

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
(TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING)
FOR
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 10, 2012
5:20 PM**

A public hearing regarding the proposed tax levy increase for Sesser-Valier Unit School District No. 196 for 2012 was held at the K-12 complex at 5:20 PM on Monday, December 10, 2012.

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

Members Absent: Jones, Robbins

Staff Present: W. Choate, J. Henry, J. Logsdon, M. Sample

Visitors Present: None

Mr. Henry called the Truth in Taxation public hearing to order at 5:20 PM. Mr. Henry indicated that the purpose of this meeting was to hear any public input on the levy increase. He explained that a tentative levy was adopted last month by the board with a 10.00% increase in operating funds with an overall levy increase (including debt service levy) of 8.89%.

Mr. Henry asked for any public comments or questions. None were forthcoming.

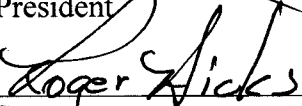
Mr. Henry closed the hearing at 5:24 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

The above-listed account of the public hearing of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, held on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 5:20 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NEED FOR AND USAGE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TAX FUNDS
DECEMBER 10, 2012
5:25 PM**

A public hearing regarding the need for and usage of Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds, as required by Section 17-2.11 of the Illinois School Code, was held at Sesser-Valier High School, 4626 State Highway 154, Sesser, Illinois, beginning at 5:25 PM on Monday, December 10, 2012.

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

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: None

Mr. Henry called the public hearing to order at 5:25 PM. Mr. Henry explained that it is a legal requirement to hold this hearing when Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds are levied. Several future projects that are necessary and are funded through the Fire Prevention and Safety fund were presented and discussed. Mr. Henry indicated that there are not sufficient funds available in the fire prevention and safety fund to finance the repairs needed.

Mr. Henry asked for any public comment or question. None were forthcoming.

Mr. Henry closed the hearing at 5:26 PM.

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Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 10, 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 in the High School Library at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 10, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore. In the absence of District Secretary Vera Malinee, President Gore appointed District Superintendent Jason Henry as recording secretary for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Superintendent Henry called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

President Gore asked for any visitor's comments. None were forthcoming. Board Member Roger Hicks commented on the good quality of the elementary Christmas program, and suggested that program organizers consider changing the placement/staging of students in the gym so that more attendees could view the presentation better. Board Member Jon Jones commented on the good quality of both the elementary Christmas program and the combined band/chorus Christmas concert.

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 events/activities, the SAP Christmas program, 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, and a legislative change in dual-credit course teaching requirements, including possible alternatives to dual-credit courses. Board members discussed the dual-credit information Choate presented.

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. Adoption of a resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment;
 - b. Adoption of a resolution officially thanking the City of Sesser for its recent provision of Sesser TIF proceeds;
 - c. Approval of the district's updated Title I school-wide plan;
 - d. Approval of a letter of agreement between the St. Louis District Dairy Council and Sesser-Valier High School
2. Superintendent Henry informed the board that, following its adoption of the 2012 tax levy, he would oversee the filing of said levy with the county clerks of both Franklin & Jefferson counties.
3. During the week of December 3, 2012, the Illinois General Assembly and Governor acted to modify the election code to correct an issue that previously required local government bodies to hold office hours on December 24, 2012. At this time, the District has not received guidance from the Illinois Association of School Boards, but Superintendent Henry expects that they will issue a guidance document soon. As soon as the amended requirements are made publicly available, he will develop & post a holiday office hour schedule that is compliant with the statute.
4. Following last month's board convention, Superintendent Henry received some information regarding a low-cost, post-graduation survey service that essentially tracks high school graduates for five years after they graduate. He would like to form a work group of staff members to study this concept as a possible added service for our school district.
5. Superintendent Henry notified board members that, if they have not completed their required Open Meetings Act training, he is willing to host work sessions at his office to assist board members in their completion of the requirements.
6. Superintendent Henry informed the board about a recent food service problem and the district's notice to affected parents following the problem.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meeting: November 12, 2012 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$243,230.03 and salaries in the amount of \$388,982.03; adoption of a resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment; adoption of a resolution regarding receipt of Sesser

TIF proceeds; approval of a Title I school-wide plan; and approval of a letter of agreement between the St. Louis District Dairy Council and Sesser-Valier High School, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESCISSION OF OCTOBER 15, 2012, APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY OFFICE HOUR SCHEDULE: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bauman to rescind the board's October 15, 2012, previous approval of a holiday office hour schedule for the period from December 24, 2012, until January 1, 2013.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman to authorize the district superintendent to establish and post a holiday office hour schedule for the period from December 24, 2012, until January 1, 2013.

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 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICE CONTRACT (NEW LEAF-H GROUP): A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Kelly to approve a Service Contract for Substance Abuse Prevention in Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 with New Leaf (H Group) and the Franklin County Board.

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

Board Member Robbins arrived at 6:19 PM.

APPROVAL OF FACILITY USAGE REQUEST (INA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to approve a facility usage request from Ina Free Will Baptist Church, as presented, and to authorize the district superintendent to direct said facility usage.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO FORM WORK GROUP TO STUDY POST-GRADUATION SURVEY: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to authorize the district superintendent to form a work group to study post-graduation survey options.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF WORK TRUCK/SNOW PLOW: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to solicit proposals for the purchase of a replacement work/snow plow truck.

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2012 (Consent Action): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to adopt the following resolutions (in order) regarding the tax levy for year 2012: A Resolution Authorizing Final Aggregate Tax Levy for Year 2012; a Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy for Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security and Specified Repair Purposes; a Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy for Tort Immunity; and a Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy for Special Education Purposes, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: Jones

There being six (6) yeas and one (1) nay, the president declared that the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:25 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 the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Stacey, Jones, Robbins, 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 7:50 PM, a motion was made by Bauman and seconded by Hicks 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.

PERSONNEL

APPROVAL OF REND LAKE COLLEGE COOPERATIVE WORK-STUDY PROGRAM STUDENT (HASKINS, EMILY): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jones to approve the following individual as a Rend Lake College Cooperative Work-Study Program student:

- Emily Haskins

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

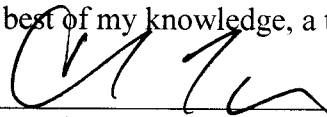
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bauman to adjourn.

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 7:52 PM.

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