

**TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #702**  
**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 14, 2023**

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**Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.**

**Budget Hearing:**

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| Roll Call - | Smith – present  | Sumer – absent    |
|             | Ropp – present   | Gierich – present |
|             | Ulrich – present | Kilgus - present  |
|             | Kaiser - present |                   |

Motion by **Ropp** to hold the hearing for the Tremont Community Unit District #702 FY2024 Budget. Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Power Point Presentation on Proposed Budget for FY2023-24 by Mr. Berry.

Call for Public Input.

Budget Hearing Adjourned: **7:22 p.m.**

**Call to Order: 7:22 p.m.**

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| Roll Call - | Smith – present  | Sumer – absent    |
|             | Ropp – present   | Gierich – present |
|             | Ulrich – present | Kilgus - present  |
|             | Kaiser - 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 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits 23-24 Report
6. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Ropp** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Smith**.

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| Roll Call - | Smith – yea  | Sumer – absent |
|             | Ropp – yea   | Gierich – yea  |
|             | Ulrich – yea | Kilgus – yea   |
|             | Kaiser - yea |                |

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

**Correspondence Received – none**

**Reports**

**Principals/Directors**

The principals presented an overview of their plans for standards-based grading for the new school year.

## **Superintendent**

The Superintendent presented his written report updating the Board on the status of various maintenance projects as well as providing some assessment data from the district. Mr. Berry also gave a brief overview of the recent annual audit.

## **Other**

The Facilities Planning Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss maintenance grant and facilities planning.

## **Old Business**

### **Information Items**

#### **Monthly Financial Discussion**

Mr. Berry provided an update on cash flow and fund balances in comparison to last year.

#### **Referendum Overview**

Information regarding referendum planning was shared by Mr. Berry.

#### **Enrollment Figures**

6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment figures (+/- from 2022)

GS – 305 (+7)

MS – 290 (-13)

HS – 282 (-24)

Total – 877 (-30)

#### **Edwards Power Plant Closure by Removal**

A letter signed by Mr. Berry and Mr. Ropp was sent.

### **Action Items**

#### **Adopt FY24 Tremont School District 702 Budget**

Resolved by **Ropp**

Whereas the Tremont Community Unit District #702 FY2024 budget was posted 30 days prior to the hearing of the budget September 14, 2023; now, therefore, be it resolved that the fiscal year of Tremont Community Unit District #702 be set as July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and that the budget for the 2023-2024 school year be adopted and one copy of the same be inserted in the official records of the Board of Education of District #702.

Motion by **Kilgus** to adopt said resolution and the official 2023-2024 budget for Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, Illinois. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -

Smith – yea

Sumer – absent

Ropp – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser - yea

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

## **BOE Policy Updates - Press Plus Issue 112**

Motion by **Smith** to adopt the following policies as presented:

Policy 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct

Policy 2:170 – Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services

Policy 2:80 –E – Exhibit – Board Member Code of Conduct

Policy 4:45 – Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery

Policy 4:100 -- Insurance Management

Policy 5:230 – Maintaining Student Discipline

Policy 6:10 -- Educational Philosophy and Objectives

Policy 6:190 – Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Policy 6:240 – Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips

Policy 7:275 – Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment

Policy 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Policy 7:330 – Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access

Policy 8:25 – Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities

Policy 8:95 – Parental Involvement

Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

## **New Business**

### **Information Items**

#### **FY24 School Maintenance Grant**

Mr. Berry informed the Board on a new maintenance grant opening up with hopes of using some funds for HVAC and library upgrades.

#### **Assessments and Tax Levy Discussion**

The December tax levy was discussed along with the recent increase in assessments and EAV.

### **Action Items**

#### **Resignations**

Motion by **Gierich** to ratify the acceptance by the Superintendent of the resignation of Kylee Nash as a part-time Turk Center Pre-school Teacher effective August 11, 2023.

Second by **Kaiser**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

#### **Employment**

Motion by **Ropp** to employ Hannah Klaas as a part-time Grade School Teacher's Aide, per salary agreement.

Second by **Kilgus**.

Roll Call -

Smith – yea

Sumer – absent

Ropp – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser - yea

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Motion by **Smith** to approve Timothy Rice, Carla Estell, Donna Raines, Malissa Sisson and John Sisson as new Substitute Teachers for the 23-24 school year. Second by **Ulrich**.

Yea – 6

Nay – 0

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Motion by **Ropp** to adjourn to closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -

Smith – yea

Sumer – absent

Ropp – yea

Gierich – yea

Ulrich – yea

Kilgus – yea

Kaiser - yea

**Motion Carried: 6-0**

Closed Session Adjourned: **9:39p.m.**

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Robert Ropp, President

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Renee Kaiser, Secretary