

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
JANUARY 9, 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 6:02 PM on Monday, January 9, 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, Stacey

Members Absent: Gulley, Loucks, Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, S. White

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented the board with a thank you note from the family of Josephine Byars for the board's expression of sympathy. He also presented a Demand to Bargain letter from the SVEA.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on information regarding the annual State Fire Marshal inspection. He reported that there were a few minor issues that will be simple to address. Discussion followed regarding information on the used van recently purchased and the door lock security (what doors are kept open during the day; when are all doors locked down and reopened, classroom door locks, etc.).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/Junior High Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, student engagement highlight, and professional development opportunities. Discussion followed regarding the Redbird Rookie Fund (Grant written by Tracy Masters that is for a community project that is in progress) and cursive writing and whether or not it is still being taught.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, recent activities including the 2016 S-V Holiday Tournament, scholastic art competition awards, and LIFE 101 information update.

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 a Fiscal Year 2017 amended budget.
2. Mrs. Logsdon, Mrs. Page, and Mr. Henry will be presenting information regarding the 2016 ISBE School Report Card during this meeting. Hard copies of the ISBE reports (4 separate report cards) are included in board materials.
3. Early indications of the state legislature’s “lame duck” session (currently in-progress) are that a budget deal won’t be reached in the next day or two. The new legislature will convene on Wednesday of this week, after which the budget process will start all over again.

Without a doubt, lawmakers from both parties acknowledge that any budget fix in the State will require additional revenue (income tax increase, sales tax-base expansion, or a combination of both). At this time, it does not appear that the political will exists to enact a revenue increase. Additionally, even if the General Assembly passes a tax increase, unless that budget deal includes at least some of Governor Rauner’s turnaround agenda, it is almost certain to face the Governor’s veto.

4. This month’s consent agenda includes the mid-year budget amendment that has been discussed since September. After some minor revenue and expense adjustments, the amended budget improved, with the predicted deficit reduced by \$31,750.

Superintendent Henry indicated that he remains hopeful that the State will pay three (3) of the current fiscal year’s MCAT payments, but wants to caution board members that, if that’s not the case, the board may be adopting an end-of-year budget amendment that reflects an increased deficit (one quarter’s worth of MCAT payments is ~\$100,000).

5. A copy of the Illinois School News Service newsletter (January 9, 2017) is attached for review.
6. As of January 9, 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	\$18,442.75	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	
Education:	\$18,442.75	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	
Personnel	\$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	
	\$41,868.11		3/30/2017	
	\$41,868.11		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	\$419,921.48			

**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 should be reflected on the January, 2017, treasurer's report (for the February, 2017, regular board meeting). The only FY16 MCAT still outstanding at this time is the special education orphanage claim (\$60,337.19).

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Mrs. Logsdon presented a report regarding the 2016 ISBE School Report Card for both the elementary and junior high schools, which included student performance on standardized tests (PARCC), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. She reported to the Board on her findings as to student performance and her recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of her evaluation of student performance.

Mrs. Page presented a report regarding the 2016 ISBE School Report Card for the high school, which included student performance on standardized tests (PARCC), successful completion of

the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. She reported to the Board on her findings as to student performance and her recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of her evaluation of student performance.

Mr. Henry presented a report regarding the 2016 ISBE School Report Card for the district, which included student performance on standardized tests (PARCC), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. He reported to the Board on his findings as to student performance and his recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of his evaluation of student performance. Superintendent Henry indicated that he continues to doubt the state's ability to assess and to provide meaningful data due to the disconnect from test to test (three different tests in three different years).

Discussion followed regarding the areas of concern and how the district is addressing those concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: December 12, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$125,821.67 and salaries in the amount of \$364,010.40; and adoption of Fiscal Year 2017 amended district budget, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Stacey

Nays: None

There being four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL AND DISPLAY OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES (1ST READING): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve board policy manual updates (1st reading) for adoption consideration at the regular February, 2017, board meeting.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

STATUS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND/OR DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORD AUDIO RECORDINGS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to keep all closed session minutes closed to the public.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to authorize and direct the district superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: January 12, 2015; February 9, 2015; March 9, 2015; April 13, 2015.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:21 PM, a motion was made by Acosta 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 the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

There being four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:05 PM, a motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Acosta to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being four (4) 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 Stacey to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 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, January 9, 2017, at 6:02 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 2016-2017
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #196
BUDGET**

JANUARY 9, 2017

A public hearing regarding the 2016-2017 Sesser-Valier CUSD #196 Amended District Budget was held at 5:55 PM in the High School Conference Room on Monday, January 9, 2017. The hearing was called to order by Superintendent Jason Henry.

Board Members Present: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Stacey

Board Members Absent: Gulley, Loucks, Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, S. White

Visitors Present: None

Superintendent Henry presented the 2016-2017 amended budget indicating that there were a few adjustments that reduced the deficit spending by \$31,750, which was primarily due to a couple of reimbursements for foster children through Special Education. He also explained that the Transportation Fund did go into deficit spending (change from original budget) due to the purchase of the van with the lift and unexpected van repair costs.

Superintendent Henry also explained that this budget is assuming three (3) MCAT payments for this fiscal year.

He informed the board members that once the board acted on the amendment, he will do the required filings.

Superintendent Henry asked for any other questions, and there were none forthcoming. He indicated the adoption of the budget was on the consent agenda of the regular board meeting to follow.

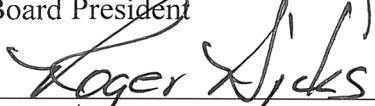
Superintendent Henry closed the hearing at 6:01 PM.

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