

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
AUGUST 8, 2022  
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 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Zimbrow called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, L. Zimbrow, B. Gunter, R. Payne

Visitors Present: Jason Hoffard, Jackie Hoffard

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

President Rounds asked for any public comments. None were forthcoming.

**REPORTS**

SVEA: R. Payne reported that teachers are keeping busy setting up their classrooms and lesson plans for the new school year.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent events/activities, and upcoming activities including this year's open house, teacher workshops and new teacher orientation.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, 2022-2023 student registration summary and informed the board that the annual high school business and individual fundraiser solicitation packets have been sent out.

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 an updated District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services plan;
  - Authorization for the District Superintendent or designee to execute the 2022-2023 Section 125 plans;
  - Authorization for the District Superintendent or designee to execute a dual-credit agreement with Rend Lake College;
  - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Office of Education #21 regarding alternative school services and authorization for the District Superintendent to execute the MOU;
  - Adoption of a certification of transportation safety hazard resolution;
  - Approval of revised board policies (final approval);
  - Approval & display of the FY23 tentative budget;
  - Scheduling of a budget hearing for FY23 (September 12, 2022—5:55 PM)
2. In order to comply with a recent statutory change regarding student attendance, the school handbook language for Fiscal Year 2023 needed an addendum. A copy of that addendum is attached. No board action is needed at this time. The addendum will be distributed to parents/students electronically on or before the first day of the 2022-2023 school year.
3. District personnel are ready for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Classrooms are prepared, and the building/grounds are in good shape. District Maintenance Supervisor Brian Gunter and his crew have done a very good job.
4. Mr. Henry provided the Board with a draft of an HVAC project funding reservation recommendation. The mandatory pre-bid meeting for the project is scheduled for August 10, 2022, and the bid opening is scheduled for late-August, 2022, after which the District will be able to firmly reserve the necessary funds (and contingency) for the project.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meetings: July 11, 2022 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$240,399.65 and salaries in the amount of \$333,888.66; approval of updated district safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan; authorization for District Superintendent or designee to execute the 2022-2023 Section 125 plan(s); authorization for District Superintendent to execute a dual credit agreement (Rend Lake College); approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Office of Education #21 regarding tuition-based, alternative school services and authorization for District Superintendent or designee to execute MOU; adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; approval of revised board policies (final approval); approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year

2023; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 (September 12, 2022 – 5:55 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Nays: None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL(S) FOR MILK AND BREAD FOR 2022-2023:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to authorize district personnel to utilize Prairie Farms as a milk provider for 2022-2023, 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.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:12 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence 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 schedule for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry

Nays: None

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

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:58 PM, a motion was made by Spence and seconded by Acosta 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.

**PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)**

EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL PLAY SPONSOR (MOORE, SUSANNAH): A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Stacey to employ Susannah Moore as the School Play Sponsor.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample

Nays: None

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) (MASTERS, PAYNE, SPAIN): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s).

- Outdoorsmen Club: Doug Masters & Ryan Payne
- HS Boys Football: Logan Spain

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 LICENSED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SALARY MODIFICATION: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to increase licensed substitute teacher pay to \$90 per day (including TRS), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF SALARY/BENEFIT(S) MODIFICATION FOR DISTRICT SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER/TREASURER (L. ZIMBRO) AND DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (B. GUNTER): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to approve salary/benefits modification for district secretary/bookkeeper/treasurer and district maintenance supervisor, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT(S) AND/OR  
ADMENDMENT(S):** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve  
administrator contract amendments for the following employees, as presented.

- Elementary/Junior High School Principal: Keith Jones
- High School Principal: Natalie Page
- District Superintendent: Jason Henry

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser

Nays: None

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

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

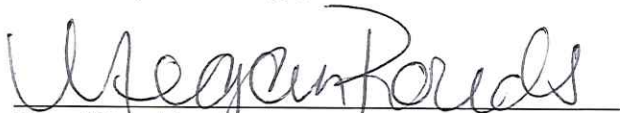
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

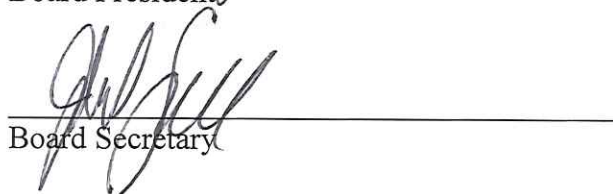
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 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 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary