

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
JANUARY 9, 2012
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, January 9, 2012. Prior to the start of the meeting, Roger Hicks led the board in prayer and Teresa Stacey 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: Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Stacey

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: Melissa Lamczyk

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Vera Eubanks thanked the board for their support after the fire in her home.

Donald Robbins arrived at 5:41 PM

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information to the board regarding the pre-bid meetings held for the planned summer projects.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, and the "Setting the Standard" recognition cards program. A most recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, the “Arrive Alive” week program, the 2011 S-V Holiday Tournament, upcoming activities, PSAE testing information, and professional development activities.

Board members reported positive feedback about the current success of the high school girls’ basketball program.

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 Illinois School District Agency Agreement.
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 will be completed at this meeting. Mr. Henry indicated that he is hoping to have a comprehensive plan document drafted by mid-to-late January, 2012, for final approval by the board at its regular February, 2012, meeting.
3. As was 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**)

Project	Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting	Public Bid Opening
Asbestos Abatement	January 3, 2012 (9:00 AM)	January 18, 2012 (1:00 PM)
Flooring Replacement	January 3, 2012 (10:00 AM)	January 18, 2012 (2:00 PM)
Football Field Lighting Replacement	January 3, 2012 (11:00 AM)	January 18, 2012 (3:00 PM)
Old Gym Roof Replacement	January 3, 2012 (1:00 PM)	January 18, 2012 (1:30 PM)

After the public bid opening, the district’s architect will be working with the low bidders to develop project contracts in anticipation of the board awarding bids/contracts at its regular February, 2012, meeting.

4. Two new laws (P.A. 97-504 & P.A. 97-08) were passed by the Illinois General Assembly during 2011 that mandate individual board member training. An IASB summary of the required training is attached to this report.
5. As of this writing, the following Fiscal Year 2012 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid*
Special Education: Personnel	\$21,869.75	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	
	\$21,869.75	12/21/2011	12/30/2011	
	\$21,869.75		3/30/2012	
	\$21,869.75		6/15/2012	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$27,691.35	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	
	\$27,691.35	12/21/2011	12/30/2011	
	\$27,691.35		3/30/2012	
	\$27,691.35		6/15/2012	
Transportation: Regular	\$46,867.05	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	
	\$46,698.81	12/27/2011	12/30/2011	
	\$46,698.81		3/30/2012	
	\$46,698.81		6/15/2012	
Transportation: Special Education	\$15,030.60	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	
	\$15,030.60	12/27/2011	12/30/2011	
	\$15,030.60		3/30/2012	
	\$15,030.60		6/15/2012	
Driver Education	\$3,100.89	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	
	\$3,100.89	12/27/2011	12/30/2011	
	\$3,100.89		3/30/2012	
	\$3,100.89		6/15/2012	
Total	\$457,733.84			

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

Other state payments due & payable:

- Special Education-Orphanage: \$3,033.72
- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$10,581.22

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$242,565.98

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman approving the minutes of the previous meeting: December 12, 2011 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$114,389.44 and salaries in the amount of \$501,950.83; and the approval of the Illinois School District Agency Agreement, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL & DISPLAY OF BOARD HUMAN RESOURCES/PERSONNEL/STAFF GOALS/INDICATORS (FINAL APPROVAL): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to adopt board human resources/personnel/staff 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 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GOALS/INDICATORS (FINAL APPROVAL): A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Stacey to adopt board student achievement 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 REVISED BOARD POLICIES (1ST READING): Superintendent Henry informed the board that the policy committee met at 4:30 PM on January 9, 2012, and recommended board approval of policy revisions. A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Kelly to approve the board policy manual updates (1st reading) for adoption consideration at the regular February, 2012, board meeting.

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

STATUS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND/OR DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORD AUDIO RECORDINGS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to keep all closed session minutes closed to the public.

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

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to authorize and direct the Superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: January 11, 2010; February 8, 2010; March 8, 2010; April 12, 2010; May 10, 2010; June 14, 2010; and June 22, 2010.

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 6:00 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly 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: Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Robbins

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:45 PM, a motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Kelly 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)

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO BARGAIN SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT(S) WITH SESSER-VALIER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REGARDING SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to bargain side letter agreements with the Sesser-Valier Education Association regarding certain employees.

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 MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST (VAN ZANDT, ALICIA): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bauman to approve the maternity leave request of Alicia Van Zandt.

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 POSITION(S): Mr. Henry asked the board for discussion regarding the possible additional posting for Agriculture teacher and Spanish teacher. Discussion followed regarding the significant need for electives in the high school, posting not obligating board to employ, the need to begin the process in early spring, the need for quality programs, a possible grant

available to offset cost for a foreign language teacher, different programs offered by neighboring schools, possible cooperative opportunities available, and the concern regarding the pro-rating of this fiscal year's state aid proceeds. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bauman to post the following positions:

- Junior High School English Teacher (Temporary Maternity Leave)
- High School Agriculture Teacher
- High School Spanish Teacher

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:

Superintendent Henry presented an informational item regarding an incident that occurred on a district-contracted school bus on December 20, 2011. He indicated that an adult male stepped up on the bus and confronted the bus driver while four students were on the bus. Discussion followed regarding the release of a video recording (if available) from the bus (waiting for court order), and the procedure that should have been followed to address this parent's issue.

Mr. Kelly asked for discussion on possible solutions to the problem of people running in and out of the gymnasium during high school ballgames. Mr. Kelly indicated that he felt this was becoming a problem. Discussion followed regarding different ways to address this issue. Superintendent Henry and High School Principal Choate discussed possible strategies to help curb the problem.

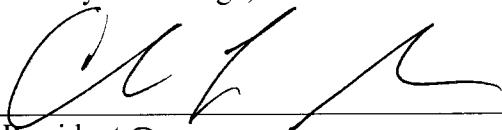
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Jones to adjourn.

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 7:28 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, January 9, 2012, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary