

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NOVEMBER 14, 2016
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, November 14, 2016. 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, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, S. White, Rachel Payne

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Kevin Acosta asked for discussion regarding the issue of the school not having any kind of program that included the veterans this year. He indicated that the program last year was received by veterans and community very well. Discussion followed regarding the different topics that could be covered by veterans and the possibility of having a program relating to the Veterans Day Holiday every year. Acosta also asked for discussion regarding the Voice of Democracy Scholarship and the Patriot Scholarship and how the information regarding scholarships are communicated to the students. Discussion followed regarding the scholarships, information needed annually for those scholarships, and different avenues already in place to inform students of available scholarships.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Donnie Robbins arrived at 6:31 PM.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information on the possible need for a school van equipped with a wheelchair lift and the different options available. Discussion followed regarding the cost of a used van equipped with a lift versus the cost of installing a lift in a current van.

Superintendent Henry indicated that a possible proposal will be presented to the board in December or January.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities, professional development activities, and a student engagement highlight. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, in the absence of Mrs. Page, presented the high school information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, congratulations for student achievements, student engagement highlight, and information on the 2016 S-V Holiday 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):
 - Approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois regarding the recently-awarded Teen REACH program grant (retroactive approval effective November 1, 2016);
 - Approval of an agreement with the Illinois School District Agency (liability insurance);
 - Authorization for a 2016-2017 tentative amended district budget;
 - Scheduling of a budget hearing for the 2016-2017 amended district budget for January 9, 2017, at 5:55 PM).

2. Information regarding the 2016 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2016, was included in the board packet. As the board considers the tax levy for 2016, Superintendent Henry strongly encourages board members to utilize the following five (5) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 9 years):
 - Realization that the levy is based on unknown (projected) property values;
 - Realization that this year's levy represents next (fiscal) year's local revenue;
 - Realization that each year's levy impacts all future years' levies;
 - The need of the board to determine the appropriate balance between the fiscal responsibility (Are we levying enough to meet budgetary needs?) and fiscal excess (Are we levying too much to meet budgetary needs); and
 - Realization that it is widely believed that the State of Illinois may continue to reduce school revenues and increase school expenses (e.g. pension cost-shift) in the coming months/years.

3. As of November 14, 2016, the following Fiscal Year 2016 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid
Special Education: Personnel	\$21,494.75	9/28/2015	9/30/2015	12/22/2015
	\$21,494.75	12/23/2015	12/30/2015	2/19/2016
	\$21,494.75	3/28/2016	3/30/2016	4/27/2016
	\$21,494.75	6/15/2016	6/20/2016	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$22,654.75	9/28/2015	9/30/2015	12/23/2015
	\$22,654.75	12/23/2015	12/30/2015	2/26/2016
	\$22,654.75	3/28/2016	3/30/2016	4/28/2016
	\$22,654.75	6/15/2016	6/20/2016	
Transportation: Regular	\$47,488.20	9/28/2015	9/30/2015	12/23/2015
	\$47,598.71	12/23/2015	12/30/2015	2/24/2016
	\$47,598.71	3/28/2016	3/30/2016	4/27/2016
	\$47,598.71	6/15/2016	6/20/2016	
Transportation: Special Education	\$18,374.38	9/28/2015	9/30/2015	12/22/2015
	\$18,150.59	12/23/2015	12/30/2015	2/19/2016
	\$18,416.17	3/28/2016	3/30/2016	4/27/2016
	\$18,416.17	6/15/2016	6/20/2016	
Driver Education	\$2,116.08	9/28/2015	9/30/2015	10/1/2015
	\$2,116.08	12/23/2015	12/30/2015	12/31/2015
	\$2,116.08	3/28/2016	3/30/2016	4/1/2016
	\$2,116.08	6/15/2016	6/20/2016	6/21/2016
Total	\$448,703.96			

Total payments to date: \$338,539.58(75.45% of payments due for FY16)

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2016 State Payments: \$110,164.38

A similar amount of state payments for Fiscal Year 2017 are now due & payable to the school district (the current year's MCATs).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meeting: October 17, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$249,291.70 and salaries in the amount of \$362,188.76, approval of State of Illinois intergovernmental agreement (Teen REACH); approval of Illinois School District Agency Agreement; authorization of the 2016-2017 tentative amended district budget; and scheduling of budget hearing for 2016-2017 amended district budget (January 9, 2017, at 5:55 PM), 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

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley to approve a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2016 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF TEEN REACH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR (TINSLEY, REGINA): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Hicks to employ Regina Tinsley as a Teen REACH After-School Program Coordinator, subject to continued state funding of said program.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEEN REACH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSISTANT COORDINATOR (HACKER, LESLIE): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Hicks to employ Leslie Hacker as a Teen REACH After-School Program Assistant Coordinator, subject to continued state funding of said program.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

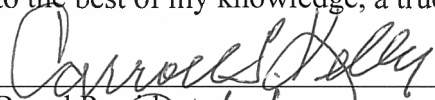
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Acosta to adjourn.

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

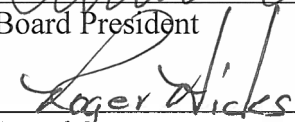
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary