

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2015

LEVY HEARING

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

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

Superintendent Hinman presented the levy proposal:

The proposal calls for a 4.99% increase. The estimated EAV is \$113,993,136, including \$1,878,920 in first time property. The estimated total tax rate will be 5.11 or 4.15 without bonds; bond tax rate of .96. The projected bond tax rate for this year was .99.

Last year's actual total tax rate was 5.21, including a bond rate of .99. Last year's projected bond rate was .9885.

Recommended: adoption of a levy of \$4,823,818, plus bond levy of \$1,099,746.25 for a total levy of \$5,923,564.

Levy Hearing Adjourned: 7:53 p.m.

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

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 **Kilgus**.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Correspondence Received – Thank you notes from the Kim Pepperell Family and the Ulrich Family.

Administrative Reports – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Report - The superintendent presented a written report updating the Board on the West Street house. IDEAL was the low bid in asbestos removal and they have reduced their initial estimate another 10%. The process will begin next Wednesday and last about three days. Mr. Workman, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Berry and Mr. Hinman met with members of our coaching staff for an initial conversation on the Co-Curricular Study this month. Winning Communities' last public meeting provided an opportunity for each sub group to report on their discussions from the previous gathering, which was a productive opportunity to gather input from all attendees. The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 21. Niche, an education ranking and review website released its K-12 rankings for 2016 that include the best public schools in each state. Each district received individual grades for academics, health and safety, teachers, resources, facilities, and co-curricular activities. District #702 ranked 36th (out of 800+ Districts in IL). We were the smallest school with the highest ranking, 1st in HOIC, 2nd in Tazewell County (Morton).

Old Business

Information Items

Budget and Legislative Update

While there hasn't been any movement on the state budget impasse, the leadership did meet last week to discuss. It's unlikely any major breakthroughs will be made until the spring. SB100 deals with the discipline responsibilities of schools and Boards of Education throughout Illinois. The SAT won the low bid for a HS test to be administered to all juniors throughout the state. We've already taken steps to provide the ACT to all our students this spring. No Child Left Behind has been overhauled and replaced with *The Every Student Succeeds Act* that has surprisingly received wide bi-partisan support. Conceptually, the new provisions are designed to shift responsibility back to the states in regard to education policy.

IASB Board Policy Manual

Mr. Hinman and Mrs. Kaiser had a productive meeting on December 10. There should be a first reading by the February meeting, with an adoption in March.

Superintendent Evaluation

Dr. Sumer provided updates regarding Mr. Hinman's formal evaluation set to occur in January.

Action Items

Closed Minutes Review

Motion by **Kilgus** to review minutes of closed session since last review (June 2015) and declare that all closed minutes should remain closed. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 6-0

2016-2017 School Calendar

Motion by **Ropp** to adopt the school calendar for the 16-17 school year, reflecting August 15, 2016, as the first day for teachers and May 22nd as the last day for teachers, plus 7 emergency days. Second by **Ulrich**.

Yea – 6
Nay – 0

Motion Carried 6-0

Property Tax Levy

Resolved by **Runyon**.

Be it resolved that the Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, shall adopt a 2015 levy in the amount \$4,823,818, without bonds. Be it further resolved that the aggregate 2015 levy, with bond payment, be adopted in the amount of \$5,923,564.

Motion by **Kaiser** to adopt the resolution establishing the tax levy for 2015 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 2015. Second by **Ropp**.

Roll Call - Ropp –yea
 Hopkins – yea
 Kaiser – yea
 Sumer – absent

Runyon – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried 6-0

New Business

Information Items

Annual Report

We had identified January 12 as a potential date for us to give the Annual Report. With the delay in test score reporting and the uncertainty of what the first round of PARCC scores truly mean, we will delay this report.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary