

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
MAY 9, 2022
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, May 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Zimbardo called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, L. Zimbardo, T. Masters, R. Payne

Visitors Present: Mike Barry, Elisha Willmore, Christie Sweely, Jackie Hoffard, Carrie Coffey

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS

SVEA: R. Payne reported on the recent activities, fundraisers, and prom. All school staff members enjoyed treats that were brought in for Teacher Appreciation Week. Payne noted that there will be an upcoming negotiations meeting.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented the elementary/junior high information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming events, recent activities, and junior high school awards banquet and graduation.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, and special recognition for students. Page gave the board an update on student vaping and drug testing throughout the school and included a handout with her principal's report. Increase in staff visibility as well as reinstating the rule of "teacher sign-off" to the student's planner have helped. The Illinois State Police came

and gave detailed presentation to students on drugs/vaping and the effects. Officers with canines performed a random “sweep” of the school building and student parking lot. The district has also increased drug testing. Page recently attended “Catch Your Breath,” which is a training program to help with vaping/drug use, and the district will receive two free vape detectors as a result.

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Henry, Superintendent, presented the following information to the board:

- The consent agenda for this month’s meeting includes the following additional item(s):
 - Approval of the FY23 Consolidated District Plan;
 - Approval/display of the FY22 amended district budget and scheduling a budget hearing for June 13, 2022, at 5:55 PM
- The tentative amended budget for FY22 is slated for initial approval at this meeting. Final approval will be slated for the Board’s June 13, 2022, regular meeting following a public hearing that same night.

As usual, the amended budget is prepared using amounts/estimates developed by what has happened during most of the fiscal year, and will be continuously-adjusted as we approach the end of the fiscal year between now and final approval on June 13th. Following the Board’s final approval on June 13th, the necessary documents will be officially filed with the county clerks and the State Board of Education (same process as the August/September adoption of the initial budget).

- As of this writing, the following teaching positions are open in the school district:
 - JHS/HS English/Language Arts Team Teacher (HS Library)
 - JHS/HS Boys Physical Education Teacher

The following extracurricular coaching/sponsorship positions are also currently open:

- HS Boys Basketball Coach
- JHS Boys Track Coach
- Outdoorsman Club Sponsor

- As of May 9, 2022, the following Fiscal Year 2022 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid
Transportation : Regular	\$75,403.42	9/28/2021	9/30/2021	10/25/2021
	\$76,286.57	12/22/2021	12/30/2021	1/21/2022
	\$76,286.57	3/28/2022	3/30/2022	4/19/2022
	\$76,286.56		6/20/2022	
Transportation : Special Education	\$17,240.60	9/28/2021	9/30/2021	10/25/2021
	\$17,270.72	12/22/2021	12/30/2021	1/21/2022
	\$17,270.73	3/28/2022	3/30/2022	4/19/2022
	\$17,270.72		6/20/2022	
Driver Education	\$2,093.77	9/24/2021	9/30/2021	4/5/2022
	\$2,093.77	12/22/2021	12/30/2021	
	\$2,093.77	3/28/2022	3/30/2022	
	\$2,093.77		6/20/2022	
Total	\$381,690.97			

Total payments to date: **\$281,852.38** (98.54% of payments due-to-date for FY22)

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2022 State Payments (FY21 Claims; All 4 Quarters): \$99,838.59

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence approving the minutes of the previous meeting: April 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$285,296.93; salaries in the amount of \$357,740.34; approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated District Plan (ISBE); approval & display of tentative amended district budget for Fiscal Year 2022; and scheduling of amended budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 (June 13, 2022 at 5:55 PM), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF DUAL CREDIT/DUAL ENROLLMENT/DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE OPTIONS: Mrs. Page presented board members, staff and visitors with handouts giving information on state testing for high school students, college credit options and survey responses from parents and S-V students (Freshman-Junior class). There was discussion on whether the district should pay for Class of 2023 student retake of state testing and options for dual credit/dual enrollment/distance learning courses.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:46 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser 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 schedule for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:43 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF JHS/HS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER (THOMPSON, ELIZABETH): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser to employ Elizabeth Thompson as JHS/HS English-Language Arts Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year, subject to her completion of a required fingerprint-based criminal background check and presentation of state licensure for the position.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S) (WINGO, HOUGHLAND, GRASKEWICZ, KISTNER, LEMONS): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence to employ the following extracurricular coach(es) and/or sponsor(s).

- HS Football Assistant Coach: Nick Wingo
- JHS Boys Baseball Coach: Rich Houghland
- JHS Girls Basketball Coach: Beth Graskewicz
- JHS Girls Volleyball Coach: Karla Kistner
- National Honor Society Sponsor: Jennifer Lemons

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample

Nays: None

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S) AND/OR RETIREMENT(S): A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Sample to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- JHS/HS Boys PE Teacher: Shane Garner (includes all extra-duty positions; effective: at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

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

- Special Education Aide

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Spence to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

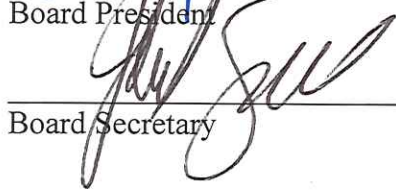
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary