

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
MAY 11, 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 Monday, May 11, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Loucks

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 to the board regarding VFW lighting project (lights all up and functioning/still dirt and concrete work to do before completion).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented the elementary/junior high information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming events (scheduled distribution of students' personal belongings); junior high school awards banquet and graduation.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, special recognition for students, Advanced Placement (AP) exam schedules, and Remote Learning updates. Discussion was held regarding grades and summer school alternatives for incomplete work.

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 Fiscal Year 2021 regular board meeting schedule;
 - Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated District Plan (ISBE).
2. COVID-19 Updates
 - As of this writing, the Governor's stay-at-home order extends through the end of May, disrupting/postponing several end-of-year activities. We are hoping to have at least a couple of our traditional ceremonies between mid-July and early August, if possible.
 - Up to this point, we have been able to keep every employee "whole" in compensation/benefits. We have also been able to keep our bus drivers engaged/paid through a couple of short-term agreements with Durham School Services.
3. The COVID-19 situation has prompted significant discussion among superintendents and policy makers about several items, including financial projections for Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter. Because the State has, by necessity, had to spend a large amount of state resources on the pandemic, most school leaders believe the state support for schools will be very tentative for at least 2 years. Predictions include a reduction of EBF, very slow payment of mandated categorical payments, and possibly even a property tax freeze/reduction. Superintendent Henry indicated that his best guess right now is that the District will be very fortunate to receive level funding (no reduction and no gain). We are positioned to withstand that financial environment for a year or two, but we'll have to monitor what's happening at both the state and federal level closely.
4. The bid opening for the parking lot resurfacing project is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020. We will need to hold a special board meeting that same week (possibly Thursday, May 21, 2020, in the morning) to award a bid/approve a contract so that the contractor can start the project ASAP (estimated June 1, 2020).
5. The following newsletters and/or reports were presented for board review:
 - Illinois School News Service (May 4th)
6. As of May 11, 2020, the following Fiscal Year 2020 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid
Transportation: Regular	\$59,204.37	9/25/2019	9/30/2019	12/26/2019
	\$58,626.26	12/19/2019	12/30/2019	4/29/2020
	\$58,626.26	3/25/2020	3/30/2020	
	\$58,626.25		6/20/2020	
Transportation:	\$17,372.18	9/25/2019	9/30/2019	12/26/2019

Special Education	\$16,543.17	12/19/2019	12/30/2019	4/29/2020
	\$16,543.18	3/25/2020	3/30/2020	
	\$16,543.17		6/20/2020	
Driver Education	\$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	
Total	\$309,202.20			

Total payments to date: **\$155,304.66** (66.87% of payments due-to-date for FY20)

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2020 State Payments (FY19 Claims): \$153,897.54

Superintendent Henry also presented information to the board regarding the HS Math position (one application – hoping to interview soon) and he informed the board that the IASB will be sending out information soon for the Joint Annual Conference held annually in Chicago. He indicated that for the past few years, the board has sent two members.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds approving the minutes of the previous meetings: April 14, 2020 (Regular Meeting), April 28, 2020 (Special Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$183,231.99; salaries in the amount of \$343,734.76; approval of Fiscal Year 2021 regular board meeting schedule; and approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated District Plan (ISBE), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

A board member asked a question regarding the need for and timing of employment of an associate head football coach. Discussion followed.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (RUDE, MICHAEL): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Rounds to employ Mike Rude as Associate Head Football Coach.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Ketteman, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: Acosta

There being five (5) yeas and one (1) nay, the president declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kevin Acosta informed the board that the Sesser VFW was still having their annual dedication to the veterans on Memorial Day beginning at 10:00 AM at Maple Hill Cemetery.

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

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

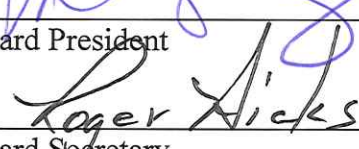
The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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, May 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary