

**MINUTES OF BOARD DEFICIT REDUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196**

A meeting of the Deficit Reduction Committee of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 5:30 PM in the Sesser-Valier High School Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by President Carroll Kelly and roll for the Deficit Reduction Committee was recorded by District Superintendent Jason Henry with the following results:

Committee Members Present: Acosta, Kelly, Robbins, Stacey

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment/Correspondence:

None.

New Business:

Superintendent Henry reviewed average daily attendance, general state aid, and district fund balance reports that showed district trend data since Fiscal Year 2000. The committee and staff present then reviewed working documents related to the Fiscal Year 2017 district budget. Superintendent Henry and District Bookkeeper Malinee answered committee members' questions regarding several budget lines. The committee reviewed and discussed each report/document, asked questions about how the accounting method works, and expressed appreciation for staff members' excellent fiscal management/frugality. Committee members agreed by consensus to recommend a 10% across-the-board reduction in discretionary purchased services, supplies, equipment, and other discretionary expenses for full board approval at the board's regular September, 2016, meeting. Superintendent Henry indicated that he thought the committee's plan was reasonable, and that he was confident that, over a 3-4 year period, district staff members would successfully navigate the budget deficit situation.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned by consensus of those present at 7:10 PM.