

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 2011. Prior to the start of the meeting, Chris Gore led the board in prayer and Carroll Kelly 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: Gore, Hicks, Jones, Kelly, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: Bauman

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, W. Choate, V. Eubanks, M. Sample, S. White

Visitors Present: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Mr. Henry presented a thank you note to the board from the Sesser Chamber of Commerce for the donation of the silent auction basket.

**REPORTS**

SEA: SEA President Mike Sample addressed the board indicating that he has asked Stephanie White, Elementary Teacher, to present a short demonstration on how she has incorporated the use of the i-Pads that are currently available for individual student use (by checking out from library) in her classroom. Mrs. White presented information on the reading and math apps she has downloaded and how the students are using them. Discussion regarding the various uses of the i-Pads, the number the district has acquired, WiFi capability to handle large number of hand-held devices, etc.

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 events/activities, and upcoming activities. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, past activities, professional development activities for teachers, and an out-of-state field trip amendment. Mr. Choate also presented information to the board regarding a school climate survey that was given to S-V high school students.

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):
  - Adoption of an amendment to the district's Community Services Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services (Teen REACH Grant Program);
  - Approval of an amendment to a previously-approved field trip request;
  - Approval of a facility usage request (Sesser-Valier Lil' Devils Basketball Program).
2. The board goal-setting subgroup work is progressing as planned. Four groups have completed their work and submitted draft goals/indicators for board consideration. The remaining two subgroups are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Henry indicated that he is hoping to have a comprehensive plan document drafted by mid-January, 2012.
3. As was discussed during the regular June, 2011, board meeting, the process 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**)

Upon ISBE approval of the necessary H/L/S amendments, the projects will be slated for bid in the following order: Asbestos abatement; flooring project; football field lighting project; old gym roof replacement. Based on the current estimate of cost, the kitchen refrigeration projects will not necessitate competitive bidding.

4. Information regarding the 2011 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2011, was included in the board packet. Additional information (statistical data) for consideration is attached to this report. As the board considers the tax levy for

2011, Mr. Henry strongly encouraged the board to utilize the following four (4) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 48 months):

- Realization that the levy is based on unknown (projected) property values;
- Realization that this year's levy represents next (fiscal) year's local revenue;
- Realization that each year's levy impacts all future years' levies; and
- The need of the board to determine the appropriate balance between the fiscal responsibility (Are we levying enough?) and fiscal excess (Are we levying too much?).

5. 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

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$111,458.75**

6. A copy of the latest Alliance Legislative Report (#97-33) was presented for board review.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meetings: October 17, 2011 (Regular Meeting) and October 27, 2011 (Special Meeting): Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$256,156.02 and salaries in the amount of \$345,871.26; approval of the Amendment to Community Services Agreement (Illinois Department of Human Services Teen REACH Grant Program); approval of amendment to field trip request; and approval of the facility usage request (Sesser-Valier Lil' Devils Basketball Program), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to approve a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2011 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF BOARD FINANCE GOALS/INDICATORS (FINAL APPROVAL):** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to adopt board finance goals/indicators, 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.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD FACILITY GOALS/INDICATORS (FINAL APPROVAL):** A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to adopt board facility goals/indicators, 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.

**APPROVAL & DISPLAY OF BOARD PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM GOALS/INDICATORS (1<sup>ST</sup> READING):** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Robbins to accept and approve board program/curriculum goals/indicators for public display (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

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

**APPROVAL & DISPLAY OF BOARD COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS/INDICATORS (1<sup>ST</sup> READING):** A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to accept and approve board community relations goals/indicators for public display (1<sup>st</sup> reading).

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

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO REDUCTION-IN-FORCE (RIF) JOINT COMMITTEE:** A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Gore to appoint the district superintendent, the elementary/junior high school principal, and the high school principal as the board's representatives to the district's Reduction-in-Force Joint Committee as required by Senate Bill 7.

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 TEEN REACH GRANT PROGRAM ASSISTANT COORDINATOR:** A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to employ Kelly (Swift) Kelly as Teen REACH Grant Program Assistant Coordinator (partial year).

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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 Jones to approve the following extracurricular volunteer assistant coaches and/or sponsors, subject to each candidate's successful completion of required, IHSA-approved coach training programs.

- HS Girls' Basketball: Emmalee Metcalf
- HS Boys' Basketball: Justin Raby

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 that Chris Gore, Carroll Kelly, and Donnie Robbins would be doing a presentation at the board convention in Chicago on Board Goal Setting.

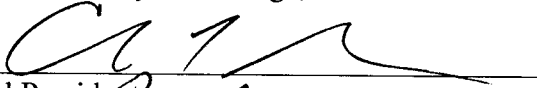
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 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, November 14, 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