

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING
April 28, 2015

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call -	Runyon – present	Hopkins – present
	Ulrich – present	Sumer – present
	Brewer – present	Kilgus – present
	Kaiser – present	

Results of Canvass

Rachel A. Snow – 247
Steven E. Runyon – 338
William R. “Bill” Hopkins – 276
Douglas Tucker – 211
Kevin R. Ulrich – 337
Robert Ropp - 283

Proclaim the Results of the Election

Steve Runyon, Bill Hopkins, Kevin Ulrich and Robert Ropp have been elected to four-year terms to the Tremont District #702 Board of Education.

Seating of New Board Members

Dr. Sumer: I will now affirm the newly-elected members of the school board:

Dr. Sumer to new board members: Please repeat after me:

I (Runyon, Hopkins, Ulrich, Ropp) do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Tremont Community Unit School District #702, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm (by saying “I Will”):

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school district’s assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

Adjourn

With there being no old business to come before this board, motion by **Kaiser** to adjourn sine die at 7:34 p.m. Second by **Brewer**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Organization of New Board

Dr. Volkan Sumer will appoint Temporary Chairman and Secretary for Organizational Meeting

Chairman – **Dr. Sumer**

Secretary – **Renee Kaiser**

Dr. Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary

Reception for Mr. Brewer

**Organizational Meeting
Board of Education – District #702
Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

Call to order by temporary chairman **Sumer** at 7:56 p.m.

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

Nomination for President

Sumer: Nominations are now in order for the office of president.

Kilgus: I nominate **Dr. Volkan Sumer**.

Sumer: **Dr. Volkan Sumer** is nominated. Are there any other nominations for the office of president?

Repeat call two more times.

Sumer: If there are no further nominations, nominations for the office of president are closed. Dr. Volkan Sumer is elected by acclamation.

Seating of New President

Nomination for Vice President

Sumer: Nominations are now in order for the office of vice-president.

Sumer: I nominate **Steve Runyon**
Steve Runyon is elected by acclamation.

Nomination for Secretary

Sumer: Nominations are now in order for the office of secretary.

Sumer: I nominate **Renee Kaiser**.
Renee Kaiser is elected by acclamation.

Seating of New Officers

Establish Meeting Dates

Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

Resolution Regarding Board Policies

Resolution presented by **Ulrich**.

Be it resolved that the newly organized Board of Education of Tremont School District #702, Tazewell County, Illinois, shall operate under the policies and procedures of the previous board with the power to amend such policies and procedures.

Motion by **Runyon** to adopt the resolution presented. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent presented a written report explaining the new credit card payment procedure through PayPal that allows parents the opportunity to purchase lunch in that manner, and the ease of the transaction and the record keeping function it provides. Here is a list of TEF Grants that were applied for:

One to One Chrome Books for 6th Grade - Shari Muehlich, Shanna Oyer, Ashley Page, Rachel Zobrist, Jamason Isenburg, \$7,260., Starting in the 6th Grade, the staff would like to incorporate a one-to-one Chromebook for each student (80 Chromebooks). The student would then have the Chromebook each year until the 8th grade. Chromebooks are integrated into the free Google Apps for Education Service that the School District will be utilizing starting in the 15-16 school year.

Double Dip Career Fair - Michelle Keech, Michele Williams - * Suggested Funding: \$3000, \$3,900. - Career Fair put on by the seniors for the underclassmen... Funds would be needed to cover substitutes, motivational guest speaker, presentation materials, snacks, lunch and prizes.

LEGO Education StoryStarter - Creativity in the Elementary Classroom: The Building Blocks for 21st Century Learning - Kate Lang, \$1,225.88, LEGO Education StoryStarter is a hands-on learning tool that enhances students' reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. They will use the software to photograph, write and publish their stories.

Keyboarding for Success - Teresa Delinski - \$800., Students are practicing beginning keyboard skills as early as Kindergarten. The keyboards in the technology lab are traditional keyboards with no way to cover the letters so students begin to memorize the keyboard. These keyboards are color coded so students use the colors to help reinforce what fingers are needed for what keys.

Science Technology for STEM Education - Simon Merila, Meghan Bagby, Shelly Sisson - \$5,974.28 , Two gel electrophoresis units as well as 6 Vernier standalone interfaces with appropriate sensor equipment to provide more efficient laboratory results.

Books, Books and more Books – NOT FUNDED THROUGH TEF.....Rachel Nehmelman - \$5,000. - Add new Fiction/Non-Fiction titles to the school library at the Middle School and High School level to complete series that were started but we haven't had the funds to finish, and to update the library with newer book titles.

Flipped Classroom Enhancement - Heather Rice - \$1,050. - Enhance the current Flipped Classroom Model in the eighth grade classroom by providing two more iPads, a stipend for iPad apps, headphones and splitter, and software for improved video recording. Begin to incorporate the Flipped Classroom Model into the seventh grade mathematics classroom.

Classroom Desks – NOT FUNDED THROUGH TEF...Katie Brand, Genna Brown - \$5000, - Purchase individual desks for each student in order to provide a physical separation from peers, allow for flexible seating, provide storage for student belongings, allow for less distractions and teach responsibility and organization skills.

Blast Off Google – NOT FUNDED THROUGH TEF...Michelle Keech, Teresa Delinski - \$2,198. - To become Google Certified Educators and share their knowledge with other teachers through Professional Development throughout the year. Create six Google Drive Professional Development Classes for Teachers. Create an online course for students to use during Careers to become Google Drive Experts as they begin High School.

➤ **Total Dollars Awarded: \$19,310.**

End of the Year Calendar dates include: May 4 – Senior Awards Night 7:00, May 6 – **IASB Spring Meeting – May 6 at Sazani’s, North Galena Rd, Peoria**, May 13 – Baccalaureate, May 14 – MS Academic Awards at 6:00, May 14 – May BOE Meeting at 7:30.

Old Business

Information Items

None

Action Items

None

New Business

Information Items

Building Bond Refinancing – David Pistorius, First Midstate Inc.

The Board met with Edward Jones in December and First Midstate presented tonight. There has to be a 2% savings to consider advance refunding bonds. We are at 8.5%. Our savings as of right now would be \$731,127.71. Refunding a bond is like a refinance of a home.

Board Meetings – Content and Structure

The Board likes the structure of the meetings, the appropriateness and selection of Agenda items, the Administrative reports and principal attendance, as well as the dress code.

Action Items

Resignations(s) – None

Employment – None

Closed Session - under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee, under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiation matters, 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, under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) collective negotiation matters, 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 – yea
	Ulrich - yea	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Kilgus – yea
	Kaiser – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Adjourned to Closed Session: 9:22 p.m.

Reconvened: 10:05 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:05 p.m.

Dr. Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary