

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018  
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, February 12, 2018. 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, Kettelman, Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, S. White, J. Shadowens, S. Morris, S. Burd, A. Van Zandt, L. Hacker, L. Miller, M. Lappin, Rachel Payne, D. Laur, B. Laur

Visitors Present: Several (sign-in sheet attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Henry presented two thank you cards (family of J. Wayne Shadowens and First Methodist Church) for expression of sympathy. A demand to bargain letter was also presented to the board members from the Laborers' Local 773. Superintendent Henry indicated that the negotiations will probably occur in the Fall of 2018, as this is the normal schedule.

President Kelly asked for any visitor's comments. Sandy Laur, Jason Eubanks, Dale Eubanks, and Danny Sample addressed the board regarding an employment matter, the notice to remedy process, and possible consequences of misconduct by a tenured teacher.

President Kelly thanked the visitors for their comments and indicated the board members will take them into consideration.

**REPORTS**

SEA: SVEA President, John Shadowens, addressed the board members concerning certain ongoing issues that the district is facing this school year that is affecting association members and their work environment. Mr. Shadowens, on behalf of the SVEA, thanked the administration and board for the measures taken so far to address these issues, indicating that the SVEA members feel that the struggle is ongoing and is a work-in-progress.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information on the lead and water testing (retesting scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018) and mitigation measures taken.

Superintendent Henry reported that a notice will be sent to parents (electronically) regarding the first testing done and that re-testing is scheduled. He distributed a draft of the notice that will be sent. The results of the re-test should be received in a few weeks.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: In the absence of Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, HS Principal, Natalie Page, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, state testing information, and professional development activities. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members. A question was asked regarding whether or not PARCC testing was required. Mrs. Page indicated that the testing was mandatory.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, HS Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, student engagement highlight, information on scholar bowl, FFA activities and awards, high school cheerleaders, and high school basketball team achievements.

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 revised board policies (final approval);
  - Approval of an amendment to the 2017-2018 school calendar (reflects emergency days used & reschedules a school improvement day).
2. After reviewing two proposed options for a 2-year extension to the District's contract for student transportation with Durham School Services, Superintendent Henry recommended that the board accept the proposal that retains the same terms as the original contract (bus age requirements) and enter into the 2-year extension (4.5% increase each year for two years). The second option, which changed the fleet age to 6 years (3% increase), potentially introduces a problem in the next bidding process that may cause a dramatic increase in cost in the event that the District sought to reinstate the 5-year fleet age requirement. Additionally, he believes that entering into a 2-year contract extension is a better option than opening a bid process at this time.
3. A February 9, 2018, letter from State Superintendent Tony Smith regarding an upcoming change in state assessments was presented to the board. Superintendent Henry indicated that it is his understanding that Illinois is planning to discontinue using the PARCC test after the 2017-2018 school year and replace it with a yet-to-be-developed Illinois Assessment of Readiness.

4. The following newsletters and/or reports were presented for board review:

- Alliance Legislative Report (#100-54)
- Illinois School News Service (February 12<sup>th</sup>)

5. As of February 12, 2018, the following Fiscal Year 2018 payments are due & payable to the school district:

<b>Categorical Payments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Voucher Date</b>	<b>Regular Payment Date</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$50,905.35	9/26/2017	9/30/2017	
	\$50,815.73	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	
	\$50,815.73		3/30/2018	
	\$50,815.72		6/20/2018	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$15,940.69	9/26/2017	9/30/2017	
	\$15,981.35	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	
	\$15,981.35		3/30/2018	
	\$15,981.35		6/20/2018	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$2,163.98	9/26/2017	9/30/2017	10/18/2017
	\$2,163.98	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	2/6/2018
	\$2,163.98		3/30/2018	
	\$2,163.98		6/20/2018	
<b>Special Education: Orphanage Claim 1</b>	\$4,540.10	9/26/2017	9/30/2017	
	\$4,540.09	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284,973.38</b>			

*\*does not include outstanding EBFM tiered adequacy funds (amount due unknown at this time)*

Total payments to date: \$4,327.96 (1.52% of payments due for FY18)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2018 State Payments (FY17 Claims): \$142,723.32**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meeting: January 8, 2018 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer’s report; the bills in the amount of \$153,404.79 and salaries in the amount of \$343,930.11; approval of the revised board policies (final approval), and approval of the 2017-2018 Amended Public School Calendar, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Kettelman, Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: None

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF 2-YEAR TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES, INC.:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to approve a 2-year transportation contract extension with Durham School Services, Inc., as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Ketteman, Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:51 PM, a motion was made by Ketteman 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 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))
- c. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Ketteman, Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

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

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:25 PM, a motion was made by Ketteman 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.

**PERSONNEL**

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTRAORDINARY CARE AIDE (NON-CERTIFIED) (BUSH, TIFFANY): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Stacey to employ Tiffany Bush as an Extraordinary Care Aide (non-certified category), subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Ketteman

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTRAORDINARY CARE AIDE (NON-CERTIFIED) (FLETCHER, JANET): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Ketteman to employ Janet Fletcher as an Extraordinary Care Aide (non-certified category), subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Ketteman, Loucks

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Schoenbaechler to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- JHS Girls' Volleyball: Brook Williams
- JHS Girls' Track: 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

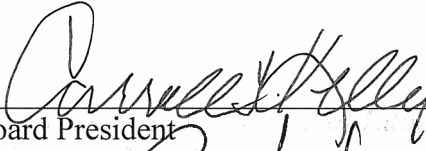
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Schoenbaechler to adjourn.

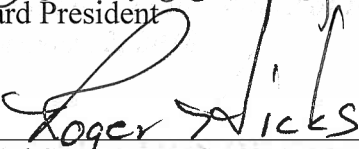
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 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, February 12, 2018, at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary