

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
FEBRUARY 13, 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 Conference Room at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 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, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Stacey

Members Absent: Loucks, Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, S. White

Visitors Present: Randall Crocker, Chairman of Franklin County Board

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards in appreciation for the expression of sympathy from the family of Brenda Robbins were presented to the board.

Donnie Robbins arrived at 6:07 PM.

Randall Crocker, Chairman of Franklin County Board, asked to address the board regarding the proposal on the April, 2017, ballot to increase the sales tax by 1% (with certain large item exemptions) to use solely for the purpose of building a new court house. Mr. Crocker explained that an estimated amount needed is \$20,000,000 and indicated that using the past 1% school sales tax revenue as a guide, the amount needed would be paid off in less than 20 years (the scheduled sunset of the tax). Mr. Crocker summarized the need for the new court house; struggle to maintain the building, not adequately meeting the needs of the court system, security issues with only one entrance, not meeting the electricity demands of updated computers, not meeting the standard building codes, etc.. Possible future locations of the new building were discussed. Mr. Crocker indicated that several public meetings were planned, including one hosted by the Franklin County Farm Bureau to be held at the Benton Civic Center on March 7, 2017. He invited the board members to study the issues presented and to a tour of the building.

Superintendent Henry thanked Mr. Crocker for the information provided.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that he attended the annual refresher training course on asbestos and lead RRP(renovation, repair, painting) on February 2, 2017, and February 3, 2107, in Bloomington.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: In the absence of Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal,(attending the NCLB Conference in Chicago), Superintendent Henry presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, State Testing information, and professional development activities. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: In the absence of Mrs. Page, HS Principal,(attending the HS Girls' Basketball Sectional ballgame), Superintendent Henry presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, Student Engagement Highlight, and information on Scholar Bowl, WYSE Team, art students', high school cheerleaders, and high school basketball team achievements.

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):
 - Approval of the 2016-2017 PEL (certified) seniority list;
 - Approval of the 2016-2017 educational support personnel seniority list;
 - Approval of revised board policies (final approval; one revision in board policy 5:260 since January, 2017, regular meeting (1st reading)).
2. Recent school management newsletters have contained detailed information about an Illinois Senate-generated "grand bargain" package of legislation (newsletters mailed to board). Part of that "grand bargain" is a school funding reform initiative that is very similar to the evidence-based funding model that is part of the Vision 20/20 school plan. Notably, both Governor Rauner & House Speaker Madigan have reportedly not been involved in the formulation of this "grand bargain," and, as a result, the likelihood of the legislative package's success is questionable.

Based on preliminary estimates, full funding of the evidence-based funding model will undoubtedly require the state to generate new revenue (i.e. tax increase of some sort). Superintendent Henry indicated that he believes, however, that a genuine agreement on school funding reform is achievable during this legislative session, and that, if such legislation is enacted, SV196 will benefit significantly. When evidence-based funding model revenue estimates are made available, they will be send out to board members. This type of

genuine reform is vital, and passage of such legislation will require the district to make legislative contacts.

3. Superintendent Henry recommended that the board's deficit reduction committee meet in early-to-mid-March to review current budget progress and discuss the next steps toward reducing the district's budget deficit. The committee members can hopefully meet immediately following the regular March, 2017, board meeting.
4. A copy of Alliance Legislative Report #100-04 was presented for board convenience/review.
5. As of February 13, 2017, the following Fiscal Year 2017 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid
Special Education: Personnel	\$18,442.75	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$18,442.75	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$18,442.75		3/30/2017	
	\$18,442.75		6/20/2017	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$22,446.84	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$22,446.84	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$22,446.84		3/30/2017	
	\$22,446.84		6/20/2017	
Transportation: Regular	\$42,269.41	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$41,868.11	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$41,876.37		3/30/2017	
	\$41,876.37		6/20/2017	
Transportation: Special Education	\$15,730.58	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
	\$15,501.25	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
	\$15,501.25*		3/30/2017	
	\$15,501.25*		6/20/2017	
Driver Education	\$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		3/30/2017	
	\$2,858.43		6/20/2017	
Special Education: Orphanage Claim 1	\$9,803.28	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
Special Education: Orphanage Claim 2	\$5,018.05	8/31/2016	9/30/2016	
Total	\$419,938.00			

**denotes estimated reimbursement amounts*

Total payments to date: \$5,716.86(1.36% of payments due for FY17)

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2017 State Payments: \$211,969.86

Almost all outstanding FY16 MCAT payments were issued by the state comptroller near the end of December, and are reflected on the January, 2017, treasurer's report (included in this month's board packet). As of this writing, the only FY16 MCAT still outstanding is the special education orphanage claim (\$60,337.19; vouchered August 31, 2016).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meetings: January 9, 2017 (Regular Meeting) and January 9, 2017 (Deficit Reduction Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$166,558.81 and salaries in the amount of \$360,429.24; approval of the certified staff seniority list; approval of the educational support personnel seniority list, and approval of the revised board policies (final approval), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, 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 THE 2016-2017 AMENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve the 2016-2017 Amended Public School Calendar, as presented, retroactive to January 18, 2017.

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 6:50 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta 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. 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))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:50 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta 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

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

- JHS Girls' Volleyball: Brook Williams

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

None

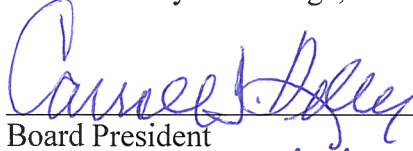
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

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 7:52 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, February 13, 2017, at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary