

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2016

Call to Order: 6:59pm

Roll Call -	Sumer - present	Kilgus - present
	Ropp – present	Kaiser - present
	Runyon – by phone	Hopkins - present
	Ulrich - present	

Motion by **Sumer** to adjourn to closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiation matters. Second by **Hopkins**.

Roll Call -	Sumer – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Ropp – yea	Kaiser - yea
	Runyon – yea (by phone)	Hopkins – yea
	Ulrich – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: 7:00pm

Reconvened: 7:53pm

Persons Desiring To Address the Board – Roboteers member, Charlie Woodard, invited the Board to the Bradley Home Robotics Regional Competition on March 18th and 19th.

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 **Kilgus**.

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

Correspondence Received – We received a letter from State Superintendent Tony Smith regarding our participation rates for the 2014-15 PARCC exams, complete with the promise that the Regional Superintendent of Schools will contact us regarding the details on how ISBE will proceed with the inquiry. We also received a letter from Dr. Beth Purvis, Secretary of Education, regarding how much the Governor wants to work with public schools by providing “historic levels of funding.” Secretary Purvis fails to mention that this historic levels come at the expense of categorical funding for transportation and special ed. A video “thank you” from the Class of 2016 was shown at the board meeting.

Administrative Reports – None.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a written report sharing that the administrative team will be meeting with a representative of NaviGate and our local law enforcement at the end of the month to explore the purchase of this program that allows mobile access to floor plans, building info, and cameras. The TEF Grant and Scholarship Committee Meetings will be meeting on March 16 after school. The Winning Communities Board is planning a dinner this Fall that will serve as a pep rally/kick-off to the new strategic plan. They plan to model it similar to our State of the Schools event but without the breakout sessions. Our compliance visit from the ROE will take place on March 15 and the schools are ready. In an update regarding Financial, Legislative and ISBE Issues, Mr. Hinman shared that we are still pleased with the monthly financial reports and the way the numbers are coming in this year. Our concern continues to be the lack of a state budget and the impact on K-12 schools. There are so many rumors coming out of Springfield regarding solutions and plans. We just received a regular and special ed transportation payment totaling \$57,998 – both were about a month ahead of schedule, which is one more example of trying to figure out what's going on at the state level.

Old Business

Information Items

Annual Report Meeting

Mr. Hinman and the Board discussed observations from the State of the Schools Forum.

Middle School Drive

The District's advertisement seeking bids for the MS Drive project was published on March 4. Bids are due in the District Office by March 17.

Board Policy Manual

The policy manual has been published on the website and we have solicited comments from the public. We don't anticipate any concerns and believe the manual looks fine. There is no doubt this document and subsequent subscription to the updates will assist our desire to stay current with all policies. This is the first reading, with adoption in April.

Action Items

(None)

New Business

Information Items

Testing Information

Reliable student growth data is the most important component of any testing program. District 702 is pursuing opportunities that can easily document, administer, and articulate growth indicators. We're not going to wait on the state to perfect PARCC and fear the opportunity to legitimize PARCC locally may be gone. As information is beginning to surface on the SAT, we're hearing some positive things about the test and its alignment to the new standards. In addition, there are aligned assessments through SAT that can be administered in grades 3-12 that can be truly accessed for diagnostic purposes. The key will be to not over-burden our students with testing, but we believe that balance can be achieved. It's also important to remember that local accountability is a new goal of the Governor and ISBE. If we can make a case for our testing program, it's possible that we can (down the road) opt out of the state tests.

Swimming Co-op with Pekin

Mr. Workman and Mr. Hinman will be meeting with the Pekin #303 Administration on March 14 to finalize an agreement to enter into a swimming co-op with their district. Their BOE is supportive as are the swimming parents who reached out to Pekin's administration. Right now we have one boy and one girl interested but we hope once a program is established our contributions will grow.

Action Items

Approval of the Contract with Certified Staff

Motion by **Sumer** to adopt the proposed salary agreement as presented. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried 5-1

Resignation(s) – None

Employment

Motion by **Kilgus** to employ Lindsey Aberle as third grade teacher for the 2016-17 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by **Kaiser** to employ Justin Bleich as assistant high school baseball coach, Megan Bagby and Laura Watts as co-assistant high school softball coaches, and Heather Rice and Emily Kemp as middle school track coaches for the 2015-16 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ropp**.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Reemployment of Non-Tenured Certified Staff for 2016-17

Motion by **Ulrich** to reemploy the following non-tenured certified staff for the 2016 -17 school year: Brittany Hammerton, Genna Brown, Mandy Wirtjes, Rachel Janssen, Mattie Wallace, Jamie Freeman, Brittany Hertenstein, Rita McCarthy and Emily Kemp, per salary agreement. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Reemployment of All Remaining Certified Staff for 2016-17

Motion by **Sumer** to re-employ all remaining certified teachers for the 2016-17 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Hopkins**.

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

Reemployment of All Non-Certified Staff for 2016-17

Motion by **Kaiser** to re-employ all non-certified staff for the 2016-17 school year, per agreed upon salaries and conditions. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

Granting of Tenure

Motion by **Ulrich** to reemploy and grant tenure to Donald Lazarz, Jim Kuban, Simon Merila, Shelley Patterson, Angie Schoenbein, and Rachel Roush for the 2016-17 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Employ Administrators

Motion by **Ropp** to employ Michelle McKune as Special Education Director for the 2016-17 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Ulrich**.

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

Motion by **Kilgus** to reemploy Jeremy Garrett, Sean Berry and Becky Hansen as administrators for the 2016-17 school year. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary