re-defines truancy at between 1 and 5%, requirement for an in-school suspension program on conflict resolution, textbook policy that all must promote diversity and that history class must include (in elementary and high school) a unit of instruction studying the significant role of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals in society. Please note that most of these mandates do not go into effect until July 1, 2019.

6th Day Enrollment Figures

6th Day enrollment illustrates the 3rd straight year we’ve seen growth. 984 students, 489 males and 495 females, make up the district this year, an increase of 10 over last year. In August of 2015, we were down to 904 students. Our increase in the last 3 years is almost 9%. FY19 enrollment figures include 124 IEP’s (12.6%) and 165 free/reduced lunch (16.8%).

CFST

The District will need to give some thought as to how we would go about the use of potential CFST dollars. There’s certainly no shortage of capital projects that could be tackled. However, property tax relief is a concept gaining momentum and the lure of lowering rates by paying down the bonds. The most recent figures show a **\$656,316** potential boost to District #702 finances upon passage of the CFST.

Special Meeting

Mr. Tipsord will speak at our October board meeting on the new funding model.

Action Items

Adopt FY19 Tremont School District 702 Budget

Resolved by **Sumer**.

Whereas the Tremont Community Unit District #702 FY2019 budget was posted 30 days prior to the hearing of the budget September 13, 2018; now, therefore, be it resolved that the fiscal year of Tremont Community Unit District #702 be set as July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, and that the budget for the 2018-2019 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 **Kaiser** to adopt said resolution and the official 2018-2019 budget for Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, Illinois. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

New Business

Information Items

Opening of School – A Review

The principals provided an overview from their respective buildings.

Kindergarten Registration Policy

A new state law is now in the books that allow “gifted children” to enter kindergarten a full year earlier. We had been getting more and more requests from parents whose children weren’t ready academically, socially, or emotionally. The new guidelines may accelerate those requests and we wanted to adopt a BOE policy that provides some expectation of readiness.

The Rise of Low Income Students

In 1999, the low income population in District #702 was at 2.5%. That was a pretty constant number through the 80's and 90's in Tremont. We started to see a slow uptick through the early part of this century rising to 6.7% *ten* years ago during the 08-09 school year. Today’s number has increased to **16.8%**. We believe this is significant for three main reasons:

- Financial stresses can certainly contribute to some of the traumatic issues facing families today. We've seen glimpses of this impact the last few years but anticipate that will only increase moving forward.
- Research tends to indicate poverty as a leading variable to decreases in student achievement. Our staff will need to continue a very intentional and diligent approach to overcoming this obstacle. We've show great resiliency in these efforts the past few years as high expectations and performance continue.
- As we reflect on practices, what should change to ensure no child is "priced out" of participating in our co-curriculars *or* deals with emotional stress because of the impact on a family's finances as school contributions are expected for class participation?

At this point, we are simply attempting to raise an awareness that 1 in every 5th child encountered by our staff is under some level of financial hardship and, for those of us who have been here awhile, a significant change to navigate than when we first started in Tremont.

Board of Education Election – April 2, 2019

For those incumbents up for re-election, packets will be available on the Tazewell County website on Tuesday, September 18. They can be picked up in person at the County Clerk’s office. Petitions can be circulated beginning that day with the filing period December 10-17.

Action Items

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Sumer** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Russell Davis as substitute bus driver, effective September 5, 2018. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Kasier** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Melissa Risner, Michele Robinson-Molton, Emily Ropp and Stacy Zukowski as substitute teachers, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

Employment

Motion by **Hopkins** to employ Lori Coy as half-day GS Title I Aide, Stephanie Bright as part-time Turk Center employee, Jennifer Williams as MS Scholastic Bowl Coach, Tim Frank as Head MS Boys Basketball Coach, Justin Bleich as Asst. MS Baseball Coach and Rachel Patterson and Ryan Lane as Asst. MS Softball Coaches for the 2018-19 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Ulrich** to approve the following list of new subs as presented for the 18-19 school year: Abby Boyd, Rachel Janssen, Meghan Rapp and Kathy Zazueta. Second by **Hopkins**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary