

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

Call to Order: 7:00pm

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

Motion by Hopkins to approve the consent agenda. Second by Runyon.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – None

Administrative Reports – The principals reported on their respective buildings.

Superintendent's Report - The superintendent presented a written report discussing Governor Rauner's first State of the State Address. While short on details, he did provide a great deal of support for educational funding. We're still waiting on IASB/IASA/ISBE analysis of Senator Maner's new version of SB 16 (now SB 1). Mr. Hinman attended the Caterpillar Summit at the East Peoria factory. The tour was fantastic and he hopes to see Cat leadership and support of vocational initiatives beyond their incredible assistance with Robotics, the utilization of Cat's governmental lobby to support Vision 20/20 and other educational issues, and revisit summer internships for teachers and more vocational internships for students. Mr. Hinman will be attending the Leadership Summit in Springfield on February 17th and 18th that will include meetings with our local legislators. He has also been meeting with Board Member candidates to go through the binder of information that has been compiled, as well as discussing the issues facing the district. Also, District 702 will be audited by the Illinois State Board of Education during the week of February 17. The Tremont/Dee-Mack Faculty Game will be held Saturday, February 28 at home and is sponsored by the Tremont High School Student Council. We are organizing a program on campus for the Ladies Home Extension to be held on February 25. Previously, we did this for the Tremont Women's Club but that group has disbanded. This is really an outreach that we enjoy doing. Bridge the Gap II will be held on Saturday, March 21st. Sub-committees are meeting and we're on target for another great event designed to raise money for our District.

Old Business

Information Items

TEF Report

The TEF Board has done a great job with their investment strategies. Our students will benefit from a record \$19,000+ available for teacher grants this year and this will take the overall awards since 1993 to over \$300,000. What a great program! The Tremont First National Bank continues to fund the Foundation Scholarship that is \$1000/year awarded to the recipient for 4 years (\$4000 total). Since 2001, the First National Bank has invested \$50,000 in our students! The bank has discontinued the credit card program where a portion was donated to TEF. For the remaining year, they will still donate \$900 to TEF.

PARCC Testing

PARCC testing is scheduled to begin across Illinois in March. Mr. Hinman signed a letter, along with superintendents across the CIV region, to encourage State Superintendent Koch to delay the exams. The issue with anxiety has been a bit more unique this year... Teachers know that their evaluation is 30% based on student growth. While we've taken pilots and seen the test manual (2 manuals, each 100 pages +...), there still is much unknown about the make-up of these exams. With technology, especially at the younger grades, there is greater anxiety for students. Some struggle with typing, simply because they've never taken a "computer test" before.

Board Election Timeline

Meet the Candidates Night will be held on Monday, March 23 at 7:00pm in the Cafetorium. Election Day is on Tuesday, April 7, and the Special Meeting to Reorganize will be held prior to Tuesday, May 5.

FY15 Budget Review and FY16 Update

As always, the big question mark at this point is still going to be our June GSA payments although there has been no official word either way on their status. Next year, we are looking at the elimination of 3 positions across the District. They're relatively evenly split (1½ HS, ½ MS, and 1 GS) although we continue to point out that we're looking at the picture globally and have looked at areas where reductions can occur.

Action Items

Approval of Registration Fees

Motion by **Sumer** to approve registration fees for the 2015-2016 school year as follows: GS Early Childhood and ½-day Kindergarten Registration - \$80, GS Registration - \$90, MS Registration - \$110, HS Registration - \$125, Driver's Ed - \$100, Student Parking - \$25/Semester. Second by **Hopkins**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Standards Based Grading

Meghan Bagby, HS Biology Teacher, presented her research on Standards Based Grading practices and the view of parents and practitioners. Her research couldn't come at a better time for the District because of our work in this area. There are a lot of misconceptions about Standards Based Grading and this information is timely and interesting.

Bullying Policy

The revised policies based on recent legislation are mandated policy revisions. There are a few minor changes from our previous policy. For the most part, the administrative procedures are actions we already employ. Mr. Hinman is exploring an automated update of our Board policies. We are at a point in which it has become increasingly difficult to keep up with the numerous policy changes and revisions being thrown at us constantly. In a litigious society, it is important we stay current. The vast majority of districts utilize this service.

Action Items

Resignations

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.

Adjourned to Closed Session: 8:50 pm

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 -

Kaiser – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Brewer – yea

Hopkins – yea

Sumer – yea

Runyon - yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Reconvened: 9:36pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:36pm