

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
APRIL 18, 2017  
6:00 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 6:00 PM on Monday, April 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Carroll Kelly.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: Gulley

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, S. White,  
Rachel Payne

Visitors Present: Larry Dorsey, Becky Bryant

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Henry informed the board members that a member of the public wants to address the board, and he introduced Larry Dorsey.

Mr. Dorsey asked to address the board regarding an issue with his great-grandchild. He indicated that he felt the district was not doing enough to keep students from being bullied and asked that the policy regarding this issue be reviewed. Becky Bryant also addressed the board members regarding the same issue. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of revising the policy and finding resources available to be able to help students understand the meaning and consequences of bullying. The board members thanked Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Bryant for presenting their concerns.

President Kelly asked for any other visitors' comments. None were forthcoming.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the Proposed Summer, 2017, Building Projects. Discussion followed regarding the projects, estimated cost, and funding sources.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, recent activities, recognition for student accomplishments, and professional development activities. Mrs. Logsdon presented the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High Student-Parent Handbook proposed revisions for 2017-2018. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members. Mrs. Logsdon also presented the Title I Plan for the 2017-2018 school year, indicating there are no changes.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, recent activities, and recognitions for student accomplishments. She then presented the Sesser-Valier High School Student-Parent Handbook proposed revisions for 2017-2018 and she explained that there were no proposed revisions for the 2017-2018 Extracurricular Rules/Random Student Drug Testing Procedures.

Kevin Acosta asked about handicapped seating available at the graduations. Superintendent Henry indicated that the district is already making provisions.

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Henry, Superintendent, presented the following information to the board:

- The consent agenda for this month's meeting includes the following additional item(s):
  - Approval of an amended agreement between the District and the Franklin County Vocation System;
  - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Centerstone for the provision of behavioral health services for students;
  - Approval of the Elementary/Junior High School handbook for 2017-2018;
  - Approval of the High School handbook for 2017-2018;
  - Approval of the district's extracurricular rules (including random drug testing procedures) for 2017-2018;
  - Approval of the district's Title I school-wide plan;
  - Authorization for the district superintendent or designee to seek milk & bread bids for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Last week, an Illinois State Board of Education official who led a meeting that Mrs. Logsdon attended indicated that the Illinois Comptroller is supposed to release one (1) quarterly MCAT payment to school districts in the next two weeks. This timing is not surprising because of its calendar "proximity" to the April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline for income tax filing.

While we would welcome the payment of any MCAT revenue, we need to recall that this MCAT payment **should have been issued to the district on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>**. *At the current pace of payment, we likely will only receive one (1) FY17 MCAT payment during this fiscal year.*

- On or about March 24<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Henry indicated that he had received an excellent suggestion from a board member that he review this year's new Senate Bill 100 (Public Act 99-0456) changes to student discipline. He reviewed a presentation summary that was prepared by the district's law firm. A discussion was held regarding these changes to student discipline during the meeting.
- A copy of Alliance Legislative Report #100-14 is attached for board convenience/review.
- As of April 18, 2017, the following Fiscal Year 2017 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>	\$18,442.75	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$18,442.75	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$18,442.75	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	
	\$18,442.75		6/20/2017	
<b>Special Education: Extraordinary</b>	\$22,446.84	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$22,446.84	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$22,446.84	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	
	\$22,446.84		6/20/2017	
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$42,269.41	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$41,868.11	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$41,876.37	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	
	\$41,876.37		6/20/2017	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$15,730.58	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$15,501.25	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$15,684.62	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	
	\$15,684.62		6/20/2017	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$2,858.43	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	9/30/2016
	\$2,858.43	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	1/4/2017
	\$2,858.43	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	
	\$2,858.43		6/20/2017	
<b>Special Education: Orphanage Claim 1</b>	\$9,803.28	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$4,901.65	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	
<b>Special Education: Orphanage Claim 2</b>	\$5,018.05	8/31/2016	9/30/2016	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$425,206.39</b>			

Total payments to date: \$5,716.86(1.34% of payments due-to-date for FY17)

**Grand Total of To-Date Outstanding Fiscal Year 2017 State Payments: \$323,897.38**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meetings: March 13, 2017 (Regular Meeting) and March 13, 2017 (Deficit Reduction Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$152,016.09 and salaries in the amount of \$372,041.37; approval of the Franklin County Vocational System intergovernmental agreement; approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Centerstone for provision of behavioral health services for students; approval of the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2017-2018; approval of the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2017-2018; approval of the district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures for 2017-2018; and approval of the district Title I School-Wide plan; authorization for district superintendent or designee to seek milk & bread bids for 2017-2018, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, 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

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**APPROVAL OF MAIN BUILDING/CAMPUS PROJECTS (CAPITAL PROJECTS) FOR SUMMER, 2017, AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED:** A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Stacey to approve main building projects (capital projects) for Summer, 2017, as presented and to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to proceed with said projects.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL TO ALLOW RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN DISTRICT GRADUATION CEREMONIES:** Board discussed the proposal to allow retiring board members to participate in certain district graduation ceremonies. The issue was discussed and reviewed. No action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 7:57 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks 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 District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))
- c. Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), as amended by P.A. 93-79 and P.A. 93-422)
- d. Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))
- e. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

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

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:05 PM, a motion was made by Loucks 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 that the motion carried.

## **PERSONNEL**

**EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHER (STANLEY, CHRISTOPHER TREVOR):** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to employ Christopher Trevor Stanley as a high school mathematics teacher, subject to his presentation of a subject-endorsed professional education license (PEL) and successful completion of a required fingerprint-based, criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Robbins, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATIONS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to acknowledge the following employee resignations:

- Special Education Teacher: Rachel Kremer (effective end of 2016-2017 school year)

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 TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2017-2018: A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to transfer the following employees:

- Johnny Hollis to JHS Social Studies Teacher
- Leslie Hacker to Special Education Teacher

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 POSITIONS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to post the following positions:

- JHS Boys' Baseball Coach
- HS Cheerleading Sponsor
- HS Boys' Basketball Assistant 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**

Superintendent Henry reminded the board members that the May meeting will be held on May 2, 2017, with the regular meeting followed immediately by the reorganization meeting. The retiring board members will be recognized (Donald Robbins and Glenn Gulley) at the regular meeting.

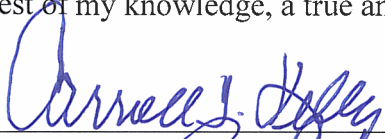
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

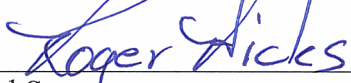
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 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, April 18, 2017, at 6:00 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