

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
APRIL 14, 2020  
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 Tuesday, April 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta (by conference call), Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, C. Garner

Visitors Present: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information regarding the beginning on some of the summer projects and an update of the parking lot project scheduled to begin on June 1, 2020. He shared the bid schedule and project cost estimates from district architect, Paul Lunsford.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, remote learning update, and state testing (all suspended for Spring, 2020). Discussion followed on the remote learning including expectations and how grades are affected. Principal Jones indicated that at this time the elementary and junior high are giving Pass or Incomplete instead of letter grades. Board members Kathy Schoenbaechler and Samantha Kettelman wanted to commend the teachers on the job they are

doing implementing the remote learning (amazing feedback from teachers for students reaching out and the great job they are doing to help make remote learning easier for students).

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, recognitions for student accomplishments, state testing and remote learning update. Discussion followed regarding phone calls made to students that have not turned in work (Principal Page made personally), the high school giving letter grades (not able to “hurt” current grade but can help), and students not turning in work will receive an Incomplete and be expected to complete in summer school. Principal Page indicated that she is amazed and pleased at the hard work her teachers have been doing.

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Henry, Superintendent, presented the following information to the board:

- The consent agenda for this month’s meeting includes the following additional item(s):
  - Approval of the 2020-2021 initial school calendar
  - Approval of 2020-2021 school handbooks & extracurricular rules
  - Approval of the Title I school-wide plan
  - Authorization for the district superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants
  - Authorization for the district superintendent or designee to seek milk/bread proposals for 2020-2021
- The 2020-2021 school calendar (proposed) is very similar to the current year’s calendar (many corresponding dates). There are no major changes in the school calendar or operation proposed for next school year.
- Mr. Dilliner will present information about the upcoming parking lot resurfacing project. The district’s maintenance grant and associated health/life/safety amendment have both been approved, and the project is ready to proceed.
- In this month’s board packet, Superintendent Henry included a summary of certain COVID-19 situation decisions that have been made since March 13, 2020, for board affirmation (retroactive to March 13, 2020). Also included was a resolution for adoption that suspends board policy, also retroactive to March 13, 2020, while the district deals with the COVID-19 situation.
- The following newsletters and/or report were presented for board review:
  - Illinois School News Service (April 6<sup>th</sup> & April 14<sup>th</sup>)
- As of April 14, 2020, the following Fiscal Year 2020 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>	\$59,204.37	9/25/2019	9/30/2019	12/26/2019
	\$58,626.26	12/19/2019	12/30/2019	
	\$58,626.26*	3/25/2020	3/30/2020	
	\$58,626.26*		6/20/2020	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$17,372.18	9/25/2019	9/30/2019	12/26/2019
	\$16,543.17	12/19/2019	12/30/2019	
	\$16,543.17*	3/25/2020	3/30/2020	
	\$16,543.17*		6/20/2020	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$1,779.34	9/25/2019	9/30/2019	12/19/2019
	\$1,779.34	12/20/2019	12/30/2019	4/2/2020
	\$1,779.34	3/25/2020	3/30/2020	
	\$1,779.34		6/20/2020	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$309,202.20*</b>			

*\*estimated amount due*

Total payments to date: **\$80,135.23** (34.50% of payments due-to-date for FY20)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2020 State Payments (FY19 Claims): \$152,118.20**

Mrs. Page then presented the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook proposed revisions for 2020-2021. She informed the board that no changes are needed to the 2020-2021 Extracurricular Rules/Random Student Drug Testing Procedures.

Mr. Jones presented the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High student handbook proposed revisions for 2020-2021.

Mr. Jones presented the revisions to the 2020-2021 Title I School Plan (updated data collection process).

Samantha Kettelman asked if any changes are being made to the dress code. Superintendent Henry indicated that the committee did not change any language regarding dress code but did discuss modification to the dress code enforcement.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Kettelman approving the minutes of the previous meetings: March 9, 2020 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$122,241.48 and salaries in the amount of \$357,779.73; approval of the 2020-2021 Public School Calendar (Initial); approval of the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2020-2021; approval of the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2020-2021; approval of the district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures for 2020-2021; approval of the district Title I School-Wide plan; authorization for district superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants; and authorization for district superintendent or designee to seek milk & bread bids for 2020-2021, as presented.



Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, 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**

**AFFIRMATION OF COVID-19-RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS:** A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Schoenbaechler to affirm certain COVID-19 response administrative decisions, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REFERENCING EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY:** A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Rounds to adopt a resolution referencing emergency suspension of board policy, as presented.

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

## **PERSONNEL**

**APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST (REVISED; ERWIN, AUTUMN):** A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Loucks to approve a revised maternity leave request for Autumn Erwin, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Samantha Kettelman asked if any information was available about returning to school on 5/1/2020 and any information regarding awards ceremonies, graduations, and other end-of-year activities. Superintendent Henry explained that he recommends looking at the moment, at day-to-day decisions that will be made as information becomes available. He then indicated that he is prioritizing all activities that apply to seniors in high school. He has been looking for ways to successfully navigate recognition activities that apply to seniors.

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

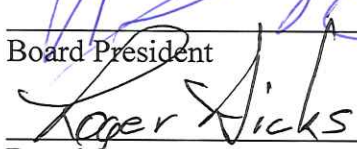
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 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 Tuesday, April 14, 2020 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