

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kirk Packer.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Zimbrow called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Garner, Kirk, Lance, Menser, Packer, Spence

Members Absent: Sample

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, L. Zimbrow, B. Gunter, K. Spotanski, T. Masters

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

SVEA: K. Spotanski highlighted the month's activities including the PTO's Santa's Cottage, Polar Express night and band and chorus Christmas program. She read over each teacher's involvement and activities with various clubs and class projects. Spotanski noted that the SVEA has met with members of administration regarding the recent discussion of video surveillance access for school resource officers and asked the board to please look at all sides when making their decision.

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, recent events/activities, upcoming activities, and the SAP (Student Assistance Program) Christmas report.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, list of students receiving special achievements and awards, and the CAP/TAP Christmas report.

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 resolution referencing disposition of obsolete equipment
 - Approval of the 2023 tax levy resolutions
2. Following the board's adoption of the Tax Year 2023 levy this evening, the necessary documents will be filed in both Franklin & Jefferson Counties on or before the due date (last Tuesday of December; December 26, 2023).
3. The January/February, 2024, policy update cycle includes a moderately-substantial update from PRESS (Issue #113, October, 2023). Superintendent Henry has begun working on this update and recommends that the Board Policy Committee meet immediately following the regular January, 2024, board meeting to review the changes. Mrs. Zimbardo or Mr. Henry will reach out to policy committee members to confirm availability for that date/time (January 8, 2024).
4. Mr. Jones, Mrs. Page, and Mr. Henry presented the 2022-2023 student performance reports. Mr. Jones & Mrs. Page presented student assessment data, and Mr. Henry presented district summary data (separate handout) and his recommendations arising out of that information. He also presented some district summary information (demographics, finance, environment) that is part of the ISBE District Report Card.
5. Superintendent Henry attached a copy of a recent Freedom of Information Act request and the District's response to that request for review.

At 6:22 PM, the Board moved its meeting to the High School Conference Room for the principals' and superintendent's student performance reports.

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Mr. Jones, Mrs. Page, and Mr. Henry presented a report regarding the 2023 ISBE School Report Card for the elementary school, junior high school, high school, and district, which included student performance on standardized tests (IAR & SAT), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. They reported to the board on their findings as to student performance and their recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of this evaluation of student performance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Spence approving the minutes of the previous meeting: November 13, 2023 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$277,163.95 and salaries in the amount of \$440,951.34; adoption of resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment; adoption of resolution authorizing final aggregate tax levy for year 2023; adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for fire prevention safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes for year 2023; adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for tort immunity for year 2023 and adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for special education purposes for year 2023, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Garner, Kirk, Lance, Menser, Packer, Spence

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO ADJUST INDIVIDUAL FUND LEVIES, NOT TO EXCEED BOARD-APPROVED AGGREGATE TAX LEVY FOR 2023: A motion was made by Garner and seconded by Spence to authorize the District Superintendent to adjust individual fund levies, not to exceed the Board-approved aggregate tax levy for 2023, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Garner, Kirk, Lance, Menser, Packer, Spence

Nays: None

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

AUTHORIZE INCREASED PROJECT AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT (RETROACTIVE TO NOVEMBER 28, 2023): A motion was made by Lance and seconded by Spence to authorize an increased project amount for the Fiscal Year 2024 School Maintenance Project Grant to an amount not to exceed \$114,000, retroactive to November 28, 2023, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Lance, Menser, Packer, Spence, Garner, Kirk

Nays: None

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:30 PM, a motion was made by Spence and seconded by Garner 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 schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))
- c) The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7))
- d) Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120-2(c)(9))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Menser, Packer, Spence, Garner, Kirk, Lance

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:48 PM, a motion was made by Garner and seconded by Kirk to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the vice president declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S) AND/OR RETIREMENT(S): A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Lance to acknowledge the following employee resignation(s) and/or retirement(s):

- JHS Girls Basketball Coach & HS Girls Assistant Volleyball Coach: Cody Wingo (effective November 8, 2023)
- Elementary Office Secretary: Emma Robbins (effective November 30, 2023)
- District Custodian: Brian Myers (effective December 1, 2023)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the vice president declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL OFFICE SECRETARY (KISTNER, ANGIE): A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Menser to employ Angie Kistner as a School Office Secretary (Clerical Category (effective January 1, 2024), subject to and contingent upon her successful completion of both a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check and a statutorily-required employment history review.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Spence, Garner, Kirk, Lance, Menser, Packer

Nays: None

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

EMPLOYMENT OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH (WINGO, MIKALA): A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Lance to employ Mikala Wingo as a Junior High School Girls Basketball Coach, subject to and contingent upon her successful completion of both a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check and a statutorily-required employment history review.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Garner, Kirk, Lance, Menser, Packer, Spence

Nays: None

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Kirk and seconded by Garner to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- JHS Girls Basketball: Maty Parvin

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the vice president declared the motion carried.

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S) AND/OR RETIREMENT(S): A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Menser to acknowledge the following employee resignation(s) and/or retirement(s):

- Kitchen Personnel: Jamie Donovan (effective January 30, 2024)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the vice president declared the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

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

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the vice president declared the motion carried.

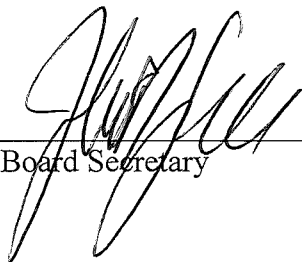
The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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, December 11, 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