

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
APRIL 13, 2015
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 Monday, April 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Loucks

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, N. Page, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner,
M. Sample, S. White, K. Spotanski, K. Prior, L. Sgutt

Visitors Present: Greg White and Kelsey Landis (Benton Evening News Reporter)

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented a thank-you note from the family of Bob Kirkpatrick for the board's expression of sympathy (donation to Shiners' Hospitals).

President Gore asked for any visitors' comments. None were forthcoming.

REPORTS

SEA: SVEA President, Mike Sample, addressed the board regarding the possible action of the board regarding personnel. Mr. Sample asked that the board consider the budget deficit carefully, consider the savings that wasn't anticipated, and to remember the goal of the education system is to give the students the best skills possible to compete in today's job market.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, reported some projects that have been completed and some that are being considered for summer projects.

Teresa Stacey expressed to Brandon that he and his crew seem to be doing a great job keeping the grounds looking good.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, recognitions and awards received by JH students, professional development activities, and a Student Engagement Highlight. Mrs. Logsdon presented the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High Student-Parent Handbook proposed revisions for 2015-2016. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, "Super Students", seniors selected to represent S-V at the Southern Illinois Society for High School Achievement (SISHSA) banquet, WYSE Team State Competition (team qualified to compete in State competition), Chrissy Vickers being named 2015 ICCA Coach of the Year, Shane Garner being named 2015 IBCA Region Coach of the Year, recent activities, upcoming activities, and a Student Engagement Highlight. Additional courses and graduation requirements were discussed. Mr. Choate presented the Sesser-Valier High School Student-Parent Handbook proposed revisions for 2015-2016 and the proposed revisions for the 2015-2016 Extracurricular Rules/Random Student Drug Testing Procedures.

Teresa Stacey asked Mr. Choate about the scheduling of the Athletic Banquet since the date is in conflict with the FCCLA Conference. Discussion followed regarding calendar events and the difficulty scheduling with three schools. Mrs. Stacey asked that in the future, if possible, to make sure the FCCLA conference is listed on the calendar when scheduling for other activities and events are being done.

Donnie Robbins asked Mr. Choate for transportation information on the band trip to Disney. Discussion followed regarding the bus contractors options in complying with all regulations. Mr. Robbins also indicated that he would like to see administration representation at the Youth & Government Assembly in Springfield in the future, if possible.

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 the 2015 Senior Class Trip charter bus contract (Southwestern Illinois Bus Company);
 - b. Approval of the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2015-2016;
 - c. Approval of the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2015-2016;
 - d. Approval of district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures for 2015-2016;
 - e. Approval of the Title I School-Wide Plan.
2. The Illinois Vision 20/20 project continues to gain momentum in & among school districts in Illinois. Vision 20/20 legislative proposals have been introduced in both the Illinois House of Representatives and Illinois Senate (see Alliance Legislative Reports for bill progress).

Again, the key is to continue building support and momentum for legislative action that plans for the future of public education in Illinois. The most comprehensive information source for the Vision 20/20 project is found at www.illinoisvision2020.org, including 1) an in-depth look at the four key pillars to the plan, and 2) things that individuals/community members can do to support this effort to change the path of public education in Illinois.

3. Three (3) transportation companies submitted bids for the February 11, 2015, public bid opening for student transportation. Substantively, a 3-year agreement has been reached with Durham School Services, L.P., the low bidder. A copy of the agreement has been provided as an attachment to this report. Superintendent Henry recommended that the board act to approve the agreement, substantively as presented.
4. On March 20, 2015, District Athletic Director Chip Basso received written notice from Southern Illinois Healthcare (Sportsology) that they are terminating the Sports Medicine Athletic Trainer Support agreement, effective May 1, 2015. Mr. Basso has sought a proposal from Novacare, another sports medicine provider, and I have attached a copy of that proposal.
5. At its regular March, 2015, meeting, the board authorized the superintendent to bargain an agreement with Laborers' Local 773 regarding 2014-2015 Act-of-God days. Superintendent Henry presented a memo that outlines the agreement that was reached.
6. On March 27, 2015, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner signed House Bill 317 & House Bill 318 into law (now Public Act 99-0001 & Public Act 99-0002). These bills were current-year budget "fixes." The main effect of this legislation on public school districts is a 2.25% reduction of current-year General State Aid (for SV196, 2.25% of GSA is about \$77,600; see attachment).
7. In an e-mail dated April 3, 2015, the Illinois Department of Human Services notified the district that it was suspending the current-year Teen REACH grant program, effective immediately. In a letter to participants' parents on Tuesday, April 7th, Superintendent Henry suggested that contacting local legislators and/or the Governor's office might help. He also indicated to the board members that if they believe that this program is a benefit to the students/parents, to please consider making those contacts.
8. As of April 13, 2015, the following Fiscal Year 2015 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid*
Special Education: Personnel	\$21,833.37	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$21,833.37	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	3/24/2015
	\$20,915.93		3/30/2015	
	\$20,915.93		6/20/2015	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$23,198.00	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$23,198.00	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	3/30/2015
	\$22,153.00		3/30/2015	

	\$22,153.00		6/20/2015	
Transportation: Regular	\$49,664.51	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$49,275.03	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	3/25/2015
	\$47,913.49		3/30/2015	
	\$47,913.49*		6/20/2015	
Transportation: Special Education	\$16,897.14	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$16,754.74	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	3/24/2015
	\$15,993.91		3/30/2015	
	\$15,993.91*		6/20/2015	
Driver Education	\$2,494.72	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	9/29/2014
	\$2,494.72	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	12/30/2014
	\$2,494.72		3/30/2015	3/31/2015
	\$2,494.72		6/20/2015	
Total	\$446,585.70**			

*Estimated payments; **previous amount was \$454,947.28

Total payments to date: \$230,138.32 (51.53% of payments due for FY15)

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: TBD

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2015 State Payments: \$216,447.38

Superintendent Henry also wanted to point out the success of the different academic teams/groups of high school students that were presented during the High School Principal's report (HS Math Team, WYSE team, and Youth & Government students). He wanted to express how proud he was of the students and high school faculty.

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Gulley to appoint School Board President Chris Gore to preside over a student disciplinary hearing.

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:15 PM, a motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

- Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:39 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

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

DETERMINATION OF BOARD REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING (STUDENT SV2015-HS2): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly that Student SV2015-HS2 be found to have violated school rules by gross disobedience or misconduct under circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:40 PM, a motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

- a. Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:15 PM, a motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly to reconvene from closed session.

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

BOARD ACTION REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY HEARING (STUDENT SV2015-HS2): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly to expel Student SV2015-HS2 for a period of two (2) years, commencing at 12:01 AM on April 14, 2015, and ending on April 13, 2017, at 11:59 PM.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

Superintendent Henry read the following board statement regarding the expulsion of Student SV2015-HS2:

“Student SV2015-HS2 has, during the course of the 2014-2015 school year, been suspended out-of-school for at least twenty-three (23) days, all of which arose out of incidents of physical violence or threatening/unsafe behavior (e.g. throwing lunch tray toward kitchen employee; striking, punching, or otherwise hitting four (4) different high school students; entering high school classrooms to which he was not assigned in a threatening manner; tampering with fire safety equipment; telling the principal that no one can stop him; choking a student; telling school employees that he would “torch” another student’s house).

Subsequently, the board believes and perceives that a transfer of the student, SV2015-HS2, causes a threat to the safety of students or staff in an alternative program and may deny the transfer of the student to such a program. Representatives of the school district have consulted with alternative program representatives (phone call April 10, 2015), and said representatives have concurred with this finding.”

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley that Sesser-Valier High School Student SV2015-HS2 be found to cause a threat to the safety of students or staff in an alternative program and that said student shall hereby be denied transfer to an alternative program for the duration of the student’s expulsion from Sesser-Valier High School.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

Superintendent Henry stated for the record that this action was not an easy decision for the board or administration.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meetings: March 9, 2015 (Regular Meeting) and March 26, 2015 (Special Board Meeting); Treasurer’s report; the bills in the amount of \$125,460.08 and salaries in the amount of \$386,930.72; approval of the charter bus contract for 2015 senior class trip (Southwestern Illinois Bus Company); approval of the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2015-2016; approval of the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2015-

2016; approval of the district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures for 2015-2016; and approval of the district Title I School-Wide plan , as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESCHEDULING OF REGULAR MAY,2015, BOARD MEETING: A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to reschedule the regular May, 2015, board meeting to Monday, May 4, 2015, at 5:30 PM.

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

SCHEDULING OF BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to schedule the board reorganizational meeting for Monday, May 4, 2015, at 6:30 PM or immediately following the regular board meeting held the same night.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR SPORTS MEDICINE/TRAINING SERVICES: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to authorize the district superintendent or his designee to execute an agreement for sports medicine/training services.

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

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT (DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES, L.P.): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to approve a student transportation agreement with Durham School Services, L.P., substantively as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF SESSER-VALIER HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GRADUATION MODIFICATIONS: A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly to approve the high school principal's recommendation(s) (elimination of specific Basic Computer requirement) regarding graduation requirement modifications, as presented.

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:23 PM, a motion was made by Kelly 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 schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:10 PM, a motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Kelly to reconvene from closed session.

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

PERSONNEL

ACTION UPON REDUCTION-IN-FORCE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSED EMPLOYEE (BROCKETT, ANITA): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference The Honorable Dismissal Of A Professional Educator Licensed ("PEL") Employee" regarding Anita Brockett as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Robbins, Gore

Nays: Stacey, Gulley

There being four (4) yeas and two (2) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

Superintendent Henry indicated that this decision was not easy for the board and administration, and he acknowledged that it was a difficult decision to make.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATIONS: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Robbins to acknowledge the following employee resignations:

- Senior Class Sponsor: Angela Bartoni (effective end of school year)
- National Honor Society Sponsor: Angela Bartoni (effective end of school year)
- HS Cheerleading Sponsor: Chrissy Vickers (effective end of school year)
- Cook (Kitchen Personnel): Cara Robbins (effective April 7, 2015)
- Elementary Classroom Teacher: Kelly Kelly (effective end of school year)

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

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

- Senior Class Sponsor
- National Honor Society Sponsor
- HS Cheerleading Sponsor
- Cook (Kitchen Personnel)

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

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACHE(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to approve the following volunteer assistant sponsor(s):

- Band: Justin Womack (Percussion); Isaac Hicks (Woodwinds)

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

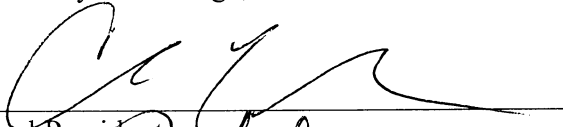
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

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

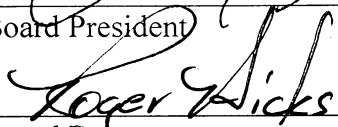
The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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, April 13, 2015, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary