

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NOVEMBER 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 in the High School Conference Room at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 12, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore. In the absence of Board Secretary Roger Hicks, President Gore appointed Board Member Teresa Stacey as acting secretary for the meeting. 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, Kelly, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks, Jones, Robbins

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

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

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Superintendent Henry informed the board that the district is planning to plant some replacement trees at a cost of \$65 per tree. He told board members that, if they knew anyone that might be interested in donating money to offset this cost, they should contact District Maintenance Supervisor Terry Witcher directly.

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.

Board Member Jones arrived at 5:37 PM.

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 board committee minutes
 - b. Approval of an intergovernmental agreement for shared student transportation (if needed)
 - c. Approval of an amendment to the district 403(b) plan
2. Information regarding the 2012 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2012, 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 2012, Superintendent Henry strongly encouraged board members to utilize the following five (5) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 60 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;
 - 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?); and
 - Realization that it is widely believed that the State of Illinois will further reduce school revenues and possibly increase school expenses (e.g. pension cost-shift) in the coming months/years.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meetings: October 15, 2012 (Regular Board Meeting), October 15, 2012 (Board Negotiations Committee Meeting), & January 9, 2012 (Board Policy Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$361,149.81 and salaries in the amount of \$377,206.95; approval of an intergovernmental agreement for shared student transportation; and approval of an amendment to the district 403(b) plan document, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Bauman, Kelly, Gore, Jones, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE OVER STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Jones to appoint School Board President Chris Gore to preside over a student disciplinary hearing.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

Board Member Robbins arrived at 6:00 PM.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:01 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

- a. Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:28 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 six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

DETERMINATION OF BOARD REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING (STUDENT SV201213-1): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Bauman that Student SV201213-1 be found to have violated school rules by gross disobedience or misconduct under circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline.

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:29 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Bauman to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

- a. Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:52 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 six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

BOARD ACTION REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING (STUDENT SV201213-1): A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Kelly to expel Student SV201213-1 for a period of two (2) years, commencing at 12:01 AM on November 13, 2012, and ending on November 12, 2014, at 11:59 PM.

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

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 2012 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Stacey, Robbins, Bauman, Gore

Nays: Jones

There being five (5) yeas and one (1) nay, the president declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

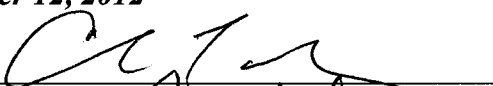
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Bauman to adjourn.

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 6:56 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 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