

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2016

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call -	Runyon – present	Hopkins – absent
	Ulrich – present	Sumer – present
	Ropp – present	Kilgus – present
	Kaiser – 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. Approve annual membership to the IHSA and IESA
6. Approval of agenda
7. Approval of revised agenda

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

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Correspondence Received – We received a note from the IASB regarding the Delegate Assembly and resolutions to be acted upon at the November convention. There will be an IASB CIV Summer Governing Meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at Sazani's on Galena Road in Peoria.

Administrative Reports – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a written report about the meeting with the sales rep from NaviGate. For \$5,000 initially and a yearly subscription fee of \$500, first responders and administrators would have access to floor maps, room/hallway photos, flip charts, and potential video feeds from each building. Users would also be able to download all student and staff contact information. Teachers would have access to an App that would include the flip chart and any other information we deem necessary, including evacuation points and reunification locations. Real time communication is included in the app, which is probably the biggest value in purchasing this insurance policy. Law enforcement was particularly impressed with the capabilities of the product.

Mr. Hinman shared that the TEF grant committee was pleased with the numerous grant requests received and the high quality of the projects undertaken by our teachers. Also, please note that the date established by the Winning Communities Board for their kick-off to the new strategic plan is Thursday, September 1st in the Cafetorium. Our school district is working with the Park District to dress up the Grade School ball diamonds so that they are more usable for t-ball and youth baseball/softball this summer. The loss of the Middle School diamond has created a few issues for some of the programs offered by the Park District and we do want the facilities to look presentable if usage is going to increase. Vince has already worked up the diamond and we hope to provide weed control for the infields.

The newly formed FFA Friends and Alumni Organization is in the process of organizing the move of the Morton greenhouse to our campus. They have secured the services of Stuber Builders to have this done professionally but also have volunteers lined up to assist. They are seeking \$3,000 assistance from the Tremont Betterment Association.

The IL General Assembly is back from their month long spring break and school funding reform is getting a lot of attention in Springfield. Senator Manar has reintroduced legislation that again seeks to re-proportion how dollars are distributed. We are taking a wait-and-see attitude to this version of the bill because it does incorporate some of the Vision 20-20 ideas regarding the Evidenced-Based Model supported by the IASA. The Evidenced-Based model establishes a baseline for adequate funding while realizing the uniqueness and diversity of the state as a whole. It currently provides funding at the Foundation Level and we'd be "held harmless" at least initially, in terms of the dollars received.

Our district waiver request regarding the allowance of non-resident staff members to send their children to Tremont #702 was introduced in Senate committee on Tuesday, April 5th and the House on April 13th. Regarding our front Marquee, we are hoping to begin work shortly after school lets out in May and that a new sign is operational by Turkey Festival.

On April 6th, Mr. Hinman had the opportunity to attend the Cadaver Lab in LeRoy that two of our students are participating in this semester. It was an amazing experience and he was impressed with the engaged manner in which students from across the region were involved with doctors, med students, and HS teachers as they grasped a deeper understanding of human anatomy than any other HS student in the country. Illinois Secretary of Education, Dr. Beth Purvis, was in attendance that evening as well and came away very impressed. When addressing the students at the conclusion of the evening she called it the most impressive educational experience she had witnessed in her one year on the job in Illinois. Tremont is exploring the opportunity of a lab of this nature in our area next year and have held some very preliminary meetings with local doctors to discuss our options.

Old Business

Information Items

Testing Updates and STAR

The principals updated the Board on the testing schedule this spring and shared some of the information they have learned on the STAR testing program. One great benefit is that the data is available instantly.

Get Illinois Reading Initiative – myOn Partnership through IASA

Mrs. Hansen reported on this opportunity for our students and staff. The program is designed to prevent summer reading loss.

Action Items

Approval of the Board Policy Manual

Motion by **Sumer** to adopt the Board Policy Manual as presented. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 6-0

Approval of the Swimming Co-Op with Pekin

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve the Swimming Co-op with Pekin Community High School District No. 303 for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years. Second by **Ulrich**.

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

Acceptance of Middle School Road Bid

Motion by **Runyon** to accept the base bid from R.A. Cullinan for work on the Middle School Drive in an amount of \$68,028.81 plus \$8,922.30 for additional parking, totaling \$76,951.11. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

New Business
Information Items

Budget Update

As of March 31st, the Turk Center Day Care has made a \$58,063 profit. We expect that will go up with the summer tuition that will still be counted in the current fiscal year. Mrs. Hendrickson has been great about analyzing the numbers but without a template it’s hard to gauge exactly where we should be because there’s no point of comparison. Enrollment is decent for the summer and we are going to implement the day camp concept again for some additional revenue. The Cafeteria is currently down about \$50,000. We expect that to finish with around a \$40,000 loss, which is pretty typical the last few years. If the very real possibility of no budget (and no state money for schools) actually occurs in August of 2016 as we’re ready to get started, we could survive on local dollars until approximately January 15, 2017. At that point our options would be to borrow money, use reserves or shut the doors.

Cafeteria Prices

The ISBE lunch audit went well and Sonja Bolliger, Jill Hellrigel, and Chris Workman assisted in the preparation in the absence of our Food Service Director. One of the issues that came up was the low price we charge for lunches. While not directly affiliated with this audit, the ISBE representative that was here stated that general guideline for lunches is .35 cents below the reimbursement threshold of \$3.13. Our current pricing structure is well below at \$2.00 GS, \$2.50 MS/HS and \$2.75 for adult meals. Next month we’ll be recommending that prices are raised .25 cents at each level.

Action Items

Resignation(s)

Motion by **Ropp** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Rich Vercler as Middle School Special Ed Aide, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6	
Nay – 0	Motion Carried 6-0

Employment

Motion by **Ulrich** to approve Lori Brown as a new sub for the remainder of the 15-16 school year. Second by **Runyon**.

Yea – 6	
Nay – 0	Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by **Sumer** to employ Sharon Rettke as a substitute bus driver for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ Jessica Willoughby as the District Social Worker for the 2016-17 school year, at a salary of \$44,000. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion by **Runyon** to employ Kristina Austin as High School English teacher, replacing part-time retired teacher Linda Giovanetto, for the 2016-17 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Closed Session - under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation, when action against, affecting, or on behalf of the District is probable

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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation, when action against, affecting, or on behalf of the District is probable. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 9:59 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary