

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

LEVY HEARING

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent Hinman presented the levy proposal:

The proposal calls for a 4.99% increase. The estimated EAV is \$122,176,939, including \$1,623,810 in first time property. The estimated total tax rate will be 5.12 or 4.17 without bonds; bond tax rate of .95. The projected bond tax rate for this year was .95.

Last year's actual total tax rate was 5.11, including a bond rate of .95. Last year's projected bond rate was .95057.

Recommended: adoption of a levy of \$5,199,932, plus bond levy of \$1,066,888 for a total levy of \$6,266,820.

Levy Hearing Adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

Call to Order: 7:18 p.m.

Roll Call -	Ropp – present	Runyon – present
	Hopkins – present	Kilgus – present
	Kaiser – present	Ulrich – present
	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 revised agenda

Motion by **Sumer** to approve the revision of the consent agenda, adding New Business Action Item Number Three. Second by **Hopkins**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – A thank you note was received from Mr. Hopkins for the Edible Arrangement sent from the Board and Administration after his recent surgery.

Administrative Reports – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

Superintendent’s Report – The Superintendent presented a written report explaining how the GS and MS/HS were on separate 3-year school picture contracts that expire at the end of this year. The District is trying to get everyone on the same page and interviewed 4 companies. At the conclusion of the proposals, we offered the partnership to TSS Photography at the GS/MS (TSS is a local company operated by Lindsey and Steve Verdun) and Precision Photo Imaging at the HS (another local company operated by Eldon Liabraaten). We haven’t been impressed with the customer service or quality received from the bigger companies and wanted to try two local vendors who have served the District well in various other capacities. Both will operate on one-year agreements. The bigger companies were each seeking 3-year deals. The Board Election “Meet the Candidates Night” was discussed and suggestions were made as to the date and format of the evening.

Old Business

Information Items

Budget and Legislative Updates

With the Veto Session over, Mr. Hinman spent a little time discussing the ramifications of the recently completed action.

School Calendar – Revised Guidelines and Possible FY19 Amendments

A little known/discussed provision in the new Evidenced Based Funding law allows Districts to now define their own version of an “instructional day” but does mandate 176 actual student attendance days moving forward. We currently have 175 with 1 Parent/Teacher Conference Day.

Action Items

Closed Minutes Review

Motion by **Kaiser** to review minutes of closed session since last review (June 2018) and declare that all closed minutes should remain closed. Second by **Ulrich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Property Tax Levy

Resolved by **Sumer**.

Be it resolved that the Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, shall adopt a 2018 levy in the amount **\$5,199,932**, without bonds. Be it further resolved that the aggregate 2018 levy, with bond payment, be adopted in the amount of **\$6,266,820**.

Motion by **Runyon** to adopt the resolution establishing the tax levy for 2018 and placing one copy in the minutes. The amount of the resolution shall be certified and returned to the County Clerk of Tazewell County on or before the last Tuesday in December 2018. Second by **Kilgus**.

Roll Call -

Ropp – yea

Hopkins – yea

Kaiser – yea

Sumer – yea

Runyon – yea

Kilgus – yea

Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried

7-0

Issuance of a Request for Proposals

Motion by **Ulrich** for approval of the submission of a Request for Proposals in regard to a Performance Based Contract for the Grade School entry way and office project. Second by **Runyon**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

County Facilities Sales Tax Resolution

Motion by **Ropp** to adopt the attached resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Tazewell, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers’ occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 2nd day of April, 2019. Second by

Kaiser.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ William Reinhold as HS Biology teacher for second semester of the 2018-2019 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Sumer**.

Roll Call -

Ropp – yea

Runyon – yea

Hopkins – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser – yea

Ulrich – yea

Sumer – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Solar Energy

Mr. Schwenk & Mr. Weer provided a proposal to the Board regarding the installation of solar panels this summer to assist the District in offsetting some of the energy prices we’re currently paying.

Health Insurance – Change of Administration

The Benefits Committee of the Egyptian Trust recommended that HealthScope be replaced as a third party administrator for health insurance claims beginning March 1 by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The recommendation was unanimously accepted after a lengthy question and answer session by Trust membership on December 5. The referenced based pricing was not working well in much of the state. Mr. Hinman is of the belief that our participants will be served well by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Alumni Football Game at Home

The BOE will be asked to make a decision on whether or not to allow an Alumni Football game to be played on campus next fall. We have been approached about the possibility; no opponent has been secured.

Central States Proposal

The bid offered by Central States shows the effects of increased steel prices and is increased by 4.2%. This isn't a huge surprise and is somewhat offset by reasonably low increases the past several years. The opportunity to equip the new buses with cameras is also an intriguing possibility that would add about \$700 per bus (the 4 new ones) to this proposal.

BOE Policy Revisions and Updates

There is an extensive document in your BOE packet that explains the revisions and updates offered by the IASB to the Policy Manual. Most reflect recent changes in Statutes and I don't see anything out of the ordinary yet.

Action Items

Resignation(s) - None.

Employment

Motion by **Ropp** to approve Joyce Meister and Cary Turner as new subs for the 18-19 school year. Second by **Runyon**.

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 **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 -

Ropp – yea

Runyon – yea

Hopkins – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser – yea

Ulrich – yea

Sumer – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: 9:25 p.m.

Reconvened: 9:34 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:34 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary