

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
MARCH 9, 2015  
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, March 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Gulley, Loucks

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, M. Sample, B. Dilliner, K. Prior, L. Sgutt, S. White, L. Hacker, M. Lappin, and K. Spotanski

Visitors Present: Jami Somers, Jodie Skurat, Kevin Acosta

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Glenn Gulley arrived at 5:35 PM.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information regarding the weather and parking lot (wanted to commend his crew on the great job that was done keeping parking lot clear), the upcoming light projects, and the Pesticide Applicator Licensing training (Brandon attended two days in February at Collinsville - passed all tests and will be receiving license soon).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, professional development activities planned, and presented a student engagement highlight . The most recent

copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members. Mrs. Logsdon wanted to thank the members of the PTO organization for their support and help in hosting the Junior High Valentine's Dance.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, progress on the curriculum evaluation, and presented a student engagement highlight. Also presented was a listing of the different awards that have been earned by S-V students including the Math Team, IMEA Solo and Ensemble team, SVW Girls' Basketball Team, and S-V Boys' Basketball Team. The Holiday Tournament financial report was presented to the board members for review. Discussion followed regarding the financial report and the possibility of increasing the admission price for the tournament.

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 board resolution congratulating the Sesser-Valier High School Cheerleading Squad;
  - b. Approval of the 2014-2015 graduation dates (SVHS: May 28, 2015; SVJHS: May 29, 2015);
  - c. Authorization for renewal of membership in the IHSA;
  - d. Authorization for the superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants.
2. The Illinois Vision 20/20 project continues to gain momentum in & among school districts in Illinois. As of March 9, 2015, about 400 school districts across the state have endorsed the Vision 20/20 plan.

As was reported last month, the key, now, is to continue building support and momentum for legislative action that plans for the future of public education in Illinois. The most comprehensive information source for the Vision 20/20 project is found at [www.illinoisvision2020.org](http://www.illinoisvision2020.org), including 1) an in-depth look at the four key pillars to the plan, and 2) things that individuals/community members can do to support this effort to change the path of public education in Illinois.

Some possible supportive actions that can be completed by board members are:

- Publishing a letter to the editor in a newspaper of general circulation in the area;
- Send letters urging support of Illinois Vision 20/20 to state representatives & senators;
- Pointing community members to the Illinois Vision 20/20 website to view the plan for themselves.

Again, please consider completing one or more of these individual actions that support the Illinois Vision 20/20 plan. A copy of an IASA "Call to Action" regarding certain Vision

20/20 bills that have already been introduced in the General Assembly was presented to the board.

3. Three (3) transportation companies submitted bids for the February 11, 2015, public bid opening for student transportation. At this time, it appears that Durham School Services is the low bidder. Superintendent Henry indicated that he was currently working with Durham representatives to formulate a transportation contract for 2015-2018, pursuant to the district-issued bid specifications. He expects to have a need for a special board meeting later in March, 2015, for the purpose of approving a student transportation contract.
4. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports was presented for board review:
  - The 2014-2015 Health/Life/Safety Annual Inspection Report
  - Alliance Legislative Report (#99-7 & #99-8)
  - Illinois School News Service (March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, & March 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - IASA Budget Guidance E-mail (March 5, 2015)
5. As of March 9, 2015, the following Fiscal Year 2015 payments are due & payable to the school district:

<b>Categorical Payments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Voucher Date</b>	<b>Regular Payment Date</b>	<b>Date Paid*</b>
<b>Special Education: Personnel</b>	\$21,833.37	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$21,833.37	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$21,833.37		3/30/2015	
	\$21,833.39		6/20/2015	
<b>Special Education: Extraordinary</b>	\$23,198.00	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$23,198.00	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$23,198.00		3/30/2015	
	\$23,198.00		6/20/2015	
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$49,664.51	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$49,275.03	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$49,370.99		3/30/2015	
	\$49,370.99*		6/20/2015	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$16,897.14	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$16,754.74	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$16,754.75		3/30/2015	
	\$16,754.75*		6/20/2015	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$2,494.72	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	9/29/2014
	\$2,494.72	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	12/30/2014
	\$2,494.72		3/30/2015	
	\$2,494.72		6/20/2015	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$454,947.28</b>			

\*Estimated payments

Total payments to date: \$116,582.46 (25.63% of payments due for FY15)

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$16,015.67

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2015 State Payments: \$354,380.49**

Roger Hicks asked for discussion involving the teachers present regarding their thoughts on Common Core. Discussion followed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: February 9, 2015 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$131,808.77 and salaries in the amount of \$403,215.79; adoption of board resolution congratulating High School Cheerleading Squad, approval of the 2015 graduation dates; authorization for renewal of membership in IHSA; and authorization for Superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, 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 2014-2015 AMENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to approve a 2014-2015 Amended Public School Calendar, as presented.

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

**NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)**

**ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (CLARRY, MARCUS):** A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Hicks that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Marcus Clarry as

presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (TINSLEY, REGINA):** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Regina Tinsley as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (HACKER, LESLIE):** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Leslie Hacker as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO BARGAIN AGREEMENT WITH LABORERS' LOCAL 773 REGARDING ACT-OF-GOD DAYS:** A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Robbins to authorize the district superintendent to bargain an agreement with Laborers' Local 773 regarding Act-of-God days during 2014-2015.

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 VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR**

**SPONSOR(S):** A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Kelly to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- HS Girls' Track: Megan Purcell
- JHS Boys' Track: Clark Lance

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:07 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. 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)

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

Brent Loucks arrived at 6:15 PM.

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:57 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

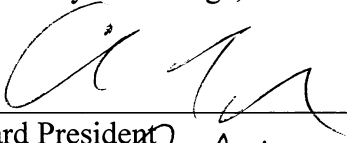
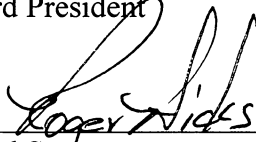
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Gulley to adjourn.

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 9:58 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, March 9, 2015, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President  
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Board Secretary