

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

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call -	Hopkins - present	Kaiser - present
	Sumer - present	Ulrich - present
	Kilgus - present	Runyon - present
	Ropp - 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 revised agenda

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve the revision of the consent agenda, adding 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for purchase or lease of real property to New Business, Action Item Number Three. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – We received thank-you notes from the Jay Barnette family and the Carl Sinn family for the flowers the Board sent in their honor. The Jay Barnette family was kind enough to have memorials designated to District #702 and a little over \$1100 was donated. Potential uses for the funds are being discussed.

Administrative Reports – None.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a written report with an update that Wayne Litwiller made quick work of removing the West Street house on December 21st. We will be preparing the specs so that the advertising bidding process may begin in the near future. Mr. Weer has received a bid from E.T. Paddock regarding the gym bleachers. Mr. Imig and Mr. Weer strongly recommend that we attempt to maintain the current bleachers as long as possible. Mr. Hinman shared that we have finally received official word that the ISBE has awarded SAT the contract to administer their college entrance exam to all juniors in Illinois. Mr. Berry had already taken steps to insure that the ACT is provided to our kids this spring. Jamie Vollmer will be the featured speaker at the HOIC professional development day at ISU January 15th at 1:00. His presentation builds on that theme and will outline effective engagement strategies he calls The Great Conversation that will enlighten teachers on what they can do to improve local conditions for student learning. District 702 will have an onsite compliance visit this March and the principals are already starting their sections. Winning Communities will have a public meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 in the Cafetorium.

Old Business

Information Items

2016-2017 Calendar

When we sent home the calendar to all District families, we began to receive some concerns about pre-Christmas attendance, specifically the planned SIP day on Thursday, December 22, 2016. Administration will discuss it further and have a recommendation for the Board next month.

Action Items

Senior Class Trip

Motion by **Kaiser** to approve the Class of 2016 Senior Trip in excess of 200 miles per policy to Wisconsin Dells in March of 2016. Second by **Sumer**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 1

Motion Carried 6-1

Refinancing of the Existing Bonds

Motion by **Sumer** to adopt the resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Second by **Runyon**.

Roll Call - Hopkins – yea
Sumer – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea

Kaiser – yea
Ulrich – yea
Runyon - yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Ulrich** to adopt the resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District.

Second by **Ropp**.

Roll Call - Hopkins – yea
Sumer – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ropp – yea

Kaiser – yea
Ulrich – yea
Runyon - yea

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Emergency Plan Meeting and Drill

Mr. Hinman met with Deputies Rich Brock and John Shallenburger of the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department on January 7th to plan the school-wide drill on our workshop day of March 11. Both have received ALICE Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) which is a newer way to combat the rising number of school shootings we have seen in recent years. Administratively, Tremont has been uncomfortable with the "lock-down only" approach taught over the years. ALICE trains teachers to use their best judgment and take precautions to fight back or evacuate if the situation warrants. With no children in the buildings on March 11, they will train our staff in ALICE principals and walk us through various live shooting scenarios – including firing blanks in the hallway so we become familiar with the sounds. Protocol for these incidents is constantly changing – there certainly is no "cookie cutter" approach because each situation is unique. We hope that concept comes across in the training.

Action Items

Resignation(s) – None.

Employment

Motion by **Sumer** to employ Jamason Isenburg as play director for the 15/16 school year, per salary agreement. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

Motion by **Runyon** to approve Bill Maddox as a new sub beginning second semester of the 15-16 school year. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7	
Nay – 0	Motion Carried 7-0

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)(2) collective negotiation matters, 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)(9) student disciplinary cases.

Motion by **Kaiser** 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)(2) collective negotiation matters, 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)(9) student disciplinary cases. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Adjourned to Closed Session: 8:30 p.m.

Reconvened: 10:15 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary