

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
MARCH 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 Library at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 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, Hicks, Kelly, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: Gulley, Loucks

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

Visitors Present: None

Glenn Gulley arrived at 6:03 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you note from the family of Ruth Sarenson (mother of Robin Payne) for the expression of sympathy.

Teresa Stacey asked for information on the on-going project (mural painting) on the building across from City Hall. Discussion followed regarding funding (grant applied for by Tracy Masters); funding restrictions of grant (supplies only, no labor); status of work being completed; lack of volunteers needed to complete, etc.

Brent Loucks arrived at 6:10 PM.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information regarding the list of summer projects and mandated new testing for lead in

the school's water supply. Brandon informed the board that Ideal Environmental will be doing the testing for the district with an approximate cost of \$2,100 (base cost plus cost per sample).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, special recognitions, and professional development activities planned. The most recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, and presented a student engagement highlight. She also presented a listing of the different awards that have been earned by S-V students and some information on the upcoming Waltonville-Sesser-Valier Softball and Baseball seasons.

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 graduation dates
 - High School Graduation: Thursday, May 18, 2017
 - Junior High School Graduation: Friday, May 19, 2017;
 - Authorization for renewal of membership in the IHSA;
 - Authorization for the district superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants;
 - Rescheduling the regular May, 2017, board meeting to Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 6:00 PM;
 - Scheduling the board reorganizational meeting for May 2, 2017, at 6:45 PM or immediately following the regular board meeting on that same date.
2. Recent school management newsletters and news reports have indicated that the long-awaited "grand bargain" that appeared to be developing in the Illinois Senate has stalled (at least temporarily) in the Illinois General Assembly. While both Senate Democrats & Republicans appear to have general agreement on several key state issues, including school funding, the Governor and House of Representative leaders do not appear to be in agreement with the "grand bargain's" conceptual framework. Long-time legislative observers believe that, if a budget compromise is not reached during this session, it likely won't be achieved until after the next gubernatorial election (thereby stalling a "fix" for school funding).
3. The board's deficit reduction committee is meeting immediately following this regular March, 2017, board meeting to discuss additional budget reductions, including possible staff reductions, as we begin preparing for Fiscal Year 2018. Following that meeting, if the deficit reduction committee has recommendations to make to the full board for staffing-cost budget reductions, then the full board will need to hold a special meeting in the next 2-3 weeks to consider those recommendations.

4. A copy of Alliance Legislative Report #100-10 was presented for board review.
5. As of March 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 To-Date Outstanding Fiscal Year 2017 State Payments: \$211,969.86

No outstanding FY16 MCAT payments are outstanding (see attached “Special Education: Orphanage” claim report that shows a February 28, 2017, disbursement of \$60,337.19).

Donnie Robbins asked for discussion regarding the possibility of allowing a past board member that has served for the previous four years to participate in the graduation ceremony. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of causing potential problems, how to set-up criteria, etc.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meeting: February 13, 2017 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$106,869.49 and salaries in the amount of \$386,048.87; approval of the 2017 graduation dates; authorization for renewal of membership in IHSA; authorization for Superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants; reschedule May, 2017, regular board meeting; and schedule board reorganizational meeting date, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:29 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins 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))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:01 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey 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.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT CUSTODIAN (MANDRELL, JUSTIN): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Stacey to employ Justin Mandrell as a district custodian, subject to his successful completion of a fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being seven (7) 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 (LAUR, BRIAN): A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Brian Laur 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: Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Acosta, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

There being seven (7) 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 Acosta and seconded by Hicks 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: Robbins, Stacey, Acosta, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

There being seven (7) 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 Robbins and seconded by Stacey 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: Stacey, Acosta, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF NOTICE TO REMEDY RESOLUTION AND ASSOCIATED NOTICE(S) FOR DISTRICT EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (COLEMAN, LINDA): A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Hicks that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Linda Coleman" regarding a Notice to Remedy to district Early Childhood Teacher Linda Coleman 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: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Acosta,

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

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

- District Custodian: Dustin Payne (effective March 10, 2017)
- HS Cheerleading Sponsor: Michelle Snell (effective at the end of the 2016-17 season)
- JHS Baseball Coach: Clark Lance (effective March 6, 2017)
- HS Mathematics Teacher: Patrick Townzen (effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) 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 Loucks and seconded by Gulley to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- JHS Girls' Track: Megan Purcell & Brian Laur

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

POSTING OF POSITIONS: A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to post the following position:

- HS Mathematics Teacher

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

Donnie Robbins asked for discussion regarding whether previous board members and/or previous administrators are offered activity passes. Discussion followed on current eligibility (current employees and current board members); how to set criteria, and consideration of retired teachers. Superintendent Henry indicated that he would have HS Principal, Mrs. Page and Athletic Director, Chip Basso, meet and begin the process of coming up with possible criteria and have them come back to board with options.

Kevin Acosta asked for information on past issues and how they were resolved.

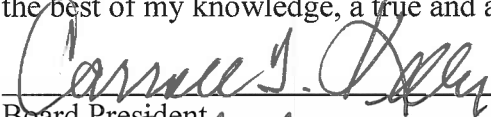
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

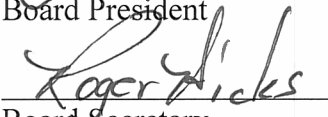
The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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 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