

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 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 Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards were received from: Lori Gibson (flowers sent at the death of her brother), the family of Dean Robbins (bereavement donation sent), and Cheryl Dame (retirement gift).

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information regarding the annual life-safety inspection and the progress of the summer construction projects. Discussion regarding the old gym roof replacement project followed.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund and recent and upcoming activities and dates. Mrs. Logsdon also presented a copy of the most recent edition of the S-V Happenings.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, scholarship recipients, recent activities, upcoming important dates, and professional development activities. Mr. Choate asked for board input regarding the reserved chair seats and reserved bleacher seats prices. Board member discussed a possible

increase in cost of ticket prices. Superintendent Henry recommended that the price remain the same for 2012-2013 and that the issue be reviewed each year during the summer months.

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):
 - a. Approval of 2011-2012 Amended District Budget
 - b. Adoption of the district depository resolutions for FY 2013
 - c. Adoption of a resolution for participation in ISDLAF+
 - d. Adoption of the prevailing wage resolution for FY 2013
 - e. Adoption of the IASB Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (WCSIT) Intergovernmental Cooperative Pooling Agreement
2. As of the end of the recent legislative session, no pension reform legislation had been advanced. However, it now appears that such legislative action may be attempted in either the fall veto session or the January, 2013, final days of the current General Assembly. As of this writing, it is too early to predict what pension reform might entail.
3. The Summer, 2012, Health/Life/Safety projects are currently "on-schedule." The asbestos abatement contractor has finished his on-site work, and all three other contractors (roofing, flooring, electrical) have started work and are making progress toward completion.
4. Earlier this school year, District Secretary Vera Malinee received an ISBE notice about a federal maintenance-of-effort-like requirement that districts maintain a certain standard regarding student lunch prices. Vera has completed the necessary calculations, and our district does not currently meet the minimum price standard for regular student lunches. As a result, the district needs to implement a series of regular student lunch price increases in order to meet the minimum, regulation-required target price. As a result, it is recommended that the board act to increase all regular student lunch prices by 10 cents for the 2012-2013 school year. Future regular student lunch price increases may be necessary, but the district's need to do so will not be known until next year's calculation is completed.
5. Board members received the amended budget summary (bright green) as a part of the board packet. As a reminder, the tentative amended budget should be presented in May, put on public display for at least 30 days, adopted in June, and filed with the county clerks, regional superintendent, and ISBE prior to the close of the fiscal year.

This year's amended budget shows an overall deficit of \$1,446,590. (The deficit is negatively impacted by the planned expenditure of Health/Life/Safety funds.) The proposed version of the amended budget retains the previous assumption that the State of Illinois will make two (2) of the FY12 quarterly MCAT payments by June 30, 2012.

The amended budget represents an educated "guess" about the District's financial revenues and expenditures for the year. Both the revenue side and expenditure side of the budget can experience unforeseeable reductions or increases that are not predictable. (The revenue side of the budget has been prepared using the assumption listed above.)

As has been discussed for several years, officials at the Illinois State Board of Education who “rate” the financial health of school districts recommend that districts carry at least six (6) months of unencumbered cash in operating funds. Such a fund balance should help the district to achieve the highest level of financial ranking available from ISBE, although the district’s long-term indebtedness, including last year’s issuance of the QZAB bonds, will have a marginal negative impact on such a rating.

6. On May 10, 2012, the district received notice that Beck Bus, Inc., the district’s transportation provider, had been acquired by Durham Transportation Services in May, 2012. As a result, the name on the side of our buses will change during the summer months. Other than the name change, we should not notice any other changes, disruptions, or modifications of current contractual provisions.
7. A copy of a June 7th e-mail from Regional Superintendent Matt Donkin regarding the new 1% sales tax revenue stream for Franklin County school districts was presented to the board.
8. A copy of the FY 2012 Regional Superintendent’s Health/Life/Safety Annual Inspection Report was presented to the board for review.
9. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports was presented to the board for review:
 - State School News Service (June 8, 2012)
10. 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	1/24/2012
	\$21,869.75	12/21/2011	12/30/2011	4/19/2012
	\$21,869.75	3/27/2012	3/30/2012	
	\$21,869.75		6/15/2012	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$27,691.35	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	1/24/2012
	\$27,691.35	12/21/2011	12/30/2011	4/20/2012
	\$27,691.35	3/27/2012	3/30/2012	
	\$27,691.35		6/15/2012	
Transportation: Regular	\$46,867.05	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	1/24/2012
	\$46,698.81	12/27/2011	12/30/2011	4/19/2012
	\$46,698.81	3/28/2012	3/30/2012	
	\$59,273.87		6/15/2012	
Transportation: Special Education	\$15,030.60	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	1/24/2012
	\$15,030.60	12/27/2011	12/30/2011	4/19/2012
	\$15,030.60	3/28/2012	3/30/2012	
	\$15,030.60		6/15/2012	
Driver Education	\$3,100.89	9/26/2011	9/30/2011	2/27/2012
	\$3,100.89	12/27/2011	12/30/2011	
	\$3,100.89	3/19/2012	3/30/2012	
	\$3,100.89		6/15/2012	
Total	\$470,308.90			

**Total payments to date: \$225,850.15 (48.02% of payments due for FY12)*

Other state payments due & payable:

- Special Education-Orphanage: \$1,516.85
- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$15,064.82

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$261,040.42

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: May 14, 2012 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer’s report; approval of the 2011-2012 amended district budget; the bills in the amount of \$236,392.15 and salaries in the amount of \$351,317.45; adoption of the district depository resolutions for FY 2013; adoption of the resolution reauthorizing participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus; adoption of the Prevailing Wage Resolution for FY 2013; and approval of the Illinois Association of School Boards Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (WCSIT) Intergovernmental Cooperative Pooling Agreement, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to approve the regular board meeting schedule for Fiscal year 2013, as presented.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE (LAWN MOWER): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Jones to accept the bid of \$1,525.17 for the used lawn mower from Wayne Montgomery and to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to complete the sale and transfer of ownership of the aforementioned surplus property.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF INCREASE IN LUNCH PRICES: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to approve an increase of \$0.10 in regular student lunch prices.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:25 PM, a motion was made by Kelly 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 District 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: Kelly, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks, Jones

Nays: None

There being six (6) 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 Stacey and seconded by Bauman to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION (GARNER, CRAIG): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach: Craig Garner

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH AND/OR SPONSOR (SHADOWENS, JOHN): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bauman to employ John Shadowens as High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT AGREEMENT (WITCHER, TERRY): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Kelly to approve an amendment to an individual retirement agreement for District Maintenance Supervisor Terry Witcher.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONTRACT AND/OR AMENDMENT (HENRY, JASON): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Bauman to approve an amendment to the Superintendent Employment Contract of Jason D. Henry.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

POSSIBLE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NEEDED: Superintendent Henry informed the board that a special board meeting may be needed once the interviewing process is completed for the Band Director position, the HS Math position, and the HS Office Secretary position. He also brought the board members up-to-date on the progress of Suzanne Johnson (employee that was injured in a house explosion).

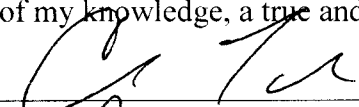
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

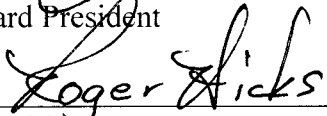
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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, June 11, 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