

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Persons Desiring to Address the Board – Dr. Brock Butts spoke to congratulate Superintendent Jeff Hinman on his retirement. He shared about Mr. Hinman’s career at Tremont and when he hired him as the Middle School Principal. He finished by saying “Job Well Done”.

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. Ratifying the Superintendent’s Approval to transfer the interest amount of **\$6,623.43** from Working Cash Fund to Education Fund
6. Approval of agenda

Motion by **Smith** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received - Letter from the Illinois Attorney General’s Office regarding the transfer of the Mary Elizabeth Hinman Trust to the Tremont Education Foundation.

Administrative Reports – The principals were in attendance, but no formal reports were provided.

Superintendent’s Report – The Superintendent presented a written report sharing that the Foundation Board met on Monday, June 1. This meeting replaced their postponed May gathering. A few highlights included a thank you from the Bank scholarship recipient, Abigail Koch, and a review of the grants awarded: \$9,257 to the GS for iPads allowing 1:1 in grades 3 & 4, \$3,200 to the MS STEM room for a Robotics project, and \$4,000 to the HS Science department for lab equipment. The Tremont Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be installing the Grade School playground soon. Lastly, the Village of Tremont needed a sanitary sewer easement for work on our property North of the football field along the creek.

Old Business

Information Items

End of the Year Events

Mr. Hinman reviewed the events from the conclusion of the school year. He is so appreciative of the extra work and planning from our entire admin team in regard to special end of the year events. Their efforts to make these occasions memorable were noted by many.

COVID-19 and the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year

ISBE, IDPH, and the IASA have all been relatively quiet on any guidelines for next school year. Obviously, it's a little early, but a review of Phase IV guidelines would still indicate a significant number of restrictions to the normal operation of school. We've been meeting with representatives from Morton, Tri-Valley, LeRoy, Eureka and Roanoke Benson to discuss ideas and brainstorm solutions. Morton has been a leader in advocating the need for normal school operations with minimal restrictions. They have been in regular contact with local officials to review COVID-19 numbers so that we can articulate the need for a more regional approach when making these decisions. Regarding the IHSA Return to Play guidelines and other summer programs, Tremont is planning to begin summer workouts under these new guidelines next week. The health department has already opined on the plans and has signed off in Tazewell County. While the guidelines are extremely restrictive, it will be nice to have kids back in the building.

FY20 and FY21 Budgets

Mr. Hinman provided the most accurate picture he could on both budgets. Neither are pretty, partly due to the lack of day care revenue, lunch income, and the uncertainty of our last two transportation and special education payments.

Action Items

Closed Minutes Review

Motion by **Sumer** to review minutes of closed session since last review (December 2019) and declare that all closed minutes should remain closed. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Locker Room Renovations and Other Summer Building Projects

Mr. Hinman provided an update on all summer projects, floor waxing and painting.

The Day Care Program

Mr. Hinman and Mr. Berry met with Jennifer Hendrickson on Monday, June 8 to review options for opening the day care program. While centers could have opened last week, we wanted some time to review the guidelines. Based on what we've seen so far, we decided to wait for Phase IV, hopefully by the end of the month.

MS/HS Roof Issues

We addressed some of the MS roof in 2014 with a sprayed vinyl coating that covered the MS office and two classrooms. The cost was roughly \$43,000, spread over two years when we added the HS Ag Shop. We are now at a point that the remaining roof has reached a critical juncture. Walking it earlier this week there are several noticeable areas of concern. Water continues to come into the building after a significant rain in at least two-dozen places. A major snowstorm sitting on the roof over the boiler rooms has the potential to be disastrous. Mr. Hinman and Mr. Berry will discuss various options for funding a project of this magnitude, such as utilizing O&M reserves, transfer W/C funds or a bond.

Action Items

Approval of Final 2019-2020 School Calendar

Motion by **Ropp** to approve the final amended calendar for the 2019-20 school year, reflecting the last day of school as May 21, 2020. Second by **Gierich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Approval of Commercial & Liability Insurance Renewal

Motion by **Kilgus** to approve the renewal for district insurance from Unland Insurance Company through Selective Insurance, Accident Fund and Liberty Mutual. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea
Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Approval of Change in Signatory Authority

Motion by **Sumer** to change all signatory authority with Tremont First National Bank to add new Superintendent Sean Berry and new Principal Jill Uhlman effective July 1, 2020 and remove Superintendent Jeff Hinman from the accounts due to his retirement on June 30, 2020. Second by **Smith**.

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

Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea
Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to change all signatory authority with Tremont Community Bank to add new Superintendent Sean Berry effective July 1, 2020 and remove Superintendent Jeff Hinman from the account due to his retirement on June 30, 2020. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea
Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Smith** to change all signatory authority with PMA Financial Network to add new Superintendent Sean Berry effective July 1, 2020 and remove Superintendent Jeff Hinman from the account due to his retirement on June 30, 2020. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea
Kaiser – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Ulrich** to change all signatory authority with The First National Bank in Tremont VISA to add new Superintendent Sean Berry effective July 1, 2020 and remove Superintendent Jeff Hinman from the account due to his retirement on June 30, 2020. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Approval for Potential Fund Transfer in July

Motion by **Kilgus** to grant authority to the Superintendent and Board President to make cross funds transfers to the Education Fund in July if necessary, due to a delay in property tax receipts. Second by **Smith**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Sumer** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Gretchen Uhlman as Middle School Secretary, Heather Kusk as Middle School Asst. Volleyball Coach and Jim Workman as Head High School Baseball Coach, effective at the end of the 19-20 school year. Second by **Gierich**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Employment

Motion by **Gierich** to employ VaLinda Uhlich as MS Special Ed Individual Aide, Brianne Stump as MS Special Ed Aide, Kerrie Bolliger as GS Special Ed Aide, Gretchen Uhlman as GS Special Ed Aide, Josh Weer as MS Head Baseball Coach, Tiffany Klaus as HS JV Volleyball Coach, Ron Martin as Asst. Football Coach, Kristy Williams as MS Secretary and Kate Kincaid as MS/HS Library Aide and Distance Learning Coordinator for the 2020-21 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Meeting Adjourned: **8:21 p.m.**