

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2020

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 – Mrs. Keech and four students presented information about their production marketing class and t-shirt production, ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), the EFE grant, Careers in Real Life (CRL), and their career field trips.

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 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 – The district received a dividend check from Accident Fund Insurance for Worker's Comp, as well as a thank you note from Phyllis Staker and a letter of commendation for Kim Wicks from TRS after their recent audit.

Administrative Reports – The principals were in attendance but no reports were given.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent presented a written report giving an update that the teacher negotiations have been going very well. Mr. Hinman also reported on the property tax task force and the report that discussed ideas such as merging HS/GS Districts and shortening TIF's to 10-15 years. For the staff SIP day activities, Mr. Hinman will address the faculty about the State of the Schools message and the new laws on marijuana, harassment, etc.

Old Business

Information Items

BOE Policies

In general, all policy revisions/changes are state mandates and recommended for approval possibly next month.

Village of Tremont – Intergovernmental Agreement

Village President Todd Bong and Trustee Drew Scranton were in attendance and provided the Board with an update regarding the proposed subdivision at the Southeast corner of the Village. The Board was asked to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village to assist in recouping the initial investment in upgrading Chestnut Street by deferring the collection of property taxes once structures are built.

Action Items

Central States Bus Proposal

Motion by **Sumer** to accept the bid from Central States Bus Sales from Big Rock, Illinois, in the amount of \$192,837.43. Second by **Smith**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

HS Presentation

Mrs. Keech and several of her students presented during Persons Desiring to Address the Board.

Maintenance Grant

The first round of Maintenance Grant applications are due in February and the district plans to submit a project. Mr. Weer, Mr. Berry and Mr. Hinman met earlier in the week to brainstorm ideas. Some of the ideas they are considering include:

- HS boy's shower areas both upstairs and downstairs.
- Parking at the MS/HS, including the possibility of moving the MS playground to the field behind the school – putting slab of concrete or asphalt on the hill. Consideration for the addition of a second lane on the new MS drive with added parking.
- Lengthening the GS drop-off driveway, potential additional drop-off/parking on the south side of the building.
- Renovations in the South Gym that include ventilation, balcony seating, and bathroom partition replacements/additions.
- New building security and communication systems along with GS camera upgrades.
- Track refurbishing.
- Exterior doors #8 & # 25 and additional safety/magnet closures with entry card access capabilities at both campuses.
- Air-Conditioning – 5th grade hallway.
- Heat/Air in the Board Room.

Graduation Policy

The first draft of an early graduation policy was submitted for the board's initial review.

Fees

We would like to begin registration online yet this spring to help with planning, but are still discussing possible fee increases.

Action Items

Resolution to Transfer \$9,647.68 from Working Cash to Site and Construction

Motion by **Kilgus** to adopt the resolution to transfer \$9,647.68 from the Working Cash Fund to the Site & Construction Fund. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Kaiser** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Melissa Little as a Lego League coach, effective December 16, 2019. Second by **Gierich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Employment

Motion by **Ulrich** to employ Jill Uhlman as High School Principal with a 3-year performance based contract and a starting salary of \$87,000, beginning the 2020-21 school year. Second by **Sumer**.

Roll Call -

Ropp – yea

Kilgus – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Smith – yea

Sumer – yea

Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Melody Hodgson as GS Part-time Cafeteria Cook/Dishwasher for second semester of the 2019-20 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

Roll Call -

Ropp – yea

Kilgus – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Smith – yea

Sumer – yea

Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Smith** to approve Brittany Hertenstein as a new sub for the 19-20 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Closed Session – under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiation matters

The board agreed that closed session for negotiation matters was not necessary.

Meeting Adjourned: **8:35 p.m.**

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary