

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
MARCH 10, 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 Monday, March 10, 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, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, W. Choate, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, M. Sample, S. Hicks

Visitors Present: Rhonda Gore, Mayor Jason Ashmore

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Chris Gore asked to address the board regarding a survey that he had distributed to the employees of Sesser-Valier School District. He informed the board members that he had acted as an individual and not as a group when he distributed the survey, and asked that if anyone is asked about the survey to encourage employees to complete. He indicated that the survey is completely anonymous. Gore indicated that he would share the survey results with the board at a future meeting.

President Gore then asked for visitor's comments. Mayor Jason Ashmore asked to address the board members regarding the intergovernmental agreement between Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, Sesser Police Department, the City of Sesser, and the Franklin County Sheriff. Mayor Ashmore explained that all issues have been agreed upon with the exception of the indemnity issue (Police Departments responsible for "their stuff" and School District responsible for "their stuff"). Discussion followed regarding the agreement including the fact that the agreement does not increase the district's liability insurance premium, agreement being on a one year term and automatically renewable unless there are any issues that need to be addressed.

**APPROVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SESSER AND FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley

to approve an intergovernmental agreement between Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, Sesser Police Department, the City of Sesser, and the Franklin County Sheriff.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

## **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 (will be presented next month), recent activities, and upcoming activities. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members. Mrs. Logsdon listed several of the recent PTO donations and wanted to thank the members of the organization for their support. The 2013 ISAT Award winners were presented to the board.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, and upcoming activities. Also presented was a listing of the different awards that have been earned by S-V students including the WYSE Team, SVW Girls' Basketball Team, S-V Boys' Basketball Team, Rembrandt Society Members and Solo and Ensemble Music Participants. The Holiday Tournament financial report was presented to the board members for review.

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. Approval of two (2) amended field trip requests;
  - b. Adoption of a Resolution For Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program;
  - c. Adoption of a board resolution congratulating the High School Cheerleading Squad;
  - d. Approval of 2014 graduation dates;
  - e. Authorization for renewal of membership in the IHSA;
  - f. Authorization for the superintendent or his designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants.

2. On February 27, 2014, the District received notice that one of the School Maintenance Program Grant applications had been approved (health/life/safety projects). Hopefully several of these projects will be completed during the summer of 2014.
3. Superintendent Henry indicated that he was currently working to reschedule the previously-canceled special joint board meeting with the Waltonville school district. As soon as an acceptable date has been identified, board members will be notified.
4. A copy of the Freedom of Information Act request from Lee's Foodservice Parts & Repairs, Inc., and the district's February 28, 2014, response to the request was presented to the board.
5. A copy of the March 7, 2014, Alliance Legislative Report (#98-37) was presented to the board for review.
6. For the third leadership development session, Superintendent Henry asked for discussion and/or any questions or comments that board members may have regarding the Burgett book *The Art of School Boarding*.
7. The most recent 2014-2015 General State Aid proration estimate from an ISBE representative is 83%. Recent discussions in the Illinois General Assembly have focused on how to further reduce education spending, while ISBE representatives recently requested full funding of General State Aid. School districts are spending down cash reserves as General State Aid continues to be prorated.
8. As of March 6, 2014, the following Fiscal Year 2014 payments are due & payable to the school district:

<b>Categorical Payments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Voucher Date</b>	<b>Regular Payment Date</b>	<b>Date Paid*</b>
<b>Special Education: Personnel</b>	\$22,480.25	9/23/2013	9/30/2013	12/18/2013
	\$22,480.25	12/23/2013	12/30/2013	
	\$22,480.25		3/30/2014	
	\$22,480.25		6/20/2014	
<b>Special Education: Extraordinary</b>	\$23,891.00	9/23/2013	9/30/2013	12/26/2013
	\$23,891.00	12/23/2013	12/30/2013	
	\$23,891.00		3/30/2014	
	\$23,891.00		6/20/2014	
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$50,242.79	9/23/2013	9/30/2013	12/26/2013
	\$50,289.12	12/23/2013	12/30/2013	
			3/30/2014	
			6/20/2014	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$16,914.50	9/23/2013	9/30/2013	12/19/2013
	\$16,736.10	12/23/2013	12/30/2013	
			3/30/2014	
			6/20/2014	

<b>Driver Education</b>	\$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		3/30/2014	
	\$1,966.37		6/20/2014	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$327,532.99</b>			

*\*Total payments to date: \$117,461.28 (35.86% of payments due for FY14)*

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$6,720.49

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2014 State Payments: \$216,792.20**

Superintendent Henry notified the board that he had received a FOIA requesting e-mails with a certain key word. He indicated that he is currently researching how to best respond to this FOIA.

Superintendent Henry presented a copy of two e-mails he had received from Illinois Senator Cullerton and Illinois Senator Manar regarding public school funding.

Superintendent Henry also asked for discussion regarding the book *The Art of School Boarding*. Discussion followed regarding the different aspects the book covered.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: February 10, 2014 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$143,805.46 and salaries in the amount of \$395,305.38; approval of the amended field trip requests, adoption of the Resolution For Participation in State Of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program, adoption of board resolution congratulating High School Cheerleading Squad, approval of the 2014 graduation dates; authorization for renewal of membership in IHSA; and authorization for Superintendent or designee to apply for state, federal, and/or private grants, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

APPROVAL OF 2013-2014 AMENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to approve a 2013-2014 Amended Public School Calendar, retroactive to March 4, 2014.

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 6:10 PM, a motion was made by Loucks 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))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:36 PM, a motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Kelly 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)**

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (LAUR, BRIAN): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Stacey that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Brian Laur 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: Robbins, Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

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

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (ROUNDS, MEGAN): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Megan Rounds 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: Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins

Nays: None

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

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (SPOTANSKI, KRISTIE): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Kristie Spotanski 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: Gulley, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

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

ACTION UPON DISMISSAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSORS, COACHES AND/OR OTHER EXTRA-DUTY STIPEND POSITIONS (HACKER, LESLIE): A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey that the board adopt the resolution "Resolution Reference Decision To Terminate Extra-Duty/Stipend Assignments and Duties" regarding Leslie Hacker 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: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Gore, Gulley

Nays: None

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO BARGAIN AGREEMENT WITH LABORERS' LOCAL 773 REGARDING ACT-OF-GOD DAYS: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Gulley to authorize the district superintendent to bargain an agreement with Laborers' Local 773 regarding Act-of-God days during 2013-2014.

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 (JANELLO, ERIN): A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- HS Girls' Volleyball Coach: Erin Janello

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. 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 Loucks and seconded by Stacey to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- HS Girls' Track: Megan Purcell
- JHS Boys' Track: Clark Lance

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of closing school on Friday, March 14, 2014, if the high school basketball team advances to state competition. Superintendent Henry notified board members that he expected some issues to arise if school is closed, but that he thought those issues could be easily resolved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Robbins 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 6:42 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, March 10, 2014, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary