

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 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, Ketteman, Stacey

Members Absent: Loucks, Schoenbaechler

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the progress of summer projects (new clock system, new fire alarm system, sealing of parking lot, and new sign). He indicated that he was very pleased with the job his regular crew and the student workers did this summer.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, HS Principal, in the absence of Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent events/activities and upcoming dates and activities.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, and 2017-2018 student registration. She also wanted to publicly thank The Rural Development Division of the USDA for donating solar eclipse glasses for our students (handed out to students at registration). Mrs. Page

also presented information to the board members regarding the Lifetrack survey results and the annual high school business and individual solicitation program (packets have been sent out).

Samantha Ketteman asked about the 3rd hour scheduling issue. Mrs. Page indicated that Mrs. Henry is in the process of taking care of the issue with scheduling for 3rd hour (system is not allowing her to schedule anything for that period) and that Mrs. Page is planning on having a group meeting with high school students 3rd hour for the first week of school anyway.

Kevin Acosta asked about the out-of-district tuition cost. Discussion followed regarding the formula used for the calculation of the per pupil tuition cost and why the district charges 110% of the amount calculated by the auditor (policy requirement).

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 transportation safety hazard finding/resolution;
 - Approval of the annual dual-credit agreement with Rend Lake College;
 - Approval of the district's Section 125 employee benefit plans;
 - Approval of revised board policies (final approval);
 - Approval/display of FY18 tentative district budget;
 - Scheduling of a budget hearing for the FY18 budget on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 5:55 PM.
2. Several statewide newsletters that summarize the legislative action since the last board meeting were presented to the board. Discussion regarding this issue will be held during the meeting.
3. The Fiscal Year 2018 tentative budget is presented for display approval at this meeting. There are still some line items (i.e. General State Aid) that may be adjusted before the final adoption of the budget in September (Projected value of one FY18 GSA payment: \$144,204.26).
4. The 2017-2018 school year starts on Monday, August 21, 2017, with a Teacher Workshop Day. Students' first full day of attendance is Tuesday, August 22, 2017. A copy of this year's initial school calendar was presented.

Over the last 2-3 weeks, several staff members have been working in their classrooms to get ready for the arrival of their students. This year's district theme is "One Thing." We are encouraging both our staff members and students to focus on essentialism, identifying *one thing* upon which they want to improve. While we have made tremendous gains in the past few years, we are continuing to strive to take our education and relationships to a new level. Our district is well-known throughout Southern Illinois as a first-class school district with extraordinary people (students, staff members and parents). This year, we want to not just maintain our good reputation, but continue to build upon it, and I am confident that our people are ready for the challenge. As district superintendent, I am very excited to see what

the 2017-2018 school year brings, and I trust that at the end of the year, we'll be able to look back and say, "well done."

5. As of August 14, 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	4/20/2017
	\$18,442.75	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	6/20/2017
	\$18,442.75	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	8/10/2017
	\$18,442.75	6/19/2017	6/20/2017	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$22,446.84	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	4/21/2017
	\$22,446.84	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	6/23/2017
	\$22,446.84	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	8/10/2017
	\$22,446.84	6/19/2017	6/20/2017	
Transportation: Regular	\$42,269.41	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	4/21/2017
	\$41,868.11	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	6/22/2017
	\$41,867.46	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	8/10/2017
	\$41,867.46	6/19/2017	6/20/2017	
Transportation: Special Education	\$15,730.58	9/28/2016	9/30/2016	4/21/2017
	\$15,501.25	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	6/21/2017
	\$15,684.62	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	8/10/2017
	\$15,684.62	6/19/2017	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	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	4/18/2017
	\$2,858.43	6/19/2017	6/20/2017	7/18/2017
Special Education: Orphanage Claim 1	\$9,803.28	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	6/23/2017
	\$4,901.65	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	8/10/2017
Special Education: Orphanage Claim 2	\$5,018.05	8/31/2016	9/30/2016	6/26/2017
Total	\$425,188.57			

Total payments to date: \$326,746.90(76.85% of payments due for FY17)

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2017 State Payments (FY16 Claims): \$98,441.67

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Ketteyman approving the minutes of the previous meetings: July 10, 2017 (Regular Meeting) and July 10, 2017 (Policy Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$111,505.06 and salaries in the amount of \$327,029.63;

adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; approval of a dual-credit agreement (Rend Lake College); approval of district Section 125 plan(s); approval of revised board policies (final approval); approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2018; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2018 (September 18, 2017 – 5:55 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Kettelman, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Superintendent Henry reported that the board policy committee had met in mid-July to consider a Spring, 2017, request made by a board member that the district consider issuing no-cost athletic/activity lifetime passes to district retirees. The consensus of the policy committee was to not issue such passes and to retain the current pass-issuance system. Superintendent Henry indicated that, if the consensus of the full board is to accept the policy committee's recommendation, then no action was needed. The board took no action on this matter.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:33 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)

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Kettelman, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:34 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 five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF JHS LANGUAGE ARTS/SCIENCE TEACHER (RUFFINO, PAIGE): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to employ Paige Ruffino as a JHS Language Arts/Science Teacher.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Kettelman, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF LIBRARY SECRETARIAL CLERK (ERWIN, AUTUMN): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kettelman to employ Autumn Erwin as a Library Secretarial Clerk, subject to her successful completion of the required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Kettelman

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF LIBRARY SECRETARIAL CLERK (PHILLIPS, KATIE): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to employ Katie Phillips as a Library Secretarial Clerk, subject to her successful completion of the required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Board Member Hicks recused himself from this action of the board.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Kelly, Kettelman

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT CUSTODIAN (BYRNS, ALLEN): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Ketteman to employ Allen Byrns as a District Custodian, subject to her successful completion of the required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Ketteman

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- Elementary Classroom Teacher: Scott Haley (effective July 31, 2017)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Acosta to approve the following volunteer extracurricular coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- HS Cheerleading: Emma Robbins

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

POSTING OF POSITION(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to post the following position:

- Extraordinary Care Aide (Non-Certified Aide)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Henry reminded board members that the regular September, 2017, board meeting is on the 3rd Monday to allow at least 30 days for district budget to be on display. He also informed the board that the bargaining team is currently in a holding pattern waiting for information on State Aid funding, and he anticipates the process to begin in four (4) to six (6) weeks.

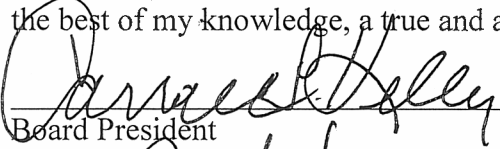
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 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, August 14, 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