

**TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702**  
**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2023**

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Call to order by temporary chairman **Ropp** at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Nomination for President**

*Temporary Chairman:* Nominations are now in order for the office of president.

**Kevin Smith:** I nominate **Robert Ropp**

*Temporary Chairman:* **Robert Ropp** is nominated. Are there any other nominations for the office of president?

Repeat call two more times.

*Temporary Chairman:* If there are no further nominations, nominations for the office of president are closed.

**Vote on Nomination**

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

**Seating of New President**

**Nomination for Vice President**

*Temporary Chairman:* Nominations are now in order for the office of vice-president.

**Drew Gierich:** I nominate **Kevin Smith**

If only one person is nominated, the temporary secretary will be instructed to record a unanimous vote for that person and that person will thereby be declared elected.... Or there can be a roll call vote if more than one person is nominated.

Vote on Nomination: Unanimous (no vote needed)

**Nomination for Secretary**

*Temporary Chairman:* Nominations are now in order for the office of secretary.

**Robert Ropp:** I nominate **Renee Kaiser**

If only one person is nominated, the temporary secretary will be instructed to record a unanimous vote for that person and that person will thereby be declared elected.... Or there can be a roll call vote if more than one person is nominated.

Vote on Nomination: Unanimous (no vote needed)

### **Seating of New Officers**

### **Establish Meeting Dates**

Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at **7:00 p.m.**, unless otherwise stated.

### **Resolution Regarding Board Policies**

Resolution presented by **Ropp**.

Be it resolved that the newly organized Board of Education of Tremont School District #702, Tazewell County, Illinois, shall operate under the policies and procedures of the previous board with the power to amend such policies and procedures.

Motion by **Gierich** to adopt the resolution presented. Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

**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 Consolidated District Plan
6. Approval of agenda

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

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

**Correspondence Received** – None

### **Reports**

#### **Principals**

The principals provided reports on their respective buildings. Jennifer Hendrickson submitted a Turk Center written report.

#### **Superintendent**

The Superintendent presented his written report updating the Board on the plans to upgrade the door security system at the Middle School and High School. Upgrades to the Grade School will

be a future project. New trophy cases donated by Kendall Martin have been installed in the hallway between the north gym and the cafetorium. Mr. Martin's generous gift is greatly appreciated and trophies will be moved into the cases soon. Mr. Berry informed the Board the Tremont Education Foundation approved 12 grant requests at its quarterly meeting. Information was also shared on a meeting held by the Tazewell County Republican Women on the topic of school safety. An update on assessment data was also provided.

### **Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee has not met since the last board meeting. The architects came on April 14<sup>th</sup> to assess the industrial technology shop for potential ventilation upgrades and again on April 27<sup>th</sup> for meetings regarding their needs assessment.

### **Old Business**

#### **Information Items**

##### **Monthly Financial Discussion**

Mr. Berry's monthly financial update was addressed later in the agenda with the presentation of the tentative amended budget.

##### **Graduation and Other End of Year Events**

Senior Awards Night was May 4<sup>th</sup> and Graduation is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm in the gym. Middle School awards assembly will be held in the afternoon on May 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration that evening.

#### **Action Items**

##### **June BOE Meeting Date**

Motion by **Gierich** to change the June board meeting to Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

##### **July BOE Meeting**

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve the resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to review and approve July 2023 district invoices and payroll.

Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

##### **FY24 Substitute Teacher Pay Rate**

Motion by **Kilgus** to increase the substitute teacher pay to \$115 per day, for the 2023-2024 school year. Second by **Ulrich**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser - yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer -absent

Gierich - yea

Motion Carried: 6-0

### **Strategic Plan Approval**

Motion by **Smith** to approve the Tremont CUSD 702 Strategic Plan as presented. Second by **Gierich**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

### **2024-2025 School Calendar**

Motion by **Kaiser** to adopt the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year, reflecting August 12, 2024, as the first day for teachers and May 23rd as the last day for teachers, plus 5 emergency days. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

### **New Business**

#### **Information Items**

##### **Tentative Amended Budget**

Mr. Berry shared a document that outlines the current numbers with the amended budget.

##### **Press Plus Issue 111**

Mr. Berry provided a synopsis for the latest Press Plus updates.

#### **Action Items**

##### **Hopedale Sports Medicine Agreement**

Motion by **Ulrich** to approve the agreement with Hopedale Sports Medicine for services totaling \$6,435.00 for the 2023-24 school year. Second by **Kilgus**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser - yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer -absent

Gierich - yea

Motion Carried: 6-0

### **Final 2022-2023 School Calendar**

Motion by **Gierich** to approve the final amended calendar for the 2022-23 school year, reflecting the last day of school as May 24, 2023. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

### **ISP Clear and Present Danger Portal Intergovernmental Agreement**

Motion by **Smith** to approve the ISP Clear and Present Danger Portal Intergovernmental Agreement. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

## **Resignations**

Motion by **Ulrich** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Haley Kalva as Speech and Language Pathologist effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Ropp** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Elizabeth Hohenbery as Middle School Girls Track Coach effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried: 6-0

## **Employment**

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Noelle Marron as 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser - yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer -absent

Gierich - yea

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ Emily Wendling as 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser - yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer -absent

Gierich - yea

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Smith** to employ Joy Evans as Grade School Music Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser - yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer -absent

Gierich - yea

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Ulrich** to employ Taylor Muehlich as Middle School Aide for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Gierich**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser - yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer -absent

Gierich - yea

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Kilgus** to employ Janelle Sauder as Middle School Cheerleading Coach for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Megan Patterson as JV Volleyball Coach for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ Mitch Whightsil as Assistant Football Coach for the 2023-24 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: **8:44 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 **Ropp** 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 **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried: 6-0

Reconvened: **10:15 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: **10:15 p.m.**