

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
5:30 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 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Gore, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: Gulley

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, W. Choate, V. Malinee, T. Witcher, M. Sample, S. Hicks

Visitors Present: Several visitors (See attached sign-in sheet)

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you note from Sahara Weaver for her retirement gift.

Glenn Gulley arrived at 5:40 PM.

President Gore welcomed the visitors and asked for any visitor's comments. Sherry Risley indicated that she would be the spokesperson for the group and stated that they were here on behalf of the junior high and high school cheerleaders. Ms. Risley explained that the issue was regarding the cheerleaders not being allowed to compete on Sundays. Discussion followed regarding the cheerleaders wanting more than one competition, several cheerleaders not available on the available non-Sunday competitions forcing team to learn whole new routine using alternates, more competitions allow cheerleaders to get more practice and give them a better chance at the state level, board resolution originally written to discourage Sunday activities to allow students to be with their families, how many Sunday competitions needed, IHSA scheduling changes affecting competitions available, etc.

The consensus of the board was to allow high school and junior high school cheerleaders to participate in three ICCA regional competitions, two of which are Sunday competitions (Pinckneyville & Mt. Vernon).

Superintendent Henry thanked the audience for their input, and encouraged audience members to convey the objection to Sunday competitions directly to the ICCA.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities, and the Title I School Wide Plan. The most recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, and past events.

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):
 - a. Approval of a Research & Data Security Agreement Between the School District and The Illinois Student Assistance Commission;
 - b. Approval of the district's Title I school-wide plan;
 - c. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Rend Lake and the Sesser-Valier Outdoorsmen Club;
 - d. Approval of a facility usage request (Lil' Devils Basketball Program).
2. Information regarding the 2013 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2013, was included in the board packet. Additional information (statistical data) for consideration was also presented. As the board considers the tax levy for 2013, Superintendent Henry strongly encouraged members to utilize the following five (5) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 72 months):
 - Realization that the levy is based on unknown (projected) property values;
 - Realization that this year's levy represents next (fiscal) year's local revenue;
 - Realization that each year's levy impacts all future years' levies;
 - The need of the board to determine the appropriate balance between the fiscal responsibility (Are we levying enough?) and fiscal excess (Are we levying too much?); and
 - Realization that it is widely believed that the State of Illinois will further reduce school revenues and possibly increase school expenses (e.g. pension cost-shift) in the coming months/years.
3. The public bid opening for the Football Concession/Restroom/Storage building was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. Bids for the project came in significantly higher than expected. At this time, Superintendent Henry recommended that the board reject all bids and keep the project on-hold until sufficient funds are available to complete the project.

4. A copy of a district-proposed law enforcement service agreement with the Sesser Police Department & Franklin County Sheriff was enclosed in the board packet. This proposed agreement was prepared by the district's attorney and addresses certain liability concerns that were previously discussed. The agreement was forwarded to Sesser Police Chief D.T. Richardson in late-October, and Superintendent Henry talked with Chief Richardson by phone on November 4th to address any questions. It is his understanding that the Sesser Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office are planning to enter into the agreement with the school district.
5. Superintendent Henry indicated he will present his annual evaluation of student performance. Information will be reviewed during the meeting.
6. A copy of the recently-submitted Health/Life/Safety amendments for the Old Gym & main campus locations were presented to the board members. Mr. Witcher & Mr. Henry both envision utilizing these life-safety projects as the project basis for the school energy efficiency & school maintenance grant applications. The projects will be reviewed in anticipation of a late-November special meeting (if necessary) to approve the energy efficiency & maintenance grant applications.
7. On November 5, 2013, a Freedom of Information Act request was received from Dr. Maria Fitzpatrick of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc. On November 7, 2013, Superintendent Henry issued the district's response (copies of both the request and the district's response were presented to the board).
8. A copy of Alliance Legislative Report #98-29 was presented to the board members for review.

Discussion followed regarding building specifications (type of concrete blocks), whether the board has to award the project to the lowest bidder or not, and contractors' concerns regarding excavating the side of the football stadium hill.

Board meeting was moved to High School Conference Room.

Superintendent Henry presented an IASB LeaderShop Academy Award to Board Member Glenn Gulley. Mr. Gulley completed IASB training in June, 2013, and was recognized for this achievement.

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Mr. Henry presented a report regarding the 2013 ISBE School Report Card for the district, which included student performance on standardized tests (ISAT & PSAE), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. He reported to the Board on his findings as to student performance and his recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of his evaluation of student performance.

Mrs. Logsdon presented a report regarding the 2013 ISBE School Report Card for both the elementary and junior high schools, which included student performance on standardized tests

(ISAT), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. She reported to the Board on her findings as to student performance and her recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of her evaluation of student performance.

Mr. Choate presented a report regarding the 2013 ISBE School Report Card for the high school, which included student performance on standardized tests (PSAE), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. He reported to the Board on his findings as to student performance and his recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of his evaluation of student performance.

Discussion followed regarding the areas of concern and how the district is addressing those concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of the previous meeting: October 15, 2013 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$246,453.83 and salaries in the amount of \$382,309.07; approval of the Research and Data Security Agreement Between School District and The Illinois Student Assistance Commission; approval of district Title I school-wide plan; approval of the Memorandum Of Understanding Between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Rend Lake and the Sesser-Valier Outdoorsmen Club; and approval of facility usage request (Lil' Devils Basketball Program), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Henry presented an executive summary for the 2013 tax levy.

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to approve a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2013 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SESSER:

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Hicks to approve an intergovernmental agreement regarding law enforcement service, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Gore, Gulley

Nays: None

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

REVIEW, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND/OR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS FOR FOOTBALL CONCESSION/RESTROOM/STORAGE BUILDING: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to reject all bids for the football concession/restroom/storage building.

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

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION(S) REGARDING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to accept and approve the superintendent's recommendations regarding leadership development, as presented.

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 8:29 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins 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 salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Robbins, Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:44 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to reconvene from closed session.

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

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONTRACT(S) AND/OR AMENDMENT(S): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Gulley to approve the administrative (principal) contract of Judy L. Logsdon, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2018.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Gore

Nays: Stacey, Robbins

There being five (5) yeas and two (2) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Hicks to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- Elementary/Junior High School Principal: Judy L. Logsdon (Retirement at conclusion of 2017-2018 work year)

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:

Superintendent Henry indicated that a possible special board meeting for the purpose of approval of grant applications may be held later this month. He also informed board that he will mail the board convention materials later in the week.

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

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

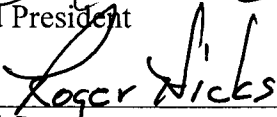
The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

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, November 12, 2013 at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary