

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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, Kelly, Ketteman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks, Loucks

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

Visitors Present: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Kevin Acosta presented information regarding a scholarship available to students attending Rend Lake College. The scholarship is offered/managed by the Double R Bar. He also presented information regarding a school safety trainer.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the progress of summer projects (restroom remodel; wall padding in multi-purpose room; new structure for lift station; new Kubota; new cafeteria tables {installation delayed}). A question was asked about what was going to be done with the old tables when they are replaced. Brandon indicated he would welcome any ideas.

He indicated that he was very pleased with the crew of student workers he had this summer and indicated he had a few that were interested in substituting through the school year.

Discussion followed regarding the latest lead testing which included targeting several areas to test; improvement from previous testing results; and the possibility of using a different testing company to compare results. Superintendent Henry presented information to the board regarding

the water heater leak (began in the spring) that was repaired this summer; which included the draining of the whole hot water heater and Brandon adding a project that re-circulated the hot water. He also mentioned another project that Brandon was involved this summer; the scoreboard replacement; which was funded by utilizing some memorial monies and capital project funds. Superintendent Henry informed the board that Brandon has completed several summer projects and handled the issues and problems with each project successfully. He then praised Brandon's skills including his people skills and organization skills.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, HS Principal, in the absence of Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent events/activities and upcoming dates, and the 2018-2019 registration summary for each grade.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, the 2018-2019 student registration, and the annual high school business and individual solicitation program (packets have been sent out). Mrs. Page also presented information on the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant through Monsanto (\$25,000) that S-V was awarded. These funds are available for K-12 usage to enhance Science and Ag curriculum in rural schools. Mrs. Page wanted to thank the science teachers, Mrs. Tiffany Garner, Mrs. Jennifer Lemons and Mrs. Brook Williams, for their input and hard work applying for this grant.

A question was asked regarding the dual credit classes available to our students. Mrs. Page indicated that the classes include Art Appreciation, Agriculture, and Human Relations.

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 FY19 transportation safety hazard resolution;
  - Approval of the FY19 dual-credit agreement with Rend Lake College;
  - Approval of the FY19 Regional Safe Schools Letter of Agreement;
  - Approval of revised board policies (final approval);
  - Approval/display of FY19 tentative district budget;
  - Scheduling of a budget hearing for the FY19 budget on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 5:55 PM.
2. The Fiscal Year 2019 tentative budget is presented for display approval at this meeting. There are still some line items that may be adjusted before the final adoption of the budget in September, but we believe this tentative version is pretty close to the September final version.
3. Though a final decision has not been reached yet, it is possible that the administrative team will bring a recommendation to the September, 2018, board meeting to resume the employment of an extra-duty play/musical sponsor and to begin an extra-duty employment of a math team coach in the district. Both of these possibilities have been discussed for some time now, and it looks like September will be the appropriate time to consider those board

actions. Superintendent Henry indicated that if any member had any questions about this possibility to let him know.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meeting: July 9, 2018 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$86,997.75 and salaries in the amount of \$306,931.35; adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; approval of a dual-credit agreement (Rend Lake College); approval of Regional Safe Schools Letter of Agreement; approval of revised board policies (final approval); approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2019; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2019 (September 17, 2018 – 5:55 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Kelly, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: None

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL VANS:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to authorize the District Superintendent or designee to purchase up to two (2) new school vans, not to exceed \$55,000, and to execute any necessary documents, including payment, for said vehicles.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT:** Superintendent Henry recommended that the board approve the copier lease agreement with GFi Digital. A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to approve a copier lease and maintenance agreement with GFi Digital, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Kelly, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays:           None

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:30 PM, a motion was made by Schoenbaechler 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 public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas:           Kelly, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler, 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 7:41 PM, a motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Kettelman 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 PART-TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (ADKINS, SARAH):** A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Stacey to authorize the district superintendent to conditionally employ Sarah Adkins as a part-time early childhood special education teacher, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check and presentation of a teaching license that qualifies her for said position.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas:           Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Kelly, Kettelman

Nays:           None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF ACR SUPERVISOR (WINGO, NICHOLAS): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Ketteman to employ Nicholas Wingo as ACR Supervisor, subject to his successful completion of the required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Kelly, Ketteman, Schoenbaechler

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTRAORDINARY CARE AIDE (REDDING, MARIA): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Ketteman to employ Maria Redding as an extraordinary care aide, subject to her successful completion of the required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Ketteman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF TEEN REACH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR (TINSLEY, REGINA): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Ketteman to employ Regina Tinsley as a Teen REACH After-School Program Coordinator, subject to continued state funding of said program.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Ketteman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Kelly

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF TEEN REACH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSISTANT COORDINATOR (HACKER, LESLIE): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Ketteman to employ Leslie Hacker as a Teen REACH After-School Program Assistant Coordinator, subject to continued state funding of said program.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Ketteman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

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 Schoenbaechler to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- EOC Aide: Becky Barry (effective July 16, 2018)
- JHS/HS PE Teacher: Rick Metcalf (effective end of 2018-2019 school year; updated retirement date)

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

APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SESSER-VALIER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR 2018-2019: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kettelman to approve a 1-year collective bargaining agreement with the Sesser-Valier Education Association for the 2018-2019 school year and to authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to formally execute the contract (by signature) on behalf of the Board.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Kelly, Kettelman

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR SALARY AND/OR BENEFIT(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Schoenbaechler to approve the following modifications to District Maintenance Supervisor Brandon Dilliner's salary:

- Pay, as a one-time lump sum, \$1,150 (back-pay for 2017-2018)
- Set the 2018-2019 base salary at \$45,600

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Kelly, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT(S) AND/OR AMENDMENT(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Schoenbaechler to approve an amendment to the Principal Employment Contract for Natalie M. Page, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey 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 7:48 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 13, 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