

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 2012. 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, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, reported the summer projects were all completed with the exception of a few small things, and the building was ready for school to begin. He also indicated that during the football season, there may be a few muddy areas.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, new student registration, upcoming dates, enrollment information, and the 2012 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) update.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, 2012-2013 student registration, and the 2012 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) update. Mr. Choate informed the board members

that there will be an open house held at the second home football game (Friday, 9/7/12) for anyone interested in touring the facilities to see the upgrades.

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 certified employee compensation reports
 - b. Adoption of a resolution certifying a transportation safety hazard
 - c. Approval of revised board policies (final approval)
 - d. Approval & display of the Fiscal Year 2013 tentative district budget
 - e. Scheduling of a hearing on the FY13 district budget for September 17, 2012, at 5:25 PM
2. The Summer, 2012, Health/Life/Safety projects are all substantially complete. Very few minor "punch-list" items remain to be completed. All prime contractors did outstanding work on these projects.
3. Board members received the tentative budget summary (pink) as a part of the board packet. As a reminder, the tentative budget should be presented in August, put on public display for at least 30 days, adopted in September, and filed with the county clerks, regional superintendent, and ISBE prior to the end of September.

The current version of this year's tentative budget shows an overall deficit of \$1,347,610. While a portion of this deficit is due to the planned expenditure of certain health/life/safety funds (\$275,500), the majority of the deficit is projected in the Education Fund (\$952,440). *Superintendent Henry expressed his concern about this projected deficit, and believes the district will actually experience a significant deficit for Fiscal Year 2013, despite reasonable efforts to limit spending.* The current version of the tentative budget retains the previous assumption that the State of Illinois will make two (2) of the FY13 quarterly MCAT payments by June 30, 2013.

The 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 September 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 will have a marginal negative impact on such a rating. Based on the budget deficit projected for Fiscal Year 2013, Mr. Henry expects the district's ISBE financial profile score to go down.

4. A copy of a recent required, annual communication from the regional superintendent of schools was presented to the board members for their review.
5. A copy of a recent Alliance Legislative Report (#97-59) was presented to the board members for their review.
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	6/25/2012
	\$21,869.75	6/18/2012	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	7/2/2012
	\$27,691.35	6/18/2012	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	7/2/2012
	\$59,273.87	6/18/2012	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	6/28/2012
	\$15,030.60	6/18/2012	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	6/19/2012
	\$3,100.89	3/19/2012	3/30/2012	
	\$3,100.89	(will not be paid per ISBE e-mail)	6/15/2012	
Total	\$470,308.90			

*Total payments to date: \$340,241.55 (72.34% of payments due for FY12)

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$8,711.56

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2012 State Payments: \$138,778.91

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meetings: July 9, 2012 (Regular Meeting) and August 2, 2012 (Special Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$173,303.60 and salaries in the amount of \$299,474.21; approval of

the certified employee compensation reports; adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; approval of revised board policies (final approval); approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2013; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2013 (September 17, 2012 – 5:25 PM).

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

APPROVAL OF SECTION 125 FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLANS: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to adopt and/or amend certain Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plans, namely Plan No. 501; Plan No. 502; Plan No. 503; Plan No. 504; and Plan No. 505 for the employees of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, to be effective on September 1, 2012.

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:04 PM, a motion was made by Bauman 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 salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

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.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:40 PM, a motion was made by Kelly 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 the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF JHS/HS ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER (KLEBBA, CHELSEA): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Kelly to employ Chelsea Klebba as a JHS/HS English/language arts teacher for the 2012-2013 school year, subject to her presentation of appropriate teacher certification and successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHER (BAUMAN, SAMMY): A motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Stacey to employ Sammy Bauman as an elementary classroom teacher for the 2012-2013 school year, subject to her presentation of appropriate teacher certification and successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

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/TRANSFER OF COOK (KITCHEN PERSONNEL)(ROBERTS, TAMMY): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to transfer Tammy Roberts to a full-time cook 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.

EMPLOYMENT OF COOK (KITCHEN PERSONNEL)(STANLEY, LISA): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly to employ Lisa Stanley as a part-time cook (kitchen personnel) for the 2012-2013 school year, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

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.

Roger Hicks requested that proposed volunteer assistant football coach Jonathan Neace be considered separately for approval.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Robbins to approve the following volunteer assistant coaches and/or sponsors:

- JHS Softball: Jason Rolla; Cheryl Garner

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

The board then considered approval of Jonathan Neace as a volunteer assistant football coach. President Gore asked for a motion for approval of Mr. Neace as a volunteer assistant football coach. None was forthcoming. The proposed action died for lack of a motion.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION (SAMPLE, MIKE-FFA SPONSOR): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- FFA Sponsor: Mike Sample

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

Superintendent Henry publicly thanked Mr. Sample for filling in when the district needed and let him know how much it was appreciated. Board members also expressed their thanks.

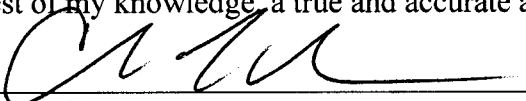
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 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, August 13, 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