

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
OCTOBER 15, 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 Conference Room at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: Gulley, Hicks

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

Visitors Present: None

Roger Hicks arrived at 5:32 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented two thank you notes for expression of sympathy from the family of Chuck Wright (loss of Mother) and the family of Nancy Marlo (loss of Mother).

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, enrollment, 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, enrollment, upcoming calendar entries, past activities, and upcoming professional development activities. President Gore asked for discussion regarding the Dual Credit Classes, AP Courses, and the college credits available to high school students. The discussion included the additional state-mandated requirements for dual credit courses; the

availability of college courses offered in evening and summer that include same tuition break as dual credit; and the AP courses available.

Discussion regarding the early arrivals to football games; people bringing food to games; and children playing on track was held.

Superintendent Henry presented an IASB LeaderShop Academy Award to Board Member Brent Loucks. Loucks completed IASB training in June, 2013, and was recognized for this achievement.

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 a Regional Safe Schools Program Letter of Agreement;
 - b. Approval of a library media program evaluation.
2. The design/plans for the proposed Football Concession/Restroom/Storage building are complete, and the project is ready for the bid process to begin. Mr. Witcher has provided summary plan documents for board review, and will describe the project during the board meeting. At this time, it is anticipated that a mandatory pre-bid meeting will occur on Monday, October 21, 2013, and a public bid opening on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Depending upon the bid price of the building, it is anticipated that Superintendent Henry will make a recommendation regarding a bid award in November, 2013.
3. At this time, Superintendent Henry asked for direction from the board regarding a proposed law enforcement service agreement with the Sesser Police Department. The district's attorney has reviewed the agreement that Sesser Police Chief D.T. Richardson proposed and has concerns with: 1) the lack of certain intergovernmental agreement conventions; 2) certain clarifications regarding scheduling/cost; and 3) the terms/conditions of the liability provisions of the agreement. Superintendent Henry recommends that the board authorize the superintendent or his designee (the district's attorney) to draft a completely new intergovernmental agreement to propose to Sesser Police Department in an effort to protect the district from unnecessary liability.
4. During the annual IASA Superintendent's Conference last week, an ISBE representative notified district superintendents that the March, 2014, MCAT payment may not be paid during Fiscal Year 2014 and that Fiscal Year 2015 General State Aid should be expected at an 85% proration (FY14 is currently prorated at 89%).
5. On Friday, October 11, 2013, ISBE sent district superintendents notice that the 2013 Illinois School Report Cards are now available for viewing. Mr. Choate, Mrs. Logsdon, & Mr. Henry will present their annual performance reports at the regular November, 2013, meeting.
6. At the regular November, 2013, board meeting, Superintendent Henry indicated that he will present the proposed 2013 tentative tax levy for board approval. He expects the process and the recommended levy to be very similar to what has been done in the past 6-7 years.

7. On September 24, 2013, Illinois school districts received notice that ISBE would be opening a new round of School Maintenance Grants and School Energy Efficiency Grants (50/50 matching grants). Mr. Witcher & Mr. Henry are in the process of identifying applicable projects within the district so that the district's architect can initiate the grant applications. It is their understanding that districts will have a 2-year period in which to complete funded projects.
8. On October 9, 2013, the district received notice that, due to the current federal government shutdown, the IRS may not process QZAB rebates by December 1, 2013. It is expected that the district will eventually get the QZAB rebate; it may be required to "front" the interest subsidy until after the government shutdown situation is resolved.
9. A copy of the October 9, 2013, edition of Illinois School Policy Updates was given to the board members for review.

Superintendent Henry notified the Board that he had received a request for facility usage from the Sesser-Valier Lil' Devils Basketball organization after the board agenda was finalized. He indicated that he would tentatively approve the request pending formal board approval in November. Board members agreed by consensus to this approach.

Superintendent Henry then presented information regarding leadership in challenging times for meeting attendees. He recommended that the board consider four (4) specific next steps/actions during the regular November, 2013, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meeting: September 16, 2013 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$166,691.22 and salaries in the amount of \$379,167.17; approval of the Regional Safe Schools Program Letter of Agreement; and approval of library media program evaluation, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, 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

APPROVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Loucks to authorize and direct the district superintendent or his

designee to draft a proposed intergovernmental agreement for law enforcement service and to forward said agreement to the Sesser Police Department for consideration.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: _____ Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Gore

Nays: _____ None

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

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PLANS AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FOOTBALL CONCESSION/RESTROOM/STORAGE BUILDING: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to approve proposed football concession/restroom/storage building plans and to authorize the district's architect to advertise for bids for said facility, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: _____ Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Gore

Nays: _____ None

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT HEALTH/LIFE/SAFETY AMENDMENT(S): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to prepare and submit Health/Life/Safety amendments for school maintenance and energy efficiency projects and to authorize the board president to certify said amendments.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR STATE SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT: A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to apply for a state School Maintenance Grant and to authorize the board president to certify said grant application.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR STATE SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to apply for a state School Energy Efficiency Grant and to authorize the board president to certify said grant application.

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 7:22 PM, a motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey 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: Stacey, Gore, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:27 PM, a motion was made by Hicks 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.

PERSONNEL

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR ASSISTANT COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to approve the following volunteer extracurricular coach(es) and/or sponsors(s):

- Youth in Government: Melodee Garner & Penny Robbins
- JHS Girls' Basketball: Jonathon Neace

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

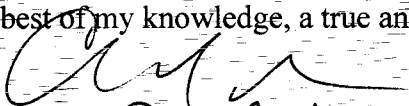
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

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 8:28 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 Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary