

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call -	Ropp - present	Kilgus – present
	Gierich – present	Ulrich – present
	Smith - present	Sumer - 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 \$13,441.33 transfer from activity fund to district budget
4. Approval of activity fund
5. Approval of bills, payroll, and Imprest Fund
6. Approval of agenda

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

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

Motion Carried: 7-0

Correspondence Received – An anonymous note with feedback from the Christmas program was shared.

Reports

Superintendent

The application for a maintenance grant was submitted to the ROE on November 11th, who then submitted it to ISBE. The application has been reviewed and marked “HLS Approvable” but we are still waiting for final approval. Mr. Berry also provided an update on the Robotics building. The team has officially moved in and the Industrial Technology program is expanding into the vacated shop space. There are six candidates running for four board seats this April. Dana E. Stuber and Gary Crull and the non-incumbents. Mr. Berry briefly discussed an in-person “Meet the Candidates” night in early March.

Other

A Facilities Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th.

Old Business

Information Items

Monthly Financial Discussion

Mr. Berry gave a brief update on this year's finances. He also shared information on the impact of tax caps over the years.

Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Berry discussed scheduling a meeting for mid-February that would include people who had expressed interest in being involved in the strategic planning process.

Co-Curricular Report Review Update

The committee that is reviewing the co-curricular report held a meeting on Wed. January 11th. More details will be discussed at the February meeting. The IHSA recently passed a new by-law that requires homeschool students to enroll in at least one class in order to participate.

TIF District Extension

Mr. Berry has met with Mr. Scranton and discussed change in the proportional share of tax revenue over a 9-year extension. It was suggested to form a group of two members from each board if negotiations move forward.

Action Items

Central States Bus Proposal

Motion by **Smith** to accept the bid from Central States Bus Sales from Oswego, Illinois, in the amount of **\$253,745.03**. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried: 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Superintendent Evaluation

Each January, the superintendent reminds the Board about his evaluation. In past years, the Board expressed a desire to wait until later in the year to complete Mr. Berry's evaluation and would like to do the same this year.

Board Policies - PRESS Plus Issue 110

There is a lengthy update to board policies. Mr. Berry is currently still reviewing them.

Action Items

Resignations

(None)

Employment

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Emily Yaksh as Assistant Musical Director, Caiden Buster as Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach and Cooper Wendling as Assistant High School Wrestling Coach for the 2022-23 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried: 7-0

Closed Session - under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiation matters and 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)(2) collective negotiation matters and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried: 7-0

Reconvened: **9:47 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: **9:470 p.m.**

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary