

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call -	Kilgus – present	Smith – present
	Kaiser – present	Ulrich – present
	Ropp – absent	Sumer – present
	Gierich – 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 activity fund
4. Approval of bills, payroll, and Imprest Fund
5. Approval of agenda

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

Roll Call -	Kilgus – yea	Smith – yea
	Kaiser – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Ropp – absent (7:01 p.m.)	Sumer – yea
	Gierich – yea	

Motion Carried 6-0

Correspondence Received – None.

Administrative Reports – None.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent presented a written report with an update on Remote Instruction. The District has been impressed with the level of engagement displayed by many of our students and families and appreciate their cooperation during these unprecedented times. While not even close to the effectiveness of in-person instruction, our folks made the best of a terrible situation. The Grade School playground equipment has been removed and we will be donating the old structure to the Apostolic Christian Church and will save demolition costs. They are going to repair and install on their campus. The TEF Board delayed their normal May quarterly meeting to June 1. They have been able to operate remote sub committees to determine a scholarship recipient for the First National Bank and award grants. Grants were awarded to the GS for the purchase of iPads that should get us close to a 1:1 set-up 3rd and 4th grade in case an extended closure occurs next school year, the MS STEM Lab and Mr. Verdun for \$3200 for the project entitled "Bringing Robotics to Life" and HS Science will receive \$4000 to purchase Vernier equipment that will provide technology based lab experiences that improve precision, accuracy, and engagement of students. The total number of lunches we will have served since the pandemic had shut down schools on March 16 is going to approach 5100 by the time we stop on May 14. We received a donation of \$656.61 from the Tremont United Methodist Church for our weekend snack packs to help offset some of the costs of that service. A special thanks also to Eli's for their support of our snack pack program by designating May's Donation Creation to District #702 to help us offset this cost. The Solar Project is delayed, primarily due to banks assessing tax equity availability. They anticipate a start at some point this year.

Old Business

Information Items

COVID-19 and School Closure

In June, we will be asking for approval to amend the current (FY20) school calendar to reflect the many adjustments needed since March 16. Guidance from ISBE was just received but they are not ready yet for the new codes needed. Usually, this is something we do in May and wanted you to be aware of the change. The FY20 budget is a mess. While we're still receiving EBF dollars, some revenue sources (specifically the Turk Center) are gone. 85% of our budget is salaries and most of those are still being paid out. The real challenging piece right now is to see what the overall impact is going to be. It was unexpected to receive the transportation and special ed payments last week. We're still two behind. For all intents and purposes, we're through the FY20 year. Granted, there are a couple of administrative items to address but for the most part, it's time to move onward. While much can change and predictions during this mess are challenging, it seems a bit unreasonable to assume we would be at stage 5 by the fall.... Stage 4 maybe, but those guidelines limit gatherings to 50. That would be difficult to pull off in school.

Graduation and Other End of Year Events

- **HS Graduation:** Sunday, May 17.
 - Individualized with pictures and a video compilation for the students that we hope will look somewhat like a normal ceremony.
- **MS Promotion:** Thursday, May 21.
 - Drive Through at the MS Lot.
- **Student Technology/Textbook Drop-Off:** May 18-22
 - We've spread this out over the entire week hoping that it will spread out foot traffic in the building. Masks will be required for entry.

The Maintenance Grant

While we've been approved for the Maintenance Grant, we haven't pursued any real action yet on the boy's locker rooms. There are some mixed messages coming out of Springfield on the availability of funds but there's also a real need to update those areas. Mr. Hinman and Mr. Berry are going to sit down with Josh Weer to develop a plan.

Action Items

July BOE Meeting

Motion by **Smith** to approve the resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to review and approve July 2020 district invoices and payroll. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

GS Lunch Prices

Motion by **Gierich** to increase the Grade School lunch price for the 2020-2021 school year to \$2.75. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Registration Fees

Motion by **Sumer** to approve keeping our current 2019-20 Registration and Technology fees for the 2020-21 school year. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

PRESS Plus #103 Policy Revisions

Motion by **Ulrich** to adopt the following policies as presented last month:

Policy 2:125	Board Member Compensation; Expenses
Policy 2:160	Board Attorney
Policy 4:50	Payment Procedures
Policy 5:60	Expenses
Policy 5:150	Personnel Records
Policy 5:280	Duties and Qualifications
Policy 6:135	Accelerated Placement Program
Policy 6:280	Grading and Promotion
Policy 7:70	Attendance and Truancy
Policy 7:90	Release During School Hours
Policy 7:130	Student Rights and Responsibilities
Policy 7:325	Student Fundraising Activities
Policy 8:10	Connection with the Community
Policy 8:30	Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
Policy 8:80	Gifts to the District
Policy 8:110	Public Suggestions and Concerns

Second by **Gierich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Hopedale Sports Medicine Agreement

Motion **Kaiser** to approve the agreement with Hopedale Sports Medicine for services totaling \$4,719 for the 2020-21 school year, which includes a \$1,716 prorated discount for missing the most recent spring season. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

AED Usage Policy

Motion by **Smith** to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan as presented. Second by **Kilgus**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Selective Insurance Abuse and Molestation Policies

Motion by **Sumer** to approve the Selective Insurance Abuse and Molestation Policies as presented. Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

New Financial Software Package

Mrs. Wicks has been training on a new software package for the past 6 weeks. STI was no longer going to support what we were using. In addition, the Teacher's Retirement System is changing some reporting requirements and we're hopeful this revision will be beneficial. The timing isn't the best as we're in between two fiscal years but things have gone relatively smooth so far with this transition. I'm hopeful that continues as we review FY20 and create FY21.

Action Items

Resignations

Motion by **Kaiser** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Rick Strohl as HS/MS Custodian, effective April 28, 2020. Second by **Sumer**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kilgus** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Laura Smith as MS Special Ed. Aide, Alisha Wahls as Learning Center Aide and Distance Learning Coordinator, Jim Benson as Substitute Bus Driver and Blake Uhlman as MS Baseball Coach, effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Second by **Smith**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Employment

Motion by **Ropp** to grant tenure to Kate Sauder for the 2020-21 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -

Kilgus – yea

Smith – yea

Kaiser – yea

Ulrich – yea

Ropp – yea

Sumer – yea

Gierich – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Gierich** to employ Abby Hammond as a MS Special Ed Aide for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Adjourned to Closed Session: **8:45 p.m.**

Closed Session - under 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)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Reconvened: **9:12 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: **9:12 p.m.**

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary