

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

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 annual membership to the IHSA and IESA
6. Approval of agenda

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

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Correspondence Received – None

Reports

Principals/Directors

Mrs. Hansen shared some updates on Kindergarten registration, the completion of IAR testing and the success of the reading program. Written reports were submitted by the other principals.

Superintendent

The Superintendent presented his written report updating the Board on the wrestling room addition. A couple options are still being discussed. Work is still in progress with the maintenance grant with a focus on improving doors and door security. Mr. Berry also shared a group growth report the ECRA data to demonstrate how the program updates student growth after each testing window. There was also discussion on possibly adding language to the activity code to address inappropriate conduct.

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met on March 16th. Expansion of the wrestling room, spring and summer maintenance projects, the condition of the grade school roof, additional parking for the Roboteers building, and the grade school awning and sidewalks were topics of discussion.

Old Business

Information Items

Board Election and Organizational Meeting

Plans for the Organizational Meeting and Board Election following the recent election were discussed.

Monthly Financial Discussion

Mr. Berry updated the Board on the impact the higher interest rates have had on the fund balances as well as the current cash flow projections at the start of the final quarter of the fiscal year.

Strategic Planning Update

Revisions to the goals and objectives were discussed.

Legislative Update

Mr. Berry share information on some new legislation that will impact school districts regarding the employment histories of job candidates.

Action Items

EFE Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve the Tazewell EFE Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.
Second by **Sumer**.

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| | Ulrich – yea |
| | Kaiser - yea |
| | Kilgus – absent |

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| Ropp – yea |
| Gierich – yea |
| Smith -yea |

Motion Carried: 6-0

New Business

Information Items

June BOE Meeting Date

Mr. Berry discussed rescheduling the June meeting for Tuesday, June 13th to accommodate preparations for the Turkey Festival.

July BOE Meeting

We typically have been foregoing the July BOE meeting the last few years. Of course, there may be a need to meet based on any developments, but Mr. Berry doesn't foresee anything that would require a meeting in July at this time.

FY24 Substitute Teacher Pay Rate

In order to stay competitive with other local districts, Mr. Berry would like to increase our Substitute Teacher pay rate to \$115/day beginning next year.

Grade School Roof

The grade school roof has been deteriorating faster than expected and will need attention sooner than we had originally anticipated. Mr. Berry discussed a possible solar and roof project.

2024-2025 School Calendar

Notes were provided on the 2024-25 school calendar.

Action Items

Resignation(s)

None

Employment

Motion by **Smith** to employ Jenna Hren as High School ELA teacher for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

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| | Kaiser - yea | Smith -yea |
| | Kilgus – absent | |

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Sumer** to employ Alisha Wahls as 8th Grade ELA teacher for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kaiser**.

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Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Nicole Larson as 6th Grade ELA teacher for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

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Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ Tim Finney as Athletic Director/Dean of Students for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Gierich**.

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| | Kaiser - yea | Smith -yea |
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Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Sumer** to employ Melody Hodgson as a bus monitor for the 2022-23 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

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Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by _____ to employ Tiffany Klaus as Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by _____.

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Adjourned to Closed Session: **9:11 p.m.**

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

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 and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiation matters. Second by **Smith**.

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Reconvened: **10:02 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: **10:02 p.m.**

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary