

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Conference Room at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 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, Kettelman, Loucks, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: None

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

Visitors Present: Madyson Swain

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you card to the board for the expression of sympathy from the family of Will Tennyson.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, informed the board that the sign project is complete and he is currently attending a training (Monday and Tuesday) to be able to renew his Pesticide License.

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 copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, 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 2017 S-V Holiday Tournament.

Mrs. Page also addressed a question from last month's meeting regarding how parents are notified when their child receives an after-school detention. She explained that she had indicated last month that Mr. Hutson, ACR/Detention Officer, used the TeacherEase Program to send emails to parents. This information is incorrect. Mr. Hutson uses his school e-mail account to email parents and prints off copies of the emails. She also indicated that after discussion, Mr. Hutson will denote when he contacts parents (date, time, method) in students' discipline records.

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 Regional Safe Schools Letter of Agreement
2. Information regarding the 2017 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2017, was included in the board packet. As the board considers the tax levy for 2017, Superintendent Henry strongly encourages the board members to utilize the following five (5) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 10 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 impose a property tax "freeze" in the coming weeks/months.
3. A copy of a FOIA request and the district's response to the National Association of Environmental Engineering Students was presented to the board.
4. As of November 13, 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:	\$9,803.28	12/27/2016	12/30/2016	6/23/2017
Orphanage Claim 1	\$4,901.65	3/28/2017	3/30/2017	8/10/2017
	\$28,534.07	8/28/2017	8/31/2017	
Total	\$453,722.64			

Total payments to date: \$425,188.57(93.71% of payments due for FY17)

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2017 State Payments (FY16 Claims): \$28,534.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kettelman approving the minutes of the previous meeting: October 16, 2017 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$248,409.22 and salaries in the amount of \$339,853.51; approval of Regional Safe School Letter of Agreement, 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

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Stacey to approve a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2017 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Kettelman, 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 7:01 PM, a motion was made by Kettelman 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: 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.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 9:06 PM, a motion was made by Kettelman 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.

ADOPTION OF NOTICE TO REMEDY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Schoenbaechler to adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Rick Metcalf" regarding a Notice to Remedy to district Physical Education Teacher Rick Metcalf as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

ADOPTION OF NOTICE TO REMEDY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kettelman to adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Regina Tinsley" regarding a Notice to Remedy to district Title I Language Arts Teacher Regina Tinsley as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION(S)/RETIREMENT(S): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignations:

- JHS/HS English Teacher: Suzanne Johnson (effective end of 2020-21 school year)
- Elementary Classroom Teacher: Brenda Kramer (updated effective date end of 2017-2018 school year)
- Extraordinary Care Aide: Kristy Vercellino (effective October 30, 2017)
- HS Girls' Volleyball Coach: Rachel Payne (effective immediately)

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

POSTING OF POSITIONS: A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Schoenbaechler to post the following positions:

- Teen REACH Grant Coordinator
- Teen REACH Grant Assistant Coordinator
- Elementary/Junior High School Principal

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

- JHS Boys' Basketball: Jamie Lance

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 SUPERINTENDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN AASA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Schoenbaechler to authorize the district superintendent's participation in the American Association of School Administrators 2018 National Conference on Education.

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

Kevin Acosta thanked the board and administration for checking on him after his surgery.

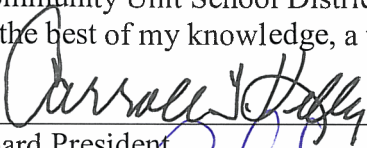
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Schoenbaechler to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 13, 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