

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
MAY 8, 2023
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 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Zimbrow 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. Zimbrow, T. Masters, R. Payne, K. Spotanski

Visitors Present: Zach Rounds, Shane Garner, Clark Lance, Christie Sweely, Kirk Packer

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS

SVEA: R. Payne reported on the recent activities and field trips including elementary community meetings and the annual 4th grade field trip to Springfield. Payne announced that Kristie Spotanski has been appointed as a SVEA Co-President, assuming the role Tracy Masters previously-held.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming events, recent activities, and junior high school awards program 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 reported that senior exams were approaching and shared graduation event dates.

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 FY24 ISBE Consolidated District Plan
 - Approval/display of the tentative amended budget for FY23 & scheduling of the amended budget hearing for June 12, 2023, at 5:55 PM
2. The tentative amended budget for FY23 is slated for initial approval at this meeting. Final approval will be slated for the Board's June 12, 2023, 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 12th. As of this writing, revenue estimates in the Education Fund (Fund 10) have not been adjusted. (Mr. Henry expects those revenue estimates to increase by June 12th.) Following the Board's final approval on June 12th, 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).

3. Benton High School's superintendent has indicated that he expects BCHS to have an intergovernmental agreement for a HS wrestling cooperative to be ready for board approval at the regular May, 2023, meeting at the earliest. Superintendent Henry expects to hear from him in the next few weeks and, upon his receipt of a proposed agreement from BCHS, will work on it to get it approved as soon as possible. (As of this writing, Mr. Henry has not received a cost per participant proposal from BCHS.) He doesn't expect any difficulties in reaching an agreement.
4. On April 21, 2023, Mr. Henry received a request from Franklin-Jefferson Special Education District No. 801 Director Jera Pieper for SV196 to consider allowing the Cooperative to lease/rent one classroom space for a FJSPED functional program for 4th-8th grade students. At the time of the request, Director Pieper was expecting the program to begin the next school year with three (3) students and grow during the 2023-2024 school year. At this time, SV196 has sufficient classroom space to lease/rent, and doing so will reduce some of our out-of-district transportation (SV196 has one student enrolled in the program.). Henry recommends that the Board authorize the lease/rental for 2023-2024.
5. Superintendent Henry has attached a copy of the official April, 2023, Consolidated Election results provided to the District by the Franklin County Clerk's office. At the end of this regular meeting, the Board will simply need to acknowledge the results (no action needed).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta approving the minutes of the previous meeting: April 11, 2023 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$388,781.53; salaries in the amount of \$377,690.35; approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Consolidated

District Plan (ISBE); approval & display of tentative amended district budget for Fiscal Year 2023; and scheduling of amended budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 (June 12, 2023 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/STUDY/APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS WRESTLING PROGRAM: Superintendent Henry reported on the status of the wrestling program in his report. No action needed at this time.

AUTHORIZE CLASSROOM SPACE LEASE/RENT FOR FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 801: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to authorize the District Superintendent or designee to approve lease/rental of one (1) classroom for a Franklin-Jefferson Special Education District No. 801 program.

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

AUTHORIZE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE TO APPROVE FACILITY USE REQUEST (VFW BASEBALL FIELD; SV RISING STARS): A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Barry to authorize the District Superintendent or designee to approve a SV Rising Stars facility use request for use of the VFW Baseball/Softball facility.

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:22 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey 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))

- c. Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))
- d. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

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.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:42 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser 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 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (BISCHOFF, ELIZABETH): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser to employ Elizabeth Bischoff as a Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to her completion of a required fingerprint-based criminal background check and a statutorily-required employment history review.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (VAN HORN, SARA): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to employ Sara Van Horn as an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to her completion of a required fingerprint-based criminal background check and a statutorily-required employment history review.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF KITCHEN PERSONNEL (HARMON, NATASHA): A motion was made by Rounds and seconded by Stacey to employ Natasha Harmon as a District Cook (Kitchen Personnel) for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to her successful completion of a required fingerprint-based criminal background check and a statutorily-required employment history review.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

ADOPTION OF NOTICE TO REMEDY RESOLUTION AND ASSOCIATED NOTICE(S) FOR DISTRICT TEACHER (TRAIL, LISA): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference: Notice to Remedy – Lisa Trail" regarding a Notice to Remedy to Sesser-Valier High School Family & Consumer Science Teacher Lisa Trail as presented and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the resolution.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Barry to approve the following volunteer extra-duty coach(es) and/or sponsor(s).

- HS Girls Volleyball: Carlie Page
- HS Football: Jonathan Neace, Clayton Hoffard, Jamie Lance, Jaden Lance, Rod Sides, Marcus Clarry
- HS Girls Basketball: Mikala Wingo, Karson Severs
- JHS Boys Basketball: Jamie Lance
- JHS Boys Track: Jaden Lance (retroactive to April 11, 2023)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. 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 Acosta and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- HS Boys Basketball Coach: Tommy Holder (effective April 24, 2023)

- JHS English/Language Arts Teacher: Paige Ruffino (effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year)
- JHS/HS Boys PE Teacher: Logan Spain (effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year)
- District Superintendent: Jason Henry (effective June 30, 2028)

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

Superintendent Henry recognized retiring board members with a plaque and thanks for serving the district.

- Kevin Acosta (8 years of service)
- Megan Rounds (4 years of service)
- Teresa Stacey (16 years of service)

Superintendent Henry presented the Franklin County Clerk's Official Canvass for the April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election. The result of the canvass is the election of the following individuals as district board members: Shane Garner, Clark Lance, Kirk Packer.

Board members acknowledged the official canvass of votes by consensus.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey 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 8:56 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 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary