

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
JUNE 11, 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 6:04 PM on Monday, June 11, 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, Stacey

Members Absent: Schoenbaechler

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, N. Page, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, R. Payne,  
L. Sgutt, L. Hacker

Visitors Present: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

President Kelly asked for any visitor comments.

Kevin Acosta presented information about the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Sesser Masonic Lodge on Saturday, June 16th.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information on the summer projects. Brandon informed the board members that are seven summer workers employed. Their first day was Monday, June 11, 2018, and he felt like he had a pretty good crew.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund and recent and upcoming activities and dates, and special recognitions. She presented the latest copy of the S-V Happenings to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, high school graduation and scholarship recipients, special recognitions, recent activities, and upcoming calendar entries.

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 amended (final) Public School Calendar for 2017-2018;
  - Adoption of the district's depository resolutions for Fiscal Year 2019;
  - Adoption of the district's prevailing wage resolution for Fiscal Year 2019;
  - Approval of an intergovernmental agreement with Waltonville CUSD #1 regarding high school cooperative football;
  - Approval of the district's revised Title I school-wide plan;
  - Approval of the Fiscal Year 2018 amended district budget.
2. As most Springfield observers predicted, the Illinois General Assembly adopted a full-year state budget for Fiscal Year 2019 on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the last day of the regular legislative session. This year's state budget was made possible by bipartisan compromise, likely due to the upcoming statewide election cycle. Governor Rauner signed the budget on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Public school funding in Illinois reportedly will see an increase of approximately \$300 million that will flow through the evidence-based funding (EBF) model. (Reportedly, \$50 million in education funding was diverted to a property tax relief fund, a new concept that was part of the EBF legislation.) As was previously discussed, each school district's funding is based on a statewide adequacy calculation, making each district's state revenue interdependent upon all other school districts. It will likely be several weeks before the District's EBF revenue is determined and reported. As soon as that information is available from ISBE, Superintendent Henry indicated he would let board members know.

Another legislative change that will no-doubt impact public school districts was a bit of a surprise. The General Assembly acted to reduce the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) retirement salary increase employer penalty threshold from 6% (adopted in Spring, 2005) to 3%. As of this writing, it is not clear 1) when this change will take effect; or 2) which collective bargaining agreements or individual employment contracts will be impacted (i.e. which years). When the basis legislation for this penalty threshold was adopted in May, 2005, it took TRS several months to implement it. There is no question that employment/retirement of teachers and administrators will be impacted going forward. What that impact is remains to be seen.

3. On May 17, 2018, Mrs. Page and Superintendent Henry met with Sesser Mayor Jason Ashmore and Sesser Police Chief Ryan White to discuss possible ways that the City could assist the District with school safety and security. Several ideas were discussed, including the City's recent assignment of a patrol officer to monitor school traffic on State Highway 154 (an addition that is very much appreciated). Over the next 3-4 months, Superintendent

Henry indicated that he would like for the Board to discuss and provide input into this important topic for the District as we continue to work alongside our law enforcement partners to continually improve school safety.

4. On May 24, 2018, the District received notice from Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation (CRHPC) that it has started the application process for a non-profit organization property tax exemption for the Sesser Community Health Center property. The 2017 property tax bill for the property was \$57,792.96. The District's portion of that property tax bill was \$31,096.29. The exemption, in this case, is fairly complex because CRHPC leases a portion of the property to a for-profit pharmacy provider. Superintendent Henry stated that he is currently studying the issues involved with the application, including the potential revenue loss to the District and will update the Board as the application makes its way through the process.
5. As of June 11, 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	2/13/2018
	\$50,815.73	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	4/19/2018
	\$50,815.73	3/27/2018	3/30/2018	
	\$50,815.72		6/20/2018	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$15,940.69	9/26/2017	9/30/2017	2/13/2018
	\$15,981.35	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	4/19/2018
	\$15,981.35	3/27/2018	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	3/27/2018	3/30/2018	5/8/2018
	\$2,163.98		6/20/2018	
<b>Special Education: Orphanage Claim 1</b>	\$4,540.10	9/26/2017	9/30/2017	2/13/2018
	\$4,540.09	12/27/2017	12/30/2017	4/19/2018
	\$4,540.10	3/27/2018	3/30/2018	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$289,513.48</b>			

*\*does not include outstanding EBFM tiered adequacy funds*

Total payments to date: \$149,215.25 (51.54% of payments due-to-date for FY18)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2018 State Payments (FY17 Claims): \$140,298.23**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meetings: May 14, 2018 (Regular Meeting) and May 22, 2018 (Negotiations Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$219,427.81 and salaries in the amount of

\$369,514.61; approval of the amended (final) Public School Calendar for 2017-2018; adoption of the district depository resolutions for Fiscal Year 2019; adoption of the Prevailing Wage Resolution for FY 2019; approval of intergovernmental agreement with Waltonville CUSD #1 regarding cooperative high school football; approval of ISBE District Title I Plan; and approval of Fiscal Year 2018 amended district budget, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF FACILITY USE REQUEST (SESSER-VALIER YOUTH ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION, INC.):** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to approve a facility use request for the Sesser-Valier Youth Athletic Organization, Inc., subject to certain conditions as presented by the district superintendent.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 regular board meeting schedule, as presented.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:36 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta 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, Kettelman, Loucks, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

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

Kathy Schoenbaechler arrived at 7:56 PM.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:50 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks 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 ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHER (LAMCZYK, JERON): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to employ Jeron Lamczyk as an elementary classroom teacher, subject to his successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHER (CROCKER, DANIELLE): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to employ Danielle Crocker as an elementary classroom teacher, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (PART-TIME) (ARNDT, KAYLA): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to employ Kayla Arndt as a part-time early childhood, special education teacher, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACHES AND/OR SPONSORS (LAUNIUS, JOHN): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Stacey to employ John Launius as JHS Boys' Baseball Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: Ketteman, Hicks

There being five (5) yeas and two (2) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACHES AND/OR SPONSORS (ROBBINS, EMMA): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to employ Emma Robbins as High School Cheerleading Sponsor for 2018-2019, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check and certain IHSA-required coaching classes.

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.

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018-2019: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to transfer the following employees:

- Alicia Van Zandt to 1st Grade Teacher

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) AN/OR SPONSOR(S):  
A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve the following volunteer extracurricular coaches and/or sponsors:

- HS Girls' Volleyball: Cheyenne Pitchford

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION: A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- Elementary Classroom Teacher: Sarah Burd

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 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SESSER-VALIER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR 2017-2018: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve a 1-year collective bargaining agreement with the Sesser-Valier Education Association for the 2017-2018 school year and to authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the contract (by signature) on behalf of the Board.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONTRACT(S) AND/OR AMENDMENT(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to approve a principal employment contract with Natalie M. Page, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kevin Acosta thanked the board members and administration for their memorial donation to the Wounded Warriors Project on behalf of his father.

Superintendent Henry wanted to publicly acknowledge the retirement of Mrs. Judy Logsdon as Elementary/JH Principal. He presented information on her education career, first as a Math Teacher in Nashville, then as Principal at S-V for the past 12 years. He stated that our district is better because of her leadership and that she will be missed.

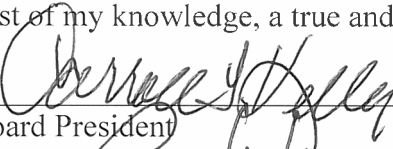
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

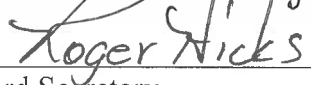
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 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, June 11, 2018 at 6:04 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



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING THE 2017-2018  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #196  
BUDGET**

**JUNE 11, 2018**

A public hearing regarding the 2017-2018 Sesser-Valier CUSD #196 amended district budget was held at 5:55 PM in the High School Library on Monday, June 11, 2018. The hearing was called to order by Superintendent Jason Henry.

Board Members Present: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Kettelman, Loucks, Stacey

Board Members Absent: Schoenbaechler

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, Rachel Payne, L. Sgutt, L. Hacker

Visitors Present: None

Superintendent Henry presented the 2017-2018 amended budget indicating that there were a few adjustments that reduced the deficit spending. He indicated that he is expecting the deficit spending indicated in the amended budget will actually be closer to breaking even in the Education Fund.

Each of the funds were reviewed, and Superintendent Henry explained that the Transportation Fund shows a surplus of \$12,145 to cover approximately one-half cost of a purchase of a new van in next school year. He recommended keeping the rotation of vehicles up-to-date with these funds.

Superintendent Henry indicated that this amendment was impacted by several years of decision making by the board and the recently enacted Evidence-Based Funding legislation.

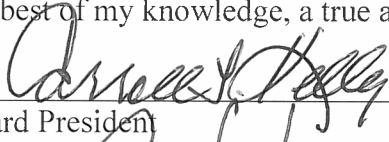
He informed the board members that once the board acted on the amendment, he will do the required filings.

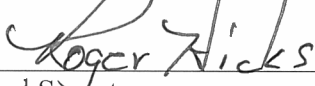
Superintendent Henry asked for any other questions or public comments, and there were none forthcoming. He indicated the adoption of the budget was on the consent agenda of the regular board meeting to follow.

Superintendent Henry closed the hearing at 6:03 PM.

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

The above-listed account of the public hearing of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, held on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 5:55 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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