

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Persons Desiring to Address the Board – Tremont Kindergarten teachers Michelle Kreiling, Megan Patterson and Jennie Peck gave a Grade School Presentation on guided play.

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
6. Approval of revised agenda

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

Roll Call -	Gierich – yea	Smith – yea
	Kaiser – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Sumer – yea	Ropp – yea
	Ulrich – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – None.

Administrative Reports – The principals presented information from their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent presented a written report sharing highlights from the HOIC superintendents meeting of February 28. There were excellent conversations from school districts with similar demographics. There were 12 agenda items, the most interesting being discussions centered on student mental health and our responses to the issues we're seeing, the challenge finding subs (and teachers) and a long discussion about the negative ramifications of a youth sports culture out of control. The Egyptian Trust 3rd quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 18th in Carlyle and Mr. Hinman plans on attending. He's hoping to get an idea of what's going to happen with our health insurance numbers for our staff members on the local plan. Tremont has had a good co-curricular year so far at the high school, with wrestling and basketball (both boys and girls) wrapped up and all fielded competitive teams. Combined with excellent fine arts programs, we are really fortunate.

Old Business

Information Items

State Funding Priorities

In the Governor's Budget Address delivered on February 14, he outlined the need for the progressive income tax that 60% of Illinois voters will need to approve in November. There are some mixed messages coming out of the response. He did propose increasing EBF dollars by 350 million, however he would place in reserve 150 million pending the outcome of the tax vote.

High School Early Graduation Policy

Originally, we were going to act upon the policy this month. In the interim, there have been some questions from the parents of the girl we've allowed to graduate after 6 semesters about participation in the graduation ceremony.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Tremont

The district is still in the process of gathering information on this request. Mr. Hinman provided the nuts and bolts of the agreement, along with some of the information he found from other professionals.

Action Items

Early Entrance to Kindergarten Policy Revision

Motion by **Sumer** to approve the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Policy revision as presented. Second by **Gierich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

June BOE Meeting

Motion by **Kilgus** to change the June board meeting to Tuesday, June, 9, 2020. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Compliance Visit

The Regional Office of Education will be in the District on Monday, March 16 to finish their compliance visit. Every 4 years, we go through this probe to examine our policies and practices to ensure they are congruent with the Illinois School Code.

The Evidenced Based Funding Model and the Local Tax Rate

There continues to be much conversation in Illinois about the high rate of property taxes and the reliance local governments have on this type of tax. The EBF Model can be used to leverage what an appropriate rate for District #702 should be.

- Local Capacity Target (what we should expect locally): ***\$4,922,458***
- Local Revenue (Real Receipts from all Local Sources): ***\$4,530,508***
- Difference: ***\$391,950***
 - Operating Rate for District #702: \$3.8713
 - According to the Formula it Should Be: \$4.2061
 - About .35 cents short

COVID-19

Mr. Hinman met with local health departments and the Regional Office on March 12. There were a lot of discussions among superintendents at least locally about business as usual until there is at least a case in the area. We know this is going to happen. We have to balance our responsibilities to provide school with the knowledge prevention and/or mitigation can be an important role to play. Tremont Schools are staying open for now. There have been some cancellations of co-curriculars and the District will follow the Governor's guidelines, just announced tonight, for cancelling events of more than 250 attendees – beginning with the PTO's Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday night. This is a rapidly changing situation. The administrative team is meeting March 13 to make sure we have everything in place for e-learning in an extended closure situation.

Action Items

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Sumer** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Elizabeth Hohenbery as HS JV Girls Volleyball Coach, effective March 5, 2020. Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Reemployment of Non-Tenured Certified Staff for 2020-21

Motion by **Kaiser** to reemploy the following non-tenured certified staff for the 2020-21 school year: Zach Zehr, Hayley Cline, Jennifer Williams, Megan Ramlo, Sandra Spengler, Lisa VanNatta, Andrea Ballard, Maggie Cullen, Scott Dixler, Tim Frank, Beth Hohenbery, Isaac Imig, Colleen Keltner, Heather Kusk, Michele Molton, Rachel Patterson, Allison Rapp, Matt Robison, Kate Sauder, Debra Litwiller, Christian Wilkey, Emily Miller, Angela Young, Claire Fink and Maria Conn, per salary agreement. Second by **Ulrich**.

Roll Call -

Gierich – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser – yea

Kilgus – yea

Sumer – yea

Ropp – yea

Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Reemployment of All Remaining Certified Staff for 2020-21

Motion by **Smith** to re-employ all remaining certified teachers for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

Roll Call -

Gierich – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser – yea

Kilgus – yea

Sumer – yea

Ropp – yea

Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Reemployment of All Remaining Non-Certified Staff for 2020-21

Motion by **Ropp** to re-employ all remaining non-certified staff for the 2020-21 school year, per agreed upon salaries and conditions. Second by **Gierich**.

Roll Call -

Gierich – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser – yea

Kilgus – yea

Sumer – yea

Ropp – yea

Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Granting of Tenure

Motion by **Ulrich** to reemploy and grant tenure to Lindsey Aberle and Lisha Mroczkowski for the 2020-21 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call - Gierich – yea
 Kaiser – yea
 Sumer – yea
 Ulrich – yea

Smith – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Reemploy Administrators

Motion by **Sumer** to re-employ Jeremy Garrett, Becky Hansen and Michelle McKune as administrators for the 2020-21 school year, with a 4% increase. Second by **Kilgus**.

Roll Call - Gierich – yea
 Kaiser – yea
 Sumer – yea
 Ulrich – yea

Smith – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Employment

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ Lori Coy as a 4th Grade Teacher for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

Roll Call - Gierich – yea
 Kaiser – yea
 Sumer – yea
 Ulrich – yea

Smith – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kilgus** to employ Justin Bleich as Assistant High School Baseball coach for the 2019-20 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ulrich**.

Roll Call - Gierich – yea
 Kaiser – yea
 Sumer – yea
 Ulrich – yea

Smith – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Gierich** to approve Brian Elston and Brock Horowitz as new subs beginning March of the 19-20 school year. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7
Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Meeting Adjourned: **9:18 p.m.**