

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
APRIL 12, 2021  
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, April 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Loucks

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, R. Payne, T. Masters, L. Hacker, S. Hicks, G. Tinsley

Visitors Present: Jason Sample, Heather Sample, Kendra Alexandra

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you note from the family of Luke Thery.

President Stacey asked for any visitor comments. Heather Sample asked to address the board to thank them for getting the students back to school.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Superintendent Henry will review this report during the superintendent report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, IGSMA District 3 Contest, upcoming events, and state testing (IAR).

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, recognition for student accomplishments, and state testing update.

Mrs. Page then presented the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook proposed revisions for 2021-2022. She informed the board that the only changes that are needed to the 2021-2022 student handbook have already been approved by the Board and with the only addition is regarding educational technology (approved by Board). Mrs. Page indicated that there are no changes proposed for the Extracurricular Rules/Random Student Drug Testing Procedures.

Mr. Jones presented the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High student handbook proposed revisions for 2021-2022. He explained that, like the high school, proposed revisions have been approved by Board.

Mr. Jones presented the revisions to the 2021-2022 Title I School Plan. Mr. Jones indicated that changes included an added local assessment and cleaning up some of the language. He then reviewed the Title grants and the expenses paid through each grant.

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 2021-2022 initial school calendar
  - Authorization for renewal of membership in the IHSA
  - Approval of 2021-2022 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 2021-2022
- The proposed 2021-2022 initial school calendar was prepared using the assumption that next school year will return to normal schedule. School will start on Monday, August 16, 2021, and run through Thursday, June 2, 2022 (less any unused emergency days). As much as possible, the proposed calendar uses corresponding dates to the previous two school years (in normal circumstances).
- This month's agenda also includes the approval of the District's health/life/safety survey that was prepared by District Architect Paul Lunsford. The majority of the work outlined on the document is related to the HVAC remodeling project. Two smaller items on the 10-year survey report include replacement of the main entry doors/glass/framing (estimated at \$15,000 for each area). The total estimated cost of all work, including 10% architect/engineer fees and 10% contingency is \$3,648,000.

Following board approval of the health/life/safety survey, Mr. Lunsford and Superintendent Henry will submit the project list and estimates to ISBE for agency approval. Superintendent

Henry will also begin working more closely with Stifel, the District's bond agents, as they prepare for the funding of the projects.

- The other, main action item on the agenda for this meeting is approval of continuing the athletic cooperative with Waltonville High School. No changes are proposed at this time. The IHSA requires that boards act to approve athletic cooperatives at least every two years, and this approval will be for the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 school years.
- In Spring, 2021, to date, any District certificates-of-deposit that have reached the end of their term have been "called" (not renewed) because the renewal interest rates are so low that it isn't prudent to "lock" that money up for longer terms. Our hope is that investment interest rates will rebound and stabilize so that the District can earn more than a negligible amount of interest. We are also preparing for upcoming HVAC project expenses that will be paid with cash-on-hand, as well. As soon as it's advisable to reinvest District holdings, Mrs. Malinee and Superintendent Henry will do so and reflect those changes on the treasurer's report.
- A recently-received FOIA request (Sutton, J) and the District's response to it was presented to the board.
- As of April 12, 2021, the following Fiscal Year 2021 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>	\$60,080.18	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	10/21/2020
	\$60,282.64	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/22/2021
	<b>\$60,282.64</b>	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	
	\$60,282.64		<b>6/20/2021</b>	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$17,801.75	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	10/21/2020
	\$17,111.99	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/22/2021
	<b>\$17,111.99</b>	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	
	\$17,111.98		<b>6/20/2021</b>	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$1,832.44	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	3/31/2021
	<b>\$1,832.44</b>	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	
	<b>\$1,832.44</b>	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	
	\$1,832.44		<b>6/20/2021</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$317,395.57</b>			

Total payments to date: **\$157,109.00** (65.97% of payments due-to-date for FY21)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2021 State Payments (FY20 Claims; All 4 Quarters): \$160,286.57**

Kathy Schoenbaechler asked if the remote instruction option will still be available in the next school year. Superintendent Henry explained that he could not answer that question with any certainty. He did explain that he thinks that the remote option next year may require certain documentation before approval.



Kathy Schoenbaechler asked if it was possible to add Bass Fishing as an extra-curricular sport to the athletic cooperative with Waltonville High School. Superintendent Henry indicated that a process to gauge interest will be done, and Mrs. Page will discuss with Waltonville.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meetings: March 8, 2021 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$158,427.04 and salaries in the amount of \$365,866.17; approval of the 2021-2022 Public School Calendar (Initial); authorization for renewal of membership in Illinois High School Association (IHSA); approval of the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2021-2022; approval of the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2021-2022; approval of the district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures for 2021-2022; 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 2021-2022, 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**

Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented the status of the process to add dual credit classes to curriculum in the next school year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WALTONVILLE CUSD #1 FOR 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEARS:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Rounds to approve the continuation of a high school athletic cooperative agreement with Waltonville CUSD #1 for the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 school years, as follows:

Girls Volleyball	Boys Football
Girls Golf	Boys Golf
Girls Basketball	Boys Baseball
Girls Softball	Boys Track
Girls Track	

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF HEALTH/LIFE/SAFETY 10-YEAR SURVEY AND/OR AMENDMENT(S):**  
A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Schoenbaechler to approve the District's health/life/safety 10-year survey, as prepared and corrected by Lunsford Architects.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

## **PERSONNEL**

**APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENT FOR 2021-2022:** A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds to assign Elementary School Teacher Olivia Massie to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S) AND/OR RETIREMENT(S):**  
A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Rounds to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- JHS boys Track Coach: Craig Garner (effective: end-of-season)

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Superintendent Henry reminded the board that the regular May meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021, followed immediately by the reorganization meeting with the newly elected board members.

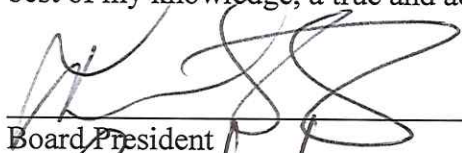
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Rounds to adjourn.

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 6:35 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, April 12, 2021 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