

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
DECEMBER 12, 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, December 12, 2011. Prior to the start of the meeting, Carroll Kelly led the board in prayer and Tina Bauman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore. In the absence of Vera Eubanks, District Secretary, President Gore appointed District Superintendent Jason Henry as recording secretary for the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Henry called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, T. Witcher, M. Sample

Visitors Present: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Henry presented a thank you note to the board from the family of Janette Flatt.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

**CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR:** District Maintenance Supervisor Terry Witcher reported on the progress of the upcoming health/life/safety projects. He showed board members the selected colors for tile and carpet replacement, as well as a color pattern for the tile project.

**K-8 PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, and the S.A.P. Christmas Program. A recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members. Mrs. Logsdon also presented the result of a recent school climate survey that was administered to junior high school students and analyzed by representatives of The H Group. Board members

inquired about bullying during junior high school lunch. Mrs. Logsdon indicated that if parents are aware of such incidents, they need to contact her directly as soon after the alleged incident as possible so that staff members who supervise the lunch period can monitor specific students who are either perpetrators of bullying or the subjects of bullying.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, report on past events, upcoming activities, and professional development activities. In response to a question from a board member, Mr. Choate also clarified a recent rule change barring the use of outside food or drink during extracurricular activities. Mr. Choate indicated that school students who had stayed late for practice or arrived early for an event would be permitted to bring dinner/supper with them. Mr. Choate indicated that the main reason for the rule change was to reduce the possibility of students and/or adults bringing alcohol or other illicit substances into the school during extracurricular events. Superintendent Henry also indicated that the consumption of alcohol before, during and after football games has been reported, and that this problem must be addressed. Board members indicated their agreement.

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 certified staff seniority list;
  - Approval of the education support personnel seniority list;
  - Adoption of a resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment;
  - Approval of the district's 2011-2012 Title I plan.
2. As of this writing, the board goal-setting subgroup work is progressing as planned. All subgroups have now met. Board approval of the remaining subgroup areas should be completed by mid-January, 2012. Superintendent Henry is hoping to have a comprehensive plan document drafted by mid-January, 2012.
3. As the board discussed during the regular June, 2011, board meeting, the district is currently moving forward with Lunsford Architects on the following proposed health/life/safety projects:
  - Walk-in Freezer Cooling Unit Replacement (mechanical only)
  - Walk-in Cooler Cooling Unit Replacement (mechanical only)
  - Junior High/High School Carpet/Flooring Replacement (**requires abatement project**)
  - Old Gym Roof Repair and/or Replacement
  - Football Field Light Replacement
  - Security Camera System Replacement (**project delayed**)

ISBE approved the necessary H/L/S amendments, and the projects will be slated for bid in the following order: Asbestos abatement; flooring project; football field lighting project; old gym roof replacement. As a reminder, based on the current estimate of cost, the kitchen

refrigeration projects will not necessitate competitive bidding. Superintendent Henry expects that the public bid opening on these projects will occur in mid-January so that contracts for the work can be awarded in February.

4. Following the adoption of the 2011 tax levy, final levy information will be filed with both the Franklin County & Jefferson County clerks.
5. As of this writing, the following Fiscal Year 2012 payments are due & payable to the school district:

<b>Categorical Payments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Voucher Date</b>	<b>Regular Payment Date</b>	<b>Date Paid*</b>
<b>Special Education: Personnel**</b>	\$21,869.75	9/26/2011	9/30/2011 12/30/2011 3/30/2012 6/15/2012	
<b>Special Education: Extraordinary</b>	\$27,691.35 \$27,691.35 \$27,691.35 \$27,691.35	9/26/2011	9/30/2011 12/30/2011 3/30/2012 6/15/2012	
<b>Transportation: Regular**</b>	\$46,867.05	9/26/2011	9/30/2011 12/30/2011 3/30/2012 6/15/2012	
<b>Transportation: Special Education**</b>	\$15,030.60	9/26/2011	9/30/2011 12/30/2011 3/30/2012 6/15/2012	
<b>Total</b>				

*\*Total payments to date: \$0 (0% of due-to-date for FY12)*

*\*\*ISBE final annual payment calculations not available*

Other state payments due & payable:

- Driver Education: \$3,100.89

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$114,559.64**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meeting: November 14, 2011 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$216,168.87 and salaries in the amount of \$346,985.27; approval of the certified staff seniority list; approval of the education support personnel seniority list; adoption of a resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment; approval of the Title I District Plan, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Robbins, Stacey, Bauman, Gore

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING RECEIPT OF SESSER TIF DISTRICT PROCEEDS:** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to adopt a Resolution Regarding Receipt of Sesser Tax Increment Financing District Proceeds, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Jones, Kelly, Robbins, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO PROCEED WITH FOOTBALL FIELD RESTROOM PROJECT:** A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Jones to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to proceed with the completion and/or renovation of the football concession building restroom project.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Robbins, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Jones

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR HEALTH/LIFE/SAFETY PROJECTS:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to advertise for bids for health/life/safety projects upon final completion and/or review of project plans and specifications, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Robbins, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2011 (Consent Action):** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to adopt the following resolutions (in order) regarding the tax levy for year 2011: A Resolution Authorizing Final Aggregate Tax Levy for Year 2011; a Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy for Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security and Specified Repair Purposes; a Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy for Tort Immunity; and a Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Kelly, Robbins

Nays: Jones

There being six (6) yeas and one (1) nay, the president declared that the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD PROGRAM/CURRICULUM GOALS/INDICATORS (FINAL APPROVAL):** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to adopt board program/curriculum goals/indicators, as presented.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS/INDICATORS (FINAL APPROVAL):** A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Stacey to adopt board community relations goals/indicators, as presented.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**APPROVAL & DISPLAY OF BOARD HUMAN RESOURCES/PERSONNEL/STAFF GOALS/INDICATORS (1<sup>ST</sup> READING):** A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to accept and approve board human resources/personnel/staff goals/indicators for public display (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**APPROVAL & DISPLAY OF BOARD STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GOALS/INDICATORS (1<sup>ST</sup> READING):** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Bauman to accept and approve board student achievement goals/indicators for public display (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:12 PM, a motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey 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 the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Robbins, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:36 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S):** A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Kelly to acknowledge the resignation of John Shadowens as High School Football Coach.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**POSTING OF POSITIONS:** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to post the following position:

- High School Football Coach

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

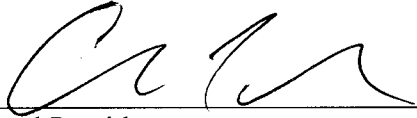
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

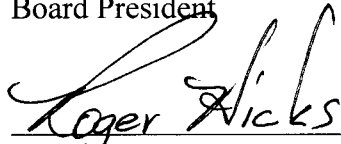
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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, December 12, 2011, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
(TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING)  
FOR  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
DECEMBER 12, 2011  
5:20 PM**

A public hearing regarding the proposed tax levy increase for Sesser-Valier Unit School District No. 196 for 2011 was held at the K-12 complex at 5:20 PM on Monday, December 12, 2011.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, T. Witcher, M. Sample

Visitors Present: None

Mr. Henry called the Truth in Taxation public hearing to order at 5:25 PM. Mr. Henry indicated that the purpose of this meeting was to hear any public input on the levy increase. He explained that a tentative levy was adopted last month by the board with a 10.00% increase in operating funds with an overall levy increase (including debt service levy) of 8.87%.

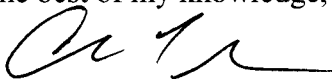
Mr. Henry asked for any public comments or questions. None were forthcoming.

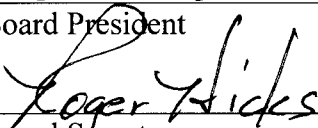
Mr. Henry closed the hearing at 5:26 PM.

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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING THE  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
NEED FOR AND USAGE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TAX FUNDS  
DECEMBER 12, 2011  
5:25 PM**

A public hearing regarding the need for and usage of Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds, as required by Section 17-2.11 of the Illinois School Code, was held at Sesser-Valier High School, 4626 State Highway 154, Sesser, Illinois, beginning at 5:25 PM on Monday, December 12, 2011.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, T. Witcher, M. Sample

Visitors Present: None

Mr. Henry called the public hearing to order at 5:26 PM. Mr. Henry explained that it is a legal requirement to hold this hearing when Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds are levied. Several future projects that are necessary and are funded through the Fire Prevention and Safety fund were presented and discussed. Mr. Henry indicated that there are not sufficient funds available in the fire prevention and safety fund to finance the repairs needed.

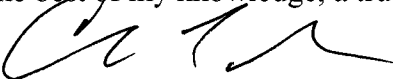
Mr. Henry asked for any public comment or question. None were forthcoming.

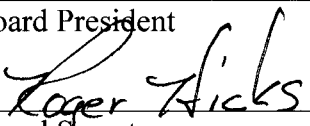
Mr. Henry closed the hearing at 5:27 PM.

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