

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
APRIL 22, 2014
5:30 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 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Gore.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Members Absent: Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, T. Witcher, M. Sample,
N. Page

Visitors Present: Stephanie and Jodie Skurat

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Henry presented a thank-you note from Shane Garner, HS Boys' Basketball Coach, thanking the board for their support throughout the basketball season. Also presented to the board was information on a letter received from a team host in Peoria complimenting Mr. Choate and Coach Garner for their cooperation, as well as, Sesser-Valier students for their outstanding behavior.

President Gore asked for any visitors' comments. Stephanie Skurat asked to address the board members. Mrs. Skurat indicated that she wanted to address a bullying issue. She indicated that she had already addressed the issue with the Elementary/JH Principal, Mrs. Logsdon, and with Superintendent Henry and felt that things were getting progressively worse. She indicated that she was very concerned for her child.

President Gore thanked Mrs. Skurat for her information and indicated that the issue would be discussed during closed session.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, Kindergarten registration, current year enrollment and average class size; recent activities; upcoming activities, and recognitions and awards received by JH students. Mrs. Logsdon presented the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High Student-Parent Handbook proposed revisions for 2014-2015. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, Math Team State Competition, recent activities, and upcoming activities. Mr. Choate presented the Sesser-Valier High School Student-Parent Handbook proposed revisions for 2014-2015 and the proposed revisions for the 2014-2015 Extracurricular Rules/Random Student Drug Testing Procedures.

Discussion was held regarding dual credit options.

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):
 - a. Authorization of a tentative amended budget for Fiscal Year 2014 & scheduling of a budget hearing for Monday, June 9, 2014, at 5:25 PM;
 - b. Approval of an Amended Public School Calendar for 2013-2014 (retroactive to March 12, 2014);
 - c. Approval of an Amended Public School Calendar/Final Public School Calendar for 2013-2014;
 - d. Approval of a Proposed Public School Calendar for 2014-2015;
 - e. Approval of a 2014 Senior Trip charter bus contract with Southwestern Illinois Bus Company;
 - f. Approval of the 2014-2015 Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook;
 - g. Approval of the 2014-2015 Sesser-Valier High School student handbook;
 - h. Approval of the 2014-2015 district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures.
2. The previously-canceled special joint board meeting with the Waltonville school district has been rescheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, at 6:30 PM. Dinner will begin at 6:15 PM.
3. A copy of a Freedom of Information Act request from Lennie Jarratt and the district's March 19, 2014, response to the request, was presented to the board members.
4. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports was presented for board review:
 - Alliance Legislative Report (#98-42)
 - Illinois School News Service (April 14th, April 16th, April 17th, April 22nd)

- IASA Capitol Watch (April 17th)
5. For the fourth leadership development session, Superintendent Henry presented each board member with a copy of the Laborers' Local 773 contract and indicated that a discussion will be held with any questions or comments that board members may have at next month's meeting.
6. The following Fiscal Year 2014 payments are due & payable to the school district:

| Categorical Payments | Amount Due | Voucher Date | Regular Payment Date | Date Paid* |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Special Education: Personnel | \$22,480.25 | 9/23/2013 | 9/30/2013 | 12/18/2013 |
| | \$22,480.25 | 12/23/2013 | 12/30/2013 | 3/19/2014 |
| | \$22,480.25 | 3/25/2014 | 3/30/2014 | |
| | \$22,480.25 | | 6/20/2014 | |
| Special Education: Extraordinary | \$23,891.00 | 9/23/2013 | 9/30/2013 | 12/26/2013 |
| | \$23,891.00 | 12/23/2013 | 12/30/2013 | 3/21/2014 |
| | \$23,891.00 | 3/25/2014 | 3/30/2014 | |
| | \$23,891.00 | | 6/20/2014 | |
| Transportation: Regular | \$50,242.79 | 9/23/2013 | 9/30/2013 | 12/26/2013 |
| | \$50,289.12 | 12/23/2013 | 12/30/2013 | 3/21/2014 |
| | \$50,289.12 | 3/25/2014 | 3/30/2014 | |
| | | | 6/20/2014 | |
| Transportation: Special Education | \$16,914.50 | 9/23/2013 | 9/30/2013 | 12/19/2013 |
| | \$16,736.10 | 12/23/2013 | 12/30/2013 | 3/20/2014 |
| | \$16,736.10 | 3/25/2014 | 3/30/2014 | |
| | | | 6/20/2014 | |
| Driver Education | \$1,966.37 | 9/24/2013 | 9/30/2013 | 11/21/2013 |
| | \$1,966.37 | 12/23/2013 | 12/30/2013 | 2/6/2014 |
| | \$1,966.37 | 3/25/2014 | 3/30/2014 | 4/16/2014 |
| | \$1,966.37 | | 6/20/2014 | |
| Total | \$394,558.21 | | | |

*Total payments to date: \$232,824.12 (59.01% of payments due for FY14)

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$9,046.95

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2014 State Payments: \$170,781.04

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Gulley approving the minutes of the previous meetings: March 10, 2014 (Regular Meeting), March 10, 2014 (Board Negotiations Committee Meeting), and April 1, 2014 (Board Negotiations Committee Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$149,123.47 and salaries in the amount of \$382,000.09; authorization of

tentative amended budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and scheduling of amended budget hearing (Monday, June 9, 2014); approval of the 2013-2014 Amended Public School Calendar (retroactive to March 12, 2014); approval of the 2013-2014 Amended/Final Public School Calendar; approval of the initial Public School Calendar for 2014-2015; approval of the charter bus contract for 2014 senior class trip (Southwestern Illinois Bus Company); approval of the Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School student handbook for 2014-2015; approval of the Sesser-Valier High School student handbook for 2014-2015; and approval of the district extracurricular rules and random drug testing procedures for 2014-2015, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH CERTAIN SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT & SCHOOL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROJECTS: Superintendent Henry asked Terry Witcher, Maintenance Supervisor, to address the board with information regarding the School Maintenance Grant and School Energy Efficient Grant Projects. Discussion was held regarding the projects and the projected timelines for each project. A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to authorize the District Superintendent or his designee to proceed with certain school maintenance grant & school energy efficiency grant projects, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF NEW CONVECTION OVEN PURCHASE PROPOSAL: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to approve the purchase of a new convection oven and the completion of associated electrical work, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore, Gulley

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF DRIVEWAY/PARKING LOT SURFACE REPAIR PROJECT PROPOSAL (CAPITAL PROJECT): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Kelly to approve a driveway/parking lot surface repair project proposal from E.T. Simonds Construction Company, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks

Nays: None

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:49 PM, a motion was made by Kelly 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 schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS 120/2(c)(2))
- c. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students (5ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:07 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

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

PERSONNEL

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S)(MCKEE MIKE): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly to employ Mike McKee as Head

Football Coach, subject to his completion of a required fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH SESSER-VALIER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REGARDING SPECIAL USE PERSONAL LEAVE POOL FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Stacey to approve a side letter agreement with the Sesser-Valier Education Association regarding a special-use personal leave pool for the 2013-2014 school year, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Kelly to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- Elementary/Junior High School Office Manager: Sherry DeAngelo (effective April 30, 2014)

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

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

- Elementary/JH School Office Manager

Extracurricular Sponsor/Coach Vacancies (*vacancies are a result of contractually-required dismissals)

- JHS Girls' Volleyball Coach*
- JHS Girls' Basketball Coach
- HS Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach*
- HS Football Assistant Coach
- HS Girls' Volleyball Coach

Extracurricular Sponsor/Coach Positions Held by non-SVEA members (these positions are posted as “receiving applications”; no vacancies currently exist in these positions)

- JHS Boys’ Baseball Coach
- JHS Girls’ Softball Coach
- 7th/8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach
- HS Cheerleading Sponsor
- JHS Cheerleading Sponsor
- Junior Class Sponsor

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Henry reminded the board members that the special meeting with Waltonville Board was rescheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, at 6:15 PM.

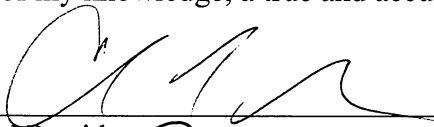
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

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

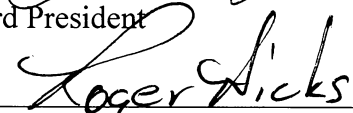
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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 Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary