

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
MARCH 12, 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, March 12, 2012. 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, M. Sample, S. Hicks

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, and upcoming activities. The most recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members. Mrs. Logsdon listed several of the recent PTO donations and wanted to thank the members of the organization for their support.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, past activities, and upcoming activities. He also updated board on the new spring sports transportation (currently 30 participants).

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 a lease & maintenance agreement with Neopost for a new postage machine;
 - Approval of the 2012 graduation dates (HS Graduation – Thursday, May 17, 2012; JH Graduation – Friday, May 18, 2012);
 - Authorization for renewal of membership in the IHSA;
 - Adoption of a board resolution congratulating the High School Cheerleading Squad (*amended* resolution).
2. A copy of a letter from Randy Risley, the coordinator of the Zeigler-Royalton Coaches vs. Cancer program at Zeigler-Royalton High School was presented to the board.
3. This month's board agenda also includes consideration of approval of a School Facility Sales Tax Interest Agreement with Regional Superintendent of Schools Matt Donkin (Regional Office of Education No. 21). A copy of information that Mr. Donkin sent to Franklin County districts when he proposed this agreement, as well as a copy of an amended agreement that includes specific termination provisions/procedures were presented to the board. Mr. Henry recommends that the board adopt the agreement as amended.
4. Mr. Witcher & Mr. Henry are currently working with District Architect Paul Lunsford to begin the process of filing the necessary Health-Life-Safety amendment to replace the district's security camera system. Mr. Henry expects to have the necessary H-L-S amendment ready for board approval at the next regular board meeting.
5. At a February 24, 2012, meeting of the IASA Board of Directors, Association lobbyist Diane Hendren reported to the board that one of the proposed "fixes" to the pension issue in Illinois is to shift the state's cost of teacher pensions to school districts. This is not the first time that we've heard of a "cost-shifting" proposal, but it seems that this year's version of this proposal has some momentum toward passage.

Ms. Hendren estimated that districts would go from paying 0.58% of TRS creditable earnings to 8.9% (quite a large increase). Based on the current year's salary data, this cost-shift proposal would cost the school district an additional \$255,200 (estimate) per year. This issue will need to be watched closely over the coming months.
6. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports were presented for board review:
 - Alliance Legislative Report #97-43 (March 9, 2012)
7. 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	
	\$21,869.75		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	
	\$27,691.35		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	
	\$46,698.81		3/30/2012	
	\$46,698.81		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	
	\$15,030.60		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		3/30/2012	
	\$3,100.89		6/15/2012	
Total	\$457,733.84			

*Total payments to date: \$114,559.64 (25.03% of due-to-date for FY12)

Other state payments due & payable:

- Special Education-Orphanage: \$3,033.72
- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$19,593.50

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$137,018.62

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: February 13, 2012 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$143,264.52 and salaries in the amount of \$354,675.63; approval of the Neopost postage machine lease agreement; approval of the 2012 graduation dates; authorization for renewal of membership in IHSA; and adoption of the board resolution congratulating the High School Cheerleading Squad, 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

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FACILITY SALES TAX INTEREST AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to approve a School Facility Sales Tax Interest Agreement with Regional Office of Education #21 and to authorize and direct the district superintendent to execute said agreement.

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.

APPROVAL AND/OR RENEWAL OF INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT(S): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bauman to renew the following interscholastic sports cooperative agreements, and to authorize the high school principal to enter into such agreements and to execute necessary IHSA documents effecting said renewal:

Waltonville High School	Woodlawn High School
HS Football (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	HS Football (2012-2013 through 2013-2014): Fee basis
HS Boys' Baseball (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	
HS Boys' Golf (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	
HS Girls' Golf (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	
HS Boys' Track (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	
HS Girls' Volleyball (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	
HS Girls' Track (2012-2013 through 2013-2014)	
HS Girls' Softball (2013-2014 through 2014-2015)	
HS Girls' Basketball (2013-2014 through 2014-2015)	

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 5:52 PM, a motion was made by Jones 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: Jones, Kelly, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:23 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones 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.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPANISH) TEACHER (PURCELL, MEGAN): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Gore to employ Megan Purcell as a high school Spanish teacher for the 2012-2013 school year, contingent upon and subject to her presentation of appropriate Illinois teaching certification and successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE TEACHER (WILLIAMS, AARON): A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Jones to employ Aaron Williams as a high

school agriculture teacher for the 2012-2013 school year, subject to his successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

Superintendent Henry asked the board for direction regarding any dismissal (non-renewal) of non-tenured teaching staff, reduction-in-force of certified employees, and/or reduction-in-force of educational support personnel. Superintendent Henry notified board members that, due to significant changes in state law regarding reduction-in-force, he would advise the board to consider avoiding reduction-in-force during Spring, 2012, until some of the uncertainties and ambiguities in the new law can be resolved. Board members expressed their consensus to avoid reduction-in-force during Spring, 2012.

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL (TERMINATION) OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES, AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (KIRK, DANNY): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to adopt a resolution referencing the decision to terminate extra-duty/stipend assignments and duties of Danny Kirk as the 7th/8th grade Boys' Basketball Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL (TERMINATION) OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES, AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (LANCE, JON C.): A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Jones to adopt a resolution referencing the decision to terminate extra-duty/stipend assignments and duties of Jon C. Lance as the Junior High School Boys' Baseball 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.

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL (TERMINATION) OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES, AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (WITCHER, MICHELLE): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to adopt a resolution referencing the decision to terminate extra-duty/stipend assignments and duties of Michelle Witcher as the Junior High School Cheerleading Sponsor.

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.

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL (TERMINATION) OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES, AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (MIKULAY, MARK): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Bauman to adopt a resolution referencing the decision to terminate extra-duty/stipend assignments and duties of Mark Mikulay as the Teen REACH After School Program Grant Coordinator.

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.

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL (TERMINATION) OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES, AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (SWIFT-KELLY, KELLY): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to adopt a resolution referencing the decision to terminate extra-duty/stipend assignment and duties of Kelly Swift-Kelly as the Teen REACH After School Program Assistant Grant Coordinator.

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.

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL (TERMINATION) OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES, AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (TINSLEY, REGINA): A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Jones to adopt a resolution referencing the

decision to terminate extra-duty/stipend assignment and duties of Regina Tinsley as the District Technology Coordinator.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried. EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACHES AND/OR SPONSORS (JANELLO, ANDY): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to employ Andy Janello as High School Football Assistant Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Jones to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach: Amber Docherty

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

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

- JHS Boys' Track: Jon C. Lance

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Henry reminded the board members that a holiday waiver hearing will be held immediately preceding the next regular board meeting beginning at 5:25 PM. He also reminded the board that the April board meeting will be the third Monday (April 16, 2012) due to the conflict of the district's spring break.


ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly 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 7:35 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, March 12, 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