

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
AUGUST 10, 2020  
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 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta (by telephone), Kettelman (by telephone), Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, C. Garner, M. Garner, S. Garner, Rachel Payne

Visitors Present: Kendra Burgess, Mandy Roach, Dude Rone, Ginger Patyski, Mary Threewitt, Amy Nitz

President Stacey appointed Megan Rounds as acting board secretary due to the absence of Roger Hicks.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

President Stacey asked for any public comment. Visitor asked for discussion regarding the students choosing remote learning and their eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities. Superintendent Henry presented information regarding new guidelines from ISBE that students that choose total remote learning can participate in extra-curricular. Superintendent Henry presented information to the board and visitors regarding the beginning of school procedures including self-certification; mandatory face covering; contact tracing (conducted by Bi-County Health); goal of maintaining at least 6 feet distance (if not more); threshold of school closing (facts of each individual case will trigger any decision); TeacherEase functionality (hoping to add self-certification and attendance for parents); how administration will be determining in-person learning days (A or B); possibility of having parent volunteers helping in classrooms; hoping to start the process and to formulate plan for students to learn skills and procedures and how to navigate the remote learning system on the first day of school attendance; class supply lists to include masks and water bottle (no drinking fountains used/water stations will be available to fill bottles); ability to allow students to bring their own devices; on the remote learning days all students will receive same course work; and contacting parents and students regarding the reopening of school.

## **REPORTS**

SVEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the progress of summer projects (parking lot, Buzz-in System, VFW field).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elem/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, upcoming activities/dates, recent events/activities, student achievements, and the 2020-2021 registration summary.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, the 2020-2021 student registration, and the completion of the 2019-2020 school year activities. Mrs. Page indicated that dual credit classes will not be offered in the fall. Discussion regarding any new classes being added to the dual credit classes was held.

Roger Hicks arrived at 6:05 PM.

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 a certification of transportation safety hazard resolution;
  - Authorization to execute a dual-credit agreement with Rend Lake College;
  - Authorization to execute a Regional Safe Schools Letter of Agreement (ROE #21);
  - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with ROE #21 regarding tuition-based, alternative school services and authorization to execute the MOU;
  - Authorization to execute the 2020-2021 Section 125 plan(s);
  - Authorization to execute the Fiscal Year 2021 Teen REACH program agreement;
  - Approval of revised board policies (final approval);
  - Approval & display of a tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2021;
  - Scheduling of a budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 (September 14, 2020—5:55 PM)
2. COVID-19 Updates
  - On Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Page, and Superintendent Henry are hosting a voluntary, informational meeting (2 sessions) with staff members about the District's reopening plan. We are planning to cover the main components of the plan (including staff health self-certification, intake of students, breakfast/lunch plans, etc.). We are also allotting a significant period of time for a question/answer session.
  - Superintendent Henry would like to publicly thank the staff members who are serving on the District's COVID-19 Planning Team. These individuals first met on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, to help brainstorm, identify pros/cons, and advise Mr. Jones, Mrs. Page, and me about the District's planning & implementation during the pandemic, and they have worked since that time to help us navigate the spring of 2020 and the

planning process for the 2020-2021 school year. When you see these individuals, please join me in thanking them for their work.

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| Angela Bartoni  | Angela Bullock  | Chip Basso       |
| Craig Garner    | Benita Dorris   | Brandon Dilliner |
| Jennifer Lemons | Leslie Hacker   | Kerri Henry      |
| Cathy Marlo     | Pat Sample      | Sandy Hicks      |
| Janet Robbins   | Regina Tinsley  | Robin Hottensen  |
| Mike Sample     | Stephanie White | Don Maas         |
|                 | Dana Wingo      | Vera Malinee     |
|                 |                 | Judy Scott       |

During the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>, this group will meet again to review/discuss how the reopening plan is working and, if needed, talk about revisions to our procedures.

3. Mr. Dilliner will update the board regarding the parking lot resurfacing project.
4. As of August 10, 2020, the following Fiscal Year 2020 payments are due & payable to the school district:

| Categorical Payments                     | Amount Due          | Voucher Date | Regular Payment Date | Date Paid  |
|--|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Transportation: Regular</b>           | \$59,204.37         | 9/25/2019    | 9/30/2019            | 12/26/2019 |
|  | \$58,626.26         | 12/19/2019   | 12/30/2019           | 4/29/2020  |
|  | \$58,626.26         | 3/25/2020    | 3/30/2020            | 6/10/2020  |
|  | \$59,153.15         | 6/18/2020    | 6/20/2020            |            |
| <b>Transportation: Special Education</b> | \$17,372.18         | 9/25/2019    | 9/30/2019            | 12/26/2019 |
|  | \$16,543.17         | 12/19/2019   | 12/30/2019           | 4/29/2020  |
|  | \$16,543.18         | 3/25/2020    | 3/30/2020            | 6/10/2020  |
|  | \$16,570.88         | 6/18/2020    | 6/20/2020            |            |
| <b>Driver Education</b>                  | \$1,779.34          | 9/25/2019    | 9/30/2019            | 12/19/2019 |
|  | \$1,779.34          | 12/20/2019   | 12/30/2019           | 4/2/2020   |
|  | \$1,779.34          | 3/25/2020    | 3/30/2020            |            |
|  | \$1,779.34          | 6/18/2020    | 6/20/2020            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$309,756.81</b> |              |                      |            |

Total payments to date: **\$230,474.10** (74.40% of payments due-to-date for FY20)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2020 State Payments (FY19 Claims): \$79,282.71**

Superintendent Henry commended the Summer, 2020, student work crew for their hard work with a smaller crew and the quality of their work. He also specifically commended District Maintenance Supervisor Brandon Dilliner for managing the summer cleaning schedule, security upgrade project, VFW ballfield projects, and the paving project.

Superintendent Henry also notified the board that the IHSA recently notified athletic directors about additional changes in the Illinois Department of Public Health approval of the IHSA



return-to-play guidelines, including one major change in at least one sport about bus capacity/social distance guidelines.

Kevin Acosta left meeting at 6:14 PM due to poor phone connection/background noise.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Rounds approving the minutes of the previous meetings: July 13, 2020 (Regular Meeting), July 30, 2020 (Special Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$394,266.28 and salaries in the amount of \$319,647.00; adoption of the certification of transportation safety hazard resolution; authorization to execute dual-credit agreement (Rend Lake College); authorization to execute Regional Safe Schools Letter of Agreement; approval of 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; authorization for District Superintendent or designee to execute 2020-2021 Section 125 plan(s); authorization to execute Fiscal Year 2021 Teen REACH program agreement; approval/display of revised board policies (final approval); approval and display of tentative district budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and scheduling of budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 (September 14, 2020 – 5:55 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)**

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACHES AND/OR SPONSORS (TINSLEY, REGINA): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Rounds to employ Regina Tinsley as Teen REACH Grant Coordinator.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACHES AND/OR SPONSORS (HACKER, LESLIE): A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Loucks to employ Leslie Hacker as Teen REACH Grant Assistant Coordinator.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Ketteman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Hicks

Nays: None

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

Superintendent Henry informed the board that Mr. Jones, Elem/JH Principal, assigned Autumn Erwin to the elementary office position vacated by Tammy Launius. He informed the board that Mr. Jones is working on a replacement for Autumn (wanting to transfer a special education aide). This transfer would result in an opening for a special education aide.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Schoenbaechler to adjourn.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Hicks, Ketteman

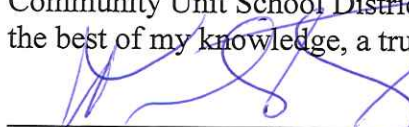
Nays: None

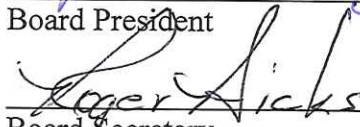
There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 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 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary