

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
AUGUST 8, 2011
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 was held at the K-12 complex at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 8, 2011. Prior to the start of the meeting, Carroll Kelly led the board in prayer and Chris Gore led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Eubanks called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Stacey

Members Absent: Bauman, Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, W. Choate, V. Eubanks, T. Witcher, C. Basso,
S. Hicks, M. Sample

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you note from Charles Wright for the retirement gift and a thank you note from the Teachers' First Induction and Mentoring Program, thanking the board for participating in the program.

President Gore asked for any visitors' comments. None were forthcoming.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the progress of the roof project, other summer projects, and the summer student workers.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, new student registration, upcoming dates, enrollment information, and the 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) update.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, 2011-2012 student registration, upcoming school year preparations, the Arts and Foreign Language Planning Assistance Grant, the 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) update. Mr. Choate asked Mr. Basso, AD, to join him in addressing the board regarding a proposed high school athletic fundraising plan. Mr. Basso presented the information on how the contact and communication with Sesser and Valier's local businesses can be streamlined. Discussion followed regarding the proposed fundraising plan and ways to reduce school expenses.

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Henry, Superintendent, presented the following information to the board:

1. The consent agenda for this month's meeting includes the following additional item(s):

- Approval of the district's Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plans;
- Adoption of the Certification of Transportation Safety Hazard Resolution;
- Approval of a dual credit agreement for 2011-2012 with Rend Lake College;
- Approval of revised board policies (final approval);
- Approval of amendment(s) to the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2011-2012;
- Approval of amendment(s) to the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2011-2012;
- Approval & display of the tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2012;
- Scheduling of a budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2012 (September 12, 2011 at 5:25 PM).

2. On Thursday, July 21, 2011, Glass & Shuffett, the district's auditors, completed their work in the district for the Fiscal Year 2011 audit. During the course of their audit, they found that State Bank of Whittington had failed to fully collateralize district investments (Certificates of Deposit) with the bank during the spring of 2011, as required by the board's depository resolution and, subsequently, district policy. The bank's failure to do so will result in an audit finding when the audit is presented in September, 2011.

This is the second time in the past three years that State Bank of Whittington has failed to fully collateralize the district's investments. Vera & Mr. Henry met with bank representatives on Monday, July 25, 2011, to notify them of the continuing problem and seek a solution to it. Unfortunately, the bank's representatives offered no reasonable solution to the problem at that time and have not re-contacted the district as was requested with a resolution. While the district is already committed to certain business transactions for Fiscal Year 2012, Mr. Henry recommended that the district more fully review its investment options for Fiscal Year 2013 and beyond in an effort to insure banks' compliance with district policy.

3. As of this writing, the following Fiscal Year 2011 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid*
Special Education: Personnel	\$24,665.00	9/27/2010	9/30/2010	3/11/2011
	\$24,665.00	12/27/2010	12/30/2010	5/24/2011
	\$24,665.00	3/28/2011	3/30/2011	7/22/2011
	\$24,665.00		6/15/2011	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$28,075.33	9/27/2010	9/30/2010	3/17/2011
	\$28,075.33	12/27/2010	12/30/2010	6/17/2011
	\$28,075.33	3/28/2011	3/30/2011	8/2/2011
	\$28,075.33		6/15/2011	
Transportation: Regular	\$51,065.20	9/27/2010	9/30/2010	3/16/2011
	\$49,398.73	12/27/2010	12/30/2010	6/16/2011
	\$52,035.94	3/28/2011	3/30/2011	7/29/2011
	\$52,035.93		6/15/2011	
Transportation: Special Education	\$13,594.80	9/27/2010	9/30/2010	3/15/2011
	\$13,594.80	12/27/2010	12/30/2010	6/14/2011
	\$13,594.80	3/28/2011	3/30/2011	7/26/2011
	\$13,594.80		6/15/2011	
Total	\$469,876.32			

*Total payments to date: \$351,505.26 (74.8% of due-to-date)

At this time, the following additional state payments are due & payable to the school district:

- Driver Education: \$5,784.42
- Teen REACH After-School Program: \$21,623.04
- **Total:** \$27,407.46

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2011 State Payments: \$145,778.52

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: July 11, 2011 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$216,578.39 and salaries in the amount of \$427,313.35; approval of the Section 125 flexible benefit plans; adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; approval of the dual credit agreement for 2011-2012 with Rend Lake College; approval of the revised board policies (final approval); approval of the amendments to the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2011-2012; approval of the amendments to the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2011-2012; approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2012; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2012 for September 12, 2011 beginning at 5:25 PM, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUNDRAISING PLAN: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to approve a high school athletic fundraising plan, as presented.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FRANKLIN-WILLIAMSON REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #21 AND SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #196: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Franklin-Williamson Regional Office of Education #21 and Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 and to authorize the District Superintendent to execute said Memorandum of Understanding.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:32 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-57)
- b. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Jones, Kelly, Stacey, Gore, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:07 PM, a motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT CUSTODIAN (SMITH, DONALD): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to employ Donald W. Smith as a district custodian, subject to his successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF NON-CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTRAORDINARY CARE AIDE: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Jones to table the employment of a non-certified special education extraordinary care aide.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH (HOLLIS, JOHNNY): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly to employ Johnny Hollis as High School Football Assistant Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSOR (THERY, JENNIFER): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Jones to employ Jennifer Thery as Junior High School Scholar Bowl Sponsor.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSOR (MIKULAY, MARK): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to employ Mark Mikulay as Marching Band Sponsor.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Jones, Kelly, Stacey, Gore, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE MATERNITY LEAVE (CIOE, KATE): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to approve the maternity leave request of Kate Cioe.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO BARGAIN AND EXECUTE SIDE-LETTER AGREEMENT REGARDING A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE WITH LABORERS' LOCAL 773: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to authorize the District Superintendent to bargain and the District Superintendent and Board President to execute a side-letter agreement regarding a specific employee with Laborers' Local 773.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to approve the following volunteer assistant coaches and/or sponsors:

- High School Cheerleading: Cindy Van Horn, Aileen Kelly

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Teresa Stacey expressed concern and asked for discussion regarding the 8th grade class size. Discussion followed regarding the current enrollment numbers and the need to monitor this situation.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Kelly to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

The above-listed account of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, held on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

Board President

Board Secretary

Roger Hicks