

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
AUGUST 11, 2014
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, August 11, 2014. 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, Stacey

Members Absent: Loucks, Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, W. Choate, V. Malinee, Terry Witcher, A. Bartoni

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the progress of projects (new bus lane, new security latches, new lights in parking areas, and expected energy savings from new LED lights). He then outlined the upcoming new lighting projects (gymnasium and red room). Mr. Witcher indicated that his student workers did a great job this year.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent activities, and upcoming date and activities.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, and 2014-2015 student registration. He then asked for board member input on the annual high school business and individual solicitation program. Discussion was held regarding the cost concern of the printing of the football programs. Mr. Choate explained that the cost of the printing at The Print Shop

has increased by almost double from last year and after reviewing the cost of printing the programs at the district, he felt the cost savings would be enough to consider changing this year. Board members agreed.

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 revised board policies (final approval);
 - b. Adoption of a certification of transportation safety hazard resolution;
 - c. Approval & display of the tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2015;
 - d. Scheduling of a budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2015 (September 15, 2014, at 5:25 PM).
2. All minor summer construction & maintenance projects in the district are near completion. Mr. Witcher will provide an update during the meeting.
3. Board members received the tentative budget summary (pink) as a part of the board packet. As a reminder, the tentative budget should be presented in August, put on public display for at least 30 days, adopted in September, and filed with the county clerks, regional superintendent, and ISBE prior to the end of September.

The current version of this year's tentative budget shows an overall deficit of \$1,360,280. The majority of the deficit is projected in the Education Fund (\$1,047,010). Superintendent Henry indicated that he was very concerned about the projected deficit, and believes the district will actually experience a significant deficit for Fiscal Year 2015, despite reasonable efforts to limit spending. The current version of the tentative budget retains the previous assumption that the State of Illinois will make three (3) of the FY15 quarterly MCAT payments by June 30, 2015.

The budget represents an educated "guess" about the District's financial revenues and expenditures for the year, and should be viewed as a "work-in-progress" until the September adoption. Both the revenue side and expenditure side of the budget can experience unforeseeable reductions or increases that are not predictable. (The revenue side of the budget has been prepared using the assumption listed above, and the expense side of the budget has been prepared using a "worst-case scenario" assumption.)

As has been discussed for several years, officials at the Illinois State Board of Education who "rate" the financial health of school districts recommend that districts carry at least six (6) months of unencumbered cash in operating funds. Such a fund balance should help the district to achieve the highest level of financial ranking available from ISBE, although the district's long-term indebtedness will have a marginal negative impact on such a rating. Based on the budget deficit projected for Fiscal Year 2015, it is expected that the district's ISBE financial profile score will go down.

4. A copy of the following newsletters was given to board members for review:

- Illinois School News Service (August 5th & August 7th)
- 5. A copy of a historical analysis of district enrollment (ADA) and fund balances was presented to board members for review. Superintendent Henry asked the members to look over the information in preparation for the regular September, 2014, board meeting, and to not hesitate to let him know if anyone had any questions between now and then.
- 6. Superintendent Henry asked board members to pay particular attention to the School Funding Restructure Bill (Senate Bill 16). He indicated that the board members need to be up-to-date on information concerning this bill in order to give him authority to either show support or not for Senate Bill 16.
- 7. A copy of the letter to faculty and staff regarding the beginning of the school year was presented to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meetings: July 14, 2014 (Regular Meeting) and July 14, 2014 (Board Policy Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$226,592.34 and salaries in the amount of \$335,845.57; approval of revised board policies (final approval); adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2015; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2015 (September 15, 2014 – 5:25 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:03 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly 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)

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:34 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHER (TOWNZEN, PATRICK): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to employ Patrick Townzen as High School Mathematics Teacher, subject to his successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL OFFICE SECRETARY (LAUNIUS, TAMMY): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly to employ Tammy Launius as a school office secretary (clerical), subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT AND/OR TRANSFER OF KITCHEN PERSONNEL (JONES, MELISSA): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley to transfer Melissa Jones to a full-time cook position.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT AND/OR TRANSFER OF KITCHEN PERSONNEL (ROBBINS, CARA): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to employ Cara Robbins as a part-time cook (kitchen personnel), subject to her successful completion of a required fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly to employ the following extracurricular sponsor(s) and/or coach(es):

- Teen REACH Grant Coordinator: Regina Tinsley

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

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

- Cook (Kitchen Personnel): Tammy Roberts

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Henry reminded board that the September meeting will be the third Monday instead of the second and that the budget hearing starts at 5:25 PM.

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

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 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 11, 2014 at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary