

TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2013

LEVY HEARING

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent Hinman presented the levy proposal:

The proposal calls for a 3.49% increase. The estimated EAV is \$108,680,387, including \$1,163,680. in first time property. The estimated total tax rate will be 5.13 or 4.15 without bonds; bond tax rate of .98. The projected bond tax rate for this year was .8886.

Last year's actual total tax rate was 4.95, including a bond rate of .88. Last year's projected bond rate was .8913

Recommended: adoption of a levy of \$4,512,548.80, plus bond levy of \$1,063,417 for a total levy of \$5,575,875.80.

Levy Hearing Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Call to Order:

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

Persons Desiring To Address the Board – David Pistorius – First Midstate gave a brief presentation on the working cash bond resolution and process. Our interest rate worked out to be 3.7329% and is based on a 7-yr. payback schedule. The bond resolution is for \$1,000,000. Our authority is for 1.5 million; therefore we still have authority for \$500,000 until the date that is 3 years from April 30, 2013. Mr. Pistorius recommended that for due diligence, the board should discuss the bond situation once a year and place a copy of the agenda and minutes in the bond file. He also stressed the importance of keeping these monies separate from existing working cash funds because these are non-taxable bonds that are to be used for capital projects; whereas the existing working cash funds could be transferred to the fund with the greatest need. The interest earned from the new working cash money CAN be transferred to the fund with the greatest need.

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 **Brewer** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Kilgus**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received –

Administrative Reports –

Superintendent's Report -

Old Business

Information Items

Public Engagement

Overview:

The District #702 Board of Education will seek volunteers to serve on an Advisory Committee designed to provide input on the Tremont School District Vision 2020 Document which will be formulated to provide direction and vision for the stakeholders of the Tremont School District.

Prior to January 17, 2014, the Central Office will send out invitations and information actively seeking volunteers to serve on the committee and will accommodate all interested individuals. Initially, the commitment from community members will be six hours:

Saturday, March 8, 2014 9:00-11:00

- Education Saturday – trends and their impact on District #702.
- Goal Setting Part I

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:30-8:30

- Goal Setting Part II

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 6:30-8:30

- Present and Analyze survey results and compare with the identified goals.
- Determine next steps for the Advisory Committee.

NOTE: To proceed with this initiative, at least 20 community volunteers will be needed to answer the call for participation.

Goals of Advisory Committee:

In general the Advisory Committee will serve an important function as the Tremont Board of Education attempts to broaden community involvement with this entity formed to provide a vehicle to:

- Inform – Provide participants with information they can spread positively.

- Consult – Utilize as a tool to obtain and analyze public feedback.
- Involve – Work directly with the public.
- Collaborate – Partner with the public in decision-making.

Specifically, the intended outcomes for the Advisory Committee are:

- Educate interested citizens on current trends in school finance and curriculum and present the impact on our District.
 - Utilize the initial meeting to discuss:
 - Current state of the school system in regard to the 6 Fundamental Areas.
 - In-depth financial snapshot of current situation and analysis of future trends.
- Seek input on the development of SMART Goals associated with each of the 6 Fundamental Areas associated with Student Achievement.
 - School Climate.
 - Facilities.
 - Extra-Curricular Activities.
 - Financial Position.
 - Curriculum
 - Quality Staff
- Develop Exit Goals for student attainment upon graduation from Tremont Schools.
 - What is our vision in regard to the skills graduates will leave Tremont High School with to insure their success in their future endeavors.
 - How can these skills be incorporated at every grade level?
- Analyze and discuss the results of stakeholder surveys to be administered in early Spring.
 - Survey parents and students to determine their thoughts, attitudes, and ideas about the District.
 - Where applicable, incorporate into District goals.
- Present a Vision 2020 document to the Board of Education for adoption prior to December 31, 2014.

This document will basically be a five year plan that encompasses a broad stroke of District operations and will serve as a resource for future decisions. Goals specific to the 6 Fundamental Areas and student exit goals will be the guiding principles.

Annexation of Athletic Fields

Our attorney was consulted and the Village's attorney is now crafting the resolution to annex to the village of Tremont. There are several details that still need to be worked out.

Action Items

Consideration and action on a Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2013 of Community Unit School District Number 702, Tazewell County, Illinois for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Motion by **Sumer** to approve a Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,000,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2013 of Community Unit School District Number 702, Tazewell County, Illinois for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Second by **Kaiser**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

This item was moved up on the agenda in consideration of travel by our broker. It was acted on after the consent agenda.

Property Tax Levy

Resolved by **Sumer**

Be it resolved that the Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, shall adopt a 2013 levy in the amount \$4,512,548.80, without bonds. Be it further resolved that the aggregate 2013 levy, with bond payment, be adopted in the amount of \$5,575,875.80.

Motion by **Brewer** to adopt the resolution establishing the tax levy for 2013 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 2013. Second by **Runyon**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Review Closed Minutes

Motion by **Kaiser** to review minutes of closed session since last review (Dec. 2012) and declare that all closed minutes should remain closed. Second by **Ulrich**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

Tazewell County – District Boundaries Initiative

Superintendent Hinman informed the board of an initiative by the ROE to try to resolve some taxing/bordering issues involving properties contiguous to Tremont School District whose property taxes may not be going to the proper place. At this time there are three properties that are under investigation and action is already being taken on one property that is clearly in the middle of our district. He will keep the board informed of this process as it evolves.

Action Items

Resignation – There were no resignations.

Employment

Motion by **Brewer** to employ Chelsea Cotellso as part-time custodian at \$10 per hour; Deb Anderson as part-time special ed aide per salary agreement; Lydia Johnston as part-time personal aide at \$14.45 per hour and Karrie Bolliger and Gail Sinn as part-time bus monitors at \$13.23 per hour. Second by **Kilgus**.

Roll Call - Brewer – yea
 Hopkins – yea
 Kaiser – yea
 Sumer - yea

Runyon – yea
Kilgus – yea
Ulrich – yea

Motion Carried 7-0

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 p.m.

Volkan Sumer, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary