

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
JULY 13, 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, July 13, 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 conference call), Hicks, Kettelman (by conference call), Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: Loucks

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

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

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

REPORTS

SEA: President Craig Garner stated that the teachers are looking forward to some guidance on school opening to make preparations.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information regarding the parking lot project (overall has gone pretty well with only a few small glitches) and the VFW ballfield project (wrapping up with a new roof over visitors' bleachers).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elem/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, upcoming activities (including 8th grade graduation and student registrations and orientations) and a student recognition.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund and upcoming calendar entries (including high school graduation and student registrations and orientation).

Discussion followed regarding the procedures that will be put in place for graduation ceremonies to comply with state regulations.

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 the 2019-2020 Final (Amended) Public School Calendar (retroactive to June 11, 2020)
 - Approval of a facility-use request for the VFW Baseball/Softball Field (Sesser VFW; fee waiver)
 - Approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading)
2. The 2020-2021 Initial Public School Calendar is pending an amendment to include November 3, 2020 (Election Day), as a school holiday following a change in Illinois law in response to COVID-19. Additionally, depending on what happens at the state level over the next 4 weeks, we may need to amend the 2020-2021 school calendar to include one or more remote learning planning days early in the school year. As of this writing, ISBE has not finalized the calendar codes for use of remote learning days for 2020-2021. Superintendent Henry anticipates the process to open any time, and, as soon as it's feasible to make the amendment(s), he will do so.
3. As of this writing, we are anticipating filing an expenditure report for the 2020 School Maintenance Grant on or about August 1, 2020, that will include depletion of the grant as we work through the parking lot paving project. As you might recall, this grant requires a district-match up to \$50,000 (\$100,000 total expenses), and the late-July pay/progress meeting on the project should closeout that grant for the District.

District Architect Paul Lunsford has indicated that we can expect another, larger maintenance grant opportunity in the next 1-2 years. We are already preparing for that opportunity (if it comes) and believe we will be able to identify quality projects for that grant application.
4. COVID-19 Updates/Re-Opening Plan(s)
 - The District's COVID-19 working group (The Veteran-20) is meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, to work toward reopening school for the 2020-2021 school year. The general consensus among staff members near the end of May was to do everything within our capacity to reopen for in-person instruction in August, and Superintendent Henry expects that Wednesday's meeting will head in that same direction. Without a doubt, we will have some bumps in the road as we prepare and welcome students back to school for 2020-2021. Please be looking for an electronic survey to go out in

the next few days as we solicit information from our community to help our planning process.

- In planning for the 2020-2021 school year, we will also be working to formulate a contingency plan for the possibility of having to intermittently use remote learning at the direction of ISBE. We will also work to develop a framework for teaching students who, for a medical reason, can't attend in-person.
- It is desired to be able to release our reopening plan publicly in late July/very early August, knowing that state guidance or local conditions can literally change in a matter of a few hours or days.

5. As of July 13, 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
Transportation: Regular	\$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	
Transportation: Special Education	\$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	
Driver Education	\$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	
Total	\$309,756.81			

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 also addressed some issues regarding the opening of the new school year that he was sure the board members were hearing about from the community. He encouraged the board members to respond to any questions and concerns emphasizing that the goal of the administration and staff members is to do everything possible to serve students via in-person instruction. Several issues/questions/concerns were discussed including homeschooling; federal guidance regarding mandatory shut-downs; having to wear a mask to enter a public school; temperature checks; transporting students; sick days for employees and students; and the emotional toll on students and adults. Superintendent Henry indicated that a meeting of the COVID-19 Planning Team was scheduled for Wednesday, and he felt some solutions and ideas may come from that meeting.

Superintendent Henry informed the board that Chip Basso and Dana Laur have been doing summer driving with students and almost have everyone caught up and are now working on getting ahead for coming school year. He wanted to publically thank them both for a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds approving the minutes of the previous meeting: June 8, 2020 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$202,258.72 and salaries in the amount of \$362,298.21; approval of 2019-2020 Final (Amended) Public School Calendar; approval of the 2020-2021 Amended Public School Calendar; approval of facility-use request for the VFW Baseball/Softball Field (Sesser VFW; fee waiver); and approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman, 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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR BREAD AND MILK FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Discussion regarding the proposals for the milk and bread products for the upcoming school year was held.

A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds to approve a proposal for bread products for the 2020-2021 school year from Bimbo Bakeries, Inc., as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Schoenbaechler to authorize District personnel to utilize Prairie Farms as a milk provider for 2020-2021, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

STATUS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Schoenbaechler to keep all closed session minutes closed to the public.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORD AUDIO RECORDINGS: A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds to authorize the Superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: July 9, 2018; August 13, 2018; October 15, 2018; November 12, 2018; December 10, 2018.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRA-DUTY COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds to employ Alex Kramer as a High School Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach:

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO POST POSITIONS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS: A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Schoenbaechler to authorize the Superintendent to post positions on an as-needed basis.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE FACULTY/STAFF TRANSFERS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS: A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Rounds to authorize the Superintendent to make faculty/staff transfers and/or appointments on an as-needed basis.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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 Hicks and seconded by Rounds to adjourn.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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


The meeting adjourned at 7:01 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, July 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary