

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
JANUARY 28, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special 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, January 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks, Kettelman

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, C. Garner

Visitors Present: Lori Miller, Mallory Howell

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

President Stacey asked for any public comments. Mallory Howell asked to address the board members. Mallory thanked the board for the possible approval of bringing some students back to in-person instruction. She indicated that this action still leaves quite a bit of S-V students that won't be coming back any more days or hours. She asked that the board weigh the benefits of having students return against the low risk of re-opening (children's mental health and academic benefit).

Roger Hicks arrived at 6:04 PM. Samantha Kettelman arrived (by phone) at 6:04 PM.

Lori Miller asked to address the board members. She asked the board when they are planning on returning the rest of the students (grades 3 and up). She presented information regarding the mitigations being lifted, and how the board is allowing students to play sports and not attend for in-person instruction. She asked the board to consider bringing the students back more days for in-person instruction.

President Stacey stated that she knows that the rooms have been set up in the K-2 classrooms to make sure the 6' social distance is maintained and the process of getting ready to bring back more students safely is on-going.

President Stacey asked for any other public comments. None were forthcoming.

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Superintendent Henry presented an administrative recommendation to allow in-person attendance for students in grades K-2 up to four (4) days per week, effective February 8, 2021. He credited SV196 staff members who serve early elementary students for their hard work that made this change possible.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-2 STUDENTS:** A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds to approve an administrative recommendation to allow in-person attendance for students in grades K-2 up to four (4) days per week, effective February 8, 2021.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**APPROVAL OF 2021 GRADUATION DATES:** A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Schoenbaechler to approve the 2021 graduation dates, as follows:

- a) Sesser-Valier High School: Thursday, May 20, 2021
- b) Sesser-Valier Junior High School: Friday, May 21, 2021

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

Board Member Acosta, as a veteran, indicated his desire to participate in graduation ceremonies for students who are planning to serve in the military.

**PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)**

**EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE (MORGAN, HEATHER):** A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Loucks to employ Heather Morgan as a special education aide (non-certified category).

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Loucks to acknowledge the following employee resignation(s)/retirement(s):

- JHS Science Teacher: Tiffany Sulser (effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year)

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

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

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

### **CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

The above-listed account of the special meeting of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, 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