

**TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702**  
**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 8, 2016**

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**Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.**

Roll Call -	Ropp – present	Runyon – present
	Hopkins – present	Kilgus – absent
	Kaiser – present	Ulrich – present
	Sumer – 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 **Hopkins** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -	Ropp – yea	Runyon – yea
	Hopkins – yea	Kilgus – absent
	Kaiser – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Sumer – yea	

Motion Carried      6-0

**Correspondence Received** – None.

**Administrative Reports** – The principals' reports were included in the board packets.

**Superintendent's Report** - The Superintendent presented a written report discussing the Tremont Winning Communities meeting in November. The turnout was disappointing, but the discussion was positive. The clubs, organizations, and taxing bodies present shared the various activities planned the next few months. Our Student Management Software Committee heard from three companies and we are completing fact-finding and reference checks now. We plan a follow-up meeting next week and hope to select a program before the holidays. Last month you asked about new attendees at the State of the Schools event. There were 49 new people in attendance, compared to 2014. Seventeen of those new attendees were parents that attended because their children were presenting. We have put the co-curricular report on hold for the short term. With the advent of a new AD on the horizon, we think it wise to wait for input before proceeding too far into the Booster Club idea. The Gross Anatomy Lab is having a parent/student meeting on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business

### Information Items

#### **Budget and Legislative Update**

The news out of Springfield continues to be discouraging with no productivity apparent from the budget meetings with leadership. While the myth of “fully-funded” schools for FY17 continues to exist, let me shed some light on the topic:

- *By 10/8/2015, the State had paid all of the GSA and MCAT’s for 2015. While still prorated and 3 months after the close of the year, the gap was filled.*
- *By 12/1/2016, the State has yet to pay \$147,225 for FY16 (Last School Year)*
- *By 12/1/2016, the State has yet to pay \$206,071 for FY17 (The Current School Year).*

*The bottom line is that with our “fully funded” public school, we are currently short \$353,296 as of December 1, 2016. Last year, without “full funding”, we were short \$178,696 on the same day.*

#### **Evidenced Based Model – School Funding**

Last month we examined the conceptual ideas surrounding the EBM and in December we’ll be looking at the 27 research-based elements that are embedded in the design. Some examples:

- Full Day Kindergarten (class size 15).
- Core Teachers Grades 1-3 (15)
- Core Teachers Grades 4-5 (25)
- Core Teachers Grades 6-8 (25)
- Core Teachers Grades 9-12 (25)
- Maintenance and Operation \$1038 per student
- Computer Technology \$571 per student.

We will look at what the research says in some of the other elements as well. It’s interesting to compare where we’re at with what the research says we should be. One of the more intriguing pieces of the EBM though is the amount of local control embedded.

#### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Dr. Sumer provided an update for the Superintendent Evaluation process.

### Action Items

#### **Closed Minutes Review**

Motion by **Kaiser** to review minutes of closed session since last review (June 2016) and declare that all closed minutes should remain closed. Second by **Sumer**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 6-0

#### **2017-2018 School Calendar**

Motion by **Ropp** to adopt the school calendar for the 17-18 school year, reflecting August 17, 2017, as the first day for teachers and May 25<sup>th</sup> as the last day for teachers, plus 7 emergency days. Second by **Runyon**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 6-0

## **Property Tax Levy**

Resolved by **Sumer**.

Be it resolved that the Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, shall adopt a 2016 levy in the amount \$5,016,772, without bonds. Be it further resolved that the aggregate 2016 levy, with bond payment, be adopted in the amount of \$6,128,352.

Motion by **Runyon** to adopt the resolution establishing the tax levy for 2016 and placing one copy in the minutes. The amount of the resolution shall be certified and returned to the County Clerk of Tazewell County on or before the last Tuesday in December 2016. Second by **Ropp**.

Roll Call -	Ropp – yea	Runyon – yea
	Hopkins – yea	Kilgus – absent
	Kaiser – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Sumer – yea	
		Motion Carried 6-0

## **New Business**

### **Information Items**

#### **Local Government Travel Expense Control Act**

On or after June 30, 2017, a local public agency cannot approve or pay for travel, meal, or lodging expenses unless it first adopts a resolution or ordinance regarding the reimbursement of those expenses. The resolution or ordinance must regulate, at a minimum:

- The types of official business for which travel, meal, and lodging expenses are allowed.
- The maximum allowable reimbursement for travel, meal and lodging expenses.
- A standardized form for submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses supported by minimal documentation.

Further, the law prohibits entertainment expenditures for reimbursement. With the exception of the Board resolution, we already have the other requirements in place either formally or informally. As we receive PRESS updates, we will continue to follow this and take action before June.

#### **Overtime Rules**

For now, the overtime rules scheduled to go in effect December 1st have been delayed by a Federal Court injunction issued on behalf of a coalition of states and businesses seeking to overturn.

### **Action Items**

#### **Maternity Leave**

Motion by **Sumer** to approve maternity leave for Mattie Wallace as requested. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6	
Nay – 0	Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by **Ulrich** to approve maternity leave for Lindsey Aberle as requested. Second by **Runyon**.

Yea – 6	
Nay – 0	Motion Carried 6-0

**Resignation(s) – None**

**Employment – None**

**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 **Hopkins**.

Roll Call -

Ropp – yea  
Hopkins – yea  
Kaiser – yea  
Sumer – yea

Runyon – yea  
Kilgus – absent  
Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried 6-0

Adjourned to closed session: 8:20 p.m.

Closed Session Adjourned: 8:31 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: **8:32 p.m.**

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Volkan Sumer, President

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Renee Kaiser, Secretary