

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
JULY 11, 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, July 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Zimbardo 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. Zimbardo, B. Gunter, R. Payne, T. Masters

Visitors Present: Paul Lunsford (Lunsford Architects), Ben Boyt (Boyt Engineering), Jackie Hoffard, Jason Hoffard

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

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

REPORTS

DISTRICT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: District Architect Paul Lunsford informed the board that they have been working on redesigning the HVAC project and included examples of changes and the potential cost savings. Mr. Lunsford asked for the Board to authorize the solicitation of bids.

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR HVAC PROJECT: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to authorize the solicitation of bids/proposals for an HVAC project, 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.

SVEA: Mrs. Payne reported on recent teacher activities, Teen REACH field trips and professional development courses the teachers have participated in.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Mr. Gunter reported that his summer workers and staff have been keeping busy and are staying on schedule to have things ready for the start of the school year.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities and dates and times for student registrations and orientations. Jones presented a hand out to board members and visitors for the 1st & 2nd grade Bridge Program showing the student growth for the 2021-2022 school year.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries and dates/times for student registration and orientation.

Mrs. Page gave an update on dual credit/dual enrollment options, and her recommendations for the upcoming year. Once a decision has been made, students will be informed of the choices and can take action if they choose.

Discussion followed on dual credit/dual enrollment and teacher/staff concerns.

APPROVAL OF DUAL COURSE OPTION FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Spence to authorize Sesser-Valier High School to offer dual-credit English for high school seniors, 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.

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

1. The consent agenda for this month's meeting includes the following additional item(s):
 - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Centerstone;
 - Authorization for the district superintendent to execute the FY23 Teen REACH program agreement (retroactive to June 30, 2022);
 - Authorization for the district superintendent to approve a facility-use request (Sesser-Valier Youth Athletic Organization) as needed;
 - Approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading)
2. On June 21, 2022, the District received the results of its 3-year, full compliance visit/evaluation that was conducted by the regional superintendent's office. The District obtained a "fully recognized" rating from Regional Superintendent Lorie LeQuatte and her Assistant Superintendent Mandy Horn.
3. Superintendent Henry has authorized an emergency repair to the football field sprinkler system. The interconnection between the City of Sesser water service and the irrigation system requires a backflow-prevention device, and the existing backflow preventer failed when it became necessary to water the field. Mr. Gunter is working with Ford Plumbing to

get the repair completed as soon as possible, and, in the meantime, is manually-managing the field irrigation.

4. Fiscal Year 2022 closed on June 30, 2022, and, as expected, the District had a good year financially. The District's auditors, Glass & Shuffett, are scheduled to finish their on-site audit work on July 20, 2022, and Doug Ess, the lead auditor, will be here on September 12, 2022, to present the audit to the Board.
5. At the regular August 8, 2022, board meeting, Superintendent Henry will present a funding-reservation recommendation to the Board to set-aside the funds necessary to complete the HVAC project.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meeting: June 13, 2022 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$220,450.36 and salaries in the amount of \$493,199.83; approval of a Centerstone Memorandum of Understanding; authorization for district superintendent to execute Fiscal year 2023 Teen REACH program agreement (retroactive to June 30, 2022); authorization for district superintendent to approve a facility-use request (Sesser-Valier Youth Athletic Organization, Inc.) as needed; and approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading), 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

STATUS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to keep all closed session minutes closed to the public.

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

DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORD AUDIO RECORDINGS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to authorize the Superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: October 13, 2020; November 9, 2020; December 14, 2020.

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 6:52 PM, a motion was made by Acosta 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 schedule for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)).

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.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:40 PM, a motion was made by Stacey 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)

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENT(S) FOR 2022-2023 (TINSLEY, R.): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Menser to transfer Regina Tinsley to the District Language Arts/Media/Technology Team Teacher position.

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

POSTING OF POSITIONS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser to post the following positions:

- Elementary Supplemental Academic Support Teacher
- School Play Sponsor

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO POST POSITIONS AS NEEDED: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence to authorize the superintendent to post positions on an as-needed basis.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE FACULTY/STAFF TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS AS NEEDED: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to authorize the superintendent to make faculty/staff transfers and appointments on an as-needed basis.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. 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 Spence 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 7:41 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, July 11, 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