

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
(TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING)
FOR
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 9, 2013
5:20 PM**

A public hearing regarding the proposed tax levy increase for Sesser-Valier Unit School District No. 196 for 2013 was held at the K-12 complex at 5:20 PM on Monday, December 9, 2013.

Members Present: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: Sesser Mayor Jason Ashmore

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 8.92%.

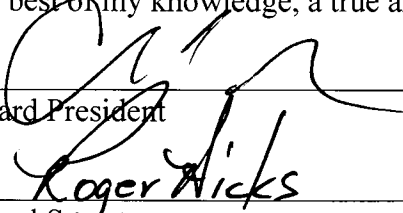
Mr. Henry asked for any public comments or questions. None were forthcoming.

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 9, 2013, 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 9, 2013
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 9, 2013.

Members Present: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: Sesser Mayor Jason Ashmore

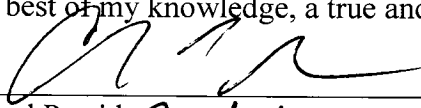
Mr. Henry called the public hearing to order at 5:25 PM. Mr. Henry explained that it is a legal requirement to hold this hearing when Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds are levied. Several future projects that are necessary and are funded through the Fire Prevention and Safety fund were presented and 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.

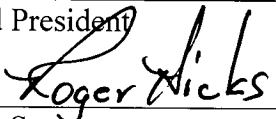
Mr. Henry closed the hearing at 5:26 PM.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 9, 2013
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 9, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: Sesser Mayor Jason Ashmore

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

President Gore asked for any visitor's comments. Mayor Ashmore addressed the board regarding the status of the agreement between the Sesser Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and Sesser-Valier School District. He indicated that the City's attorney has some concerns regarding several issues with the latest draft. Mayor Ashmore asked if it was possible to have the attorneys of the parties to communicate and try to draft an agreement where all involved can agree. Discussion was held and Superintendent Henry indicated that he would work to facilitate an attorney meeting.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, indicated that the new truck and snowplow did well during a recent snowfall, and that the parking lot is clear and ready for traffic.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund (not available due to weather – will have November and December statement at January, 2014, regular meeting), recent events/activities, upcoming

activities, and the SAP (Student Assistance Program) Christmas report. 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 the list of Sesser-Valier High School students chosen as Illinois State Scholars.

Discussion regarding the following was held: basketball practices being held when school has been cancelled (Athletic Director's and coaches' discretion); the different issues affecting the decisions regarding whether to cancel activities or not; managing weather-related liability and scheduling; etc.

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 the disposition of obsolete school equipment.
2. Following the adoption of the 2013 tax levy, final levy information will be filed with both the Franklin County & Jefferson County clerks.
3. Mr. Henry presented a copy of the December 9, 2013, edition of Illinois School Policy Updates for board review.
4. He also presented a copy of an IASA Egyptian Division document showing the General State Aid loss data for the 7-county region. Actual losses (3 years) and projected losses (4 years) are listed.
5. As of December 5, 2013, the following Fiscal Year 2014 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid*
Special Education: Personnel	\$22,480.25	9/23/2013	9/30/2013 12/30/2013 3/30/2014 6/20/2014	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$23,891.00 \$23,891.00 \$23,891.00 \$23,891.00	9/23/2013	9/30/2013 12/30/2013 3/30/2014 6/20/2014	
Transportation: Regular	\$50,242.79	9/23/2013	9/30/2013 12/30/2013 3/30/2014 6/20/2014	
Transportation: Special	\$16,914.50	9/23/2013	9/30/2013 12/30/2013	

Education			3/30/2014 6/20/2014	
Driver Education	\$1,966.37 \$1,966.37 \$1,966.37 \$1,966.37	9/24/2013	9/30/2013 12/30/2013 3/30/2014 6/20/2014	11/21/2013
Total	\$193,067.02			

**Total payments to date: \$1,966.37 (1.02% of payments due for FY14)*

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$11,420.50

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2014 State Payments: \$202,521.15

Discussion was held regarding the new pension law and how it will affect the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meetings: November 12, 2013 (Regular Board Meeting) and November 26, 2013 (Special Board Meeting); Treasurer’s report; bills in the amount of \$247,300.52 and salaries in the amount of \$393,810.82; and adoption of a resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, 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 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2013
(Consent Action): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to adopt the following resolutions (in order) regarding the tax levy for year 2013: A Resolution Authorizing Final Aggregate Tax Levy for Year 2013; 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: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

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

PERSONNEL

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

- HS Head Football Coach: Johnny Hollis
- HS Assistant Football Coach: Shane Garner

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

POSTING OF POSITION(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to post the following positions:

- HS Head Football Coach
- HS Assistant Football Coach

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:

President Gore addressed the board members regarding information on the superintendent evaluation forms.

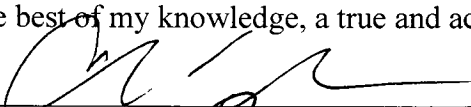
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley to adjourn.

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

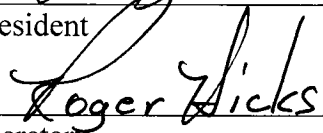
The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

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