

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
MAY 14, 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, May 14, 2012. Prior to the start of the meeting, Chris Gore led the board in prayer and Tina Bauman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

President Gore asked for any visitor's comments. None were forthcoming.

Superintendent Henry presented correspondence from parents Todd and Melody LeVault. Mr. and Mrs. LeVault wanted to let the district know how one teacher had gone above and beyond in helping their child succeed and that this teacher has been a big benefit to their child.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information to the board regarding the following: contractors for summer projects and football concession stand restrooms (project completed). Mr. Witcher indicated he would like to show board members the completed project after the meeting.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, was absent from the meeting due to illness. Mr. Choate, HS Principal, presented the elementary/junior high information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, and upcoming activities and events. Mr. Choate also presented a copy of the most recent edition of the S-V Happenings.

Teresa Stacey asked for discussion regarding the replacement of a Kindergarten graduation with a combined celebration of Mothers' Day and completion of the grade. Discussion followed (good feedback from group of parents; more room needed for activity; reason for change).

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, past activities, special recognition for students, 2012 Prom, spring band concert; and upcoming activities. He also informed the board members that the high school graduation was set for Thursday, May 17, 2012, and asked the members that wish to attend and/or need reserved seating to contact the school.

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 Final Public School Calendar
 - b. Approval of a Vehicle Loan Agreement with Weeks Chevrolet/General Motors
 - c. Approval of a technology service agreement with Quality Network Solutions
 - d. Approval of a facility usage request from SI Slammers for use of the VFW Baseball Field
2. On May 9, 2012, the district received notice that the application for a \$50,000 School Maintenance Grant from ISBE had been approved. This grant will be used to upgrade our security camera system.
3. The Summer, 2012, Health/Life/Safety projects are currently "on-schedule." District Architect Paul Lunsford held a progress meeting with all four contractors on May 10, 2012, and notified all contractors that the earliest start date for all projects is May 29, 2012. It is expected that the asbestos abatement contractor will begin work that day, and all other contractors to begin by mid-June.
4. Board members received the tentative amended budget summary (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.

The current version of this year's tentative amended budget shows an overall deficit of \$1,447,130. (The deficit is negatively impacted by the planned expenditure of Health/Life/Safety funds.) The current version of the tentative 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, and should be viewed as a "work-in-progress" until the June adoption. 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.

5. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports was given to the board for review:

- IASA Capitol Watch (May 14, 2012)

6. 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	
	\$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	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	\$457,733.84			

*Total payments to date: \$225,850.15 (49.34% of payments due for FY12)

Other state payments due & payable:

- Special Education-Orphanage: \$1,516.85
- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$10,026.10

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$243,426.64

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: April 16, 2012 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer’s report; the bills in the amount of

\$167,668.36 and salaries in the amount of \$338,823.73; approval of the 2011-2012 Final Public School Calendar; approval of the Vehicle Loan Agreement (General Motors); approval of the Technology Support Service Agreement (Quality Network Solutions); and approval of facility usage request, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF 2011-2012 TENTATIVE AMENDED DISTRICT BUDGET: The board reviewed the 2011-2012 tentative amended district budget that had been made publicly available on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:04 PM, a motion was made by Stacey 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 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: Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Robbins, Stacey, Bauman

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:49 PM, a motion was made by Bauman 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)

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2012-2013 (HOLLIS, JOHNNY): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to transfer Johnny Hollis to a 5th Grade teaching position for the 2012-2013 school year.

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.

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2012-2013 (PETRO, TIFFANY): A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Jones to transfer Tiffany Petro to a Junior High School Language Arts teaching position for the 2012-2013 school year.

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.

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2012-2013 (VAN ZANDT, ALICIA): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to transfer Alicia Van Zandt to a Kindergarten teaching position for the 2012-2013 school year.

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.

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2012-2013 (KELLY, KELLY): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to transfer Kelly Kelly to a 2nd Grade teaching position for the 2012-2013 school year.

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.

APPOINT TEMPORARY TEEN REACH GRANT COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANT COORDINATOR: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to appoint the following individuals to fill temporary positions for 2011-2012:

- Teen REACH Grant Coordinator: Kelly Kelly
- Teen REACH Grant Assistant Coordinator: Rick Metcalf

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO BARGAIN EXTRA-DUTY PAY: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to authorize the district superintendent to bargain and/or authorize extra-duty pay for temporary band director Jon Montgomery.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (7TH/8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH: KIRK, DANNY): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to employ Danny Kirk as 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Stacey, Bauman, Gore, Hicks

Nays: Jones, Robbins

There being five (5) yeas and two (2) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (7TH/8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH: GARNER, CRAIG): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to employ Craig Garner as 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL COACH: LANCE, CLARK): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to employ Clark Lance as Junior High School Boys Baseball Coach.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING SPONSOR: WITCHER, MICHELLE): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Bauman to employ Michelle Witcher as Junior High School Cheerleading Sponsor.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR: TINSLEY, REGINA): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Robbins to employ Regina Tinsley as District Technology Coordinator.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to table the approval of two side letter agreements between the SVEA, two teachers, and the district.

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 DISTRICT SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER/TREASURER SALARY AND/OR BENEFITS FOR 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to increase the district bookkeeper salary of Vera (Eubanks) Malinee by \$1,000 for 2011-2012 and by \$1,000 for 2012-2013.

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.

A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Robbins to set the district bookkeeper health insurance allotment at \$400/month.

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.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to table the approval of an amendment to an individual retirement agreement for District Maintenance Supervisor Terry Witcher.

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 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONTRACT(S) AND/OR AMENDMENTS(S) (LOGSDON, JUDY): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hicks to approve two (2) amendments to the Principal Employment Contract of Judy L. Logsdon.

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.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONTRACT(S) AND/OR AMENDMENTS(S) (CHOATE, WESLEY): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by

Robbins to approve two (2) amendments to the Principal Employment Contract of Wesley R. Choate.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

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

- HS Mathematics Teacher: Mickenzie Devening
- Elementary Classroom Teacher: Kathy Prior (retirement notice; retirement benefit(s) subject to employee's provision of proof of eligibility)

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 Bauman to post the following positions:

- HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- HS Scholar Bowl Sponsor
- HS Mathematics Teacher
- School Office Secretary (Clerical)

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

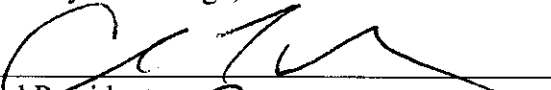
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Robbins to adjourn.

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

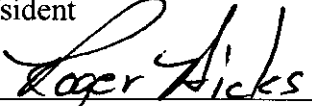
The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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, May 14, 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