

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

LEVY HEARING

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent Berry presented the levy proposal:

The proposal calls for a 6.48% increase in the PTELL levy and a 5.64% increase overall, including the bond levy and revenue recapture.

The estimated EAV is 153,419,174 (+9.9%) including 2,126,710 (+20.6%) in first time property.

The estimated total tax rate will be 4.93 or 4.09 without bonds and revenue recapture; projected bond tax rate of .83 and revenue recapture rate of .01.

Last year's actual total tax rate was 5.13, including a bond rate of .90 and revenue recapture of .01. The projected bond tax rate for the current year was .89 at the time of last year's levy hearing.

Recommended: Adoption of a levy of \$6,278,470, plus bond levy of \$1,276,628 and revenue recapture amount of \$18,127 for a total levy of \$7,573,225.

Levy Hearing Adjourned: 7:16 p.m.

Call to Order: 7:16 p.m.

Roll Call -	Kaiser – present	Sumer – present
	Ropp – present	Smith – present
	Kilgus – present	Ulrich – present
	Gierich – 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 **Smith** to approve the consent agenda. Second by **Sumer**.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Correspondence Received – Christmas card from law firm.

Reports

Principals/Directors

Administrators were not in attendance but submitted written reports.

Superintendent

The Superintendent presented a written report sharing some assessment data as well as updates on conversations with the architects on the MS/HS HVAC project. Mr. Berry also gave an update on an IASA meeting he recently attended in Springfield and an Intergovernmental meeting that was organized by the Village of Tremont.

Other

The Facilities Committee has not met recently.

Old Business

Information Items

Monthly Financial Discussion

Mr. Berry updated the Board on cash flow and fund balances in comparison to last year.

Referendum Update

A sample brochure was shared as well as updates on recent meetings with the steering committee and plans for future public meetings.

FY24 School Maintenance Grant

We will not move forward with the FY24 School Maintenance Grant as there are still funds available from the FY23 grant.

Action Items

Closed Minutes Review

Motion by **Sumer** to review minutes of closed session since last review (June 2023) and declare that all closed minutes should remain closed. Second by **Ropp**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Property Tax Levy

Resolved by **Ropp**.

Be it resolved that the Tremont Community Unit District #702, Tazewell County, shall adopt a 2023 levy in the amount \$6,278,470, without bonds. Be it further resolved that the aggregate 2023 levy, with bond payment and revenue recapture amount, be adopted in the amount of \$7,573,225.

Motion by **Gierich** to adopt the resolution establishing the tax levy for tax year 2023 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 2023. Second by **Kaiser**.

Roll Call -	Kaiser –yea	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Smith – yea
	Kilgus – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Gierich – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

New Business

Information Items

2023 Revenue Recapture

Revenue Recapture allows taxing bodies to recover revenue lost due to taxes not being collected by the county. Mr. Berry recommended we accept the revenue recapture amount.

Action Items

Employment

Motion by **Kilgus** to employ Marissa Adams as a Kindergarten Aide, for the 2023-2024 school year per salary agreement. Second by **Smith**.

Roll Call -	Kaiser –yea	Sumer – yea
	Ropp – yea	Smith – yea
	Kilgus – yea	Ulrich – yea
	Gierich – yea	
		Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by **Ropp** to approve Kimberly Bachman and Kelli Helmig as new Substitute Teachers for the 23-24 school year. Second by **Sumer**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Motion Carried 7-0

Meeting Adjourned: **8:28 p.m.**

Robert Ropp, President

Renee Kaiser, Secretary