

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
FEBRUARY 9, 2015
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, February 9, 2015. 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, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks, Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, W. Choate, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, M. Sample,

Visitors Present: Kevin Acosta, Mayor Jason Ashmore, Jodi Skurat, Stephanie Skurat

President Gore appointed Teresa Stacey as acting board secretary due to the absence of Roger Hicks.

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence presented.

President Gore asked for any visitors' comments. Mayor Ashmore addressed the board regarding the process used during the employment of new employees (who is present during interviews; whether applications/resumes are reviewed by entire board or not). Discussion followed.

Kevin Acosta addressed the board asking whether the transportation services would be addressed at tonight's meeting. Superintendent Henry indicated that transportation services would not be addressed at tonight's meeting.

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, recent activities, upcoming activities, and State Testing for Grades 3-8, Student Engagement Highlight, and professional development activities. The most recent copies of the S-V Happenings were presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, HS Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, "Super Students" (voted on by HS Faculty), recent activities, upcoming activities (including ACT testing date), the Football Team and Volleyball Team receiving the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award (Team GPA greater than 3.0), and Student Engagement Highlight. Mr. Choate informed the board members that he has been evaluating the curriculum to decide whether required courses need to be deleted, added, increased, etc. HE then informed board that as of January 30, 2015, the group handling the scholarship process for the Mygatt Scholarship did not have an application available for students and that the Financial report for the S-V Holiday Tournament Report would be presented at the March meeting.

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 a specific depository resolution re: a certificate of deposit (State Bank of Whittington);
 - b. Approval of revised board policies (final approval).
2. The Illinois Vision 20/20 project continues to gain momentum in & among school districts in Illinois. As of February 9, 2015, more than 245 school districts across the state have endorsed the Vision 20/20 plan. Thirty-five (35) Southern Illinois school districts have endorsed the plan.

The key, now, is to continue building support and momentum for legislative action that plans for the future of public education in Illinois. The most comprehensive information source for the Vision 20/20 project is found at www.illinoisvision2020.org, including 1) an in-depth look at the four key pillars to the plan, and 2) things that individuals/community members can do to support this effort to change the path of public education in Illinois.

Some possible supportive actions that can be completed by board members are:

- Publishing a letter to the editor in a newspaper of general circulation in the area;
- Send letters urging support of Illinois Vision 20/20 to state representatives & senators;
- Pointing community members to the Illinois Vision 20/20 website to view the plan for themselves.

Superintendent Henry asked the board members to consider completing one or more of these individual actions that support the Illinois Vision 20/20 plan.

3. The mandatory pre-bid meeting for transportation contractors interested in bidding on bus service in the district for FY16 and beyond was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Three

(3) transportation companies were represented at the meeting. **Bids are due at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, and a public bid opening will be held later that afternoon (1:30 PM).**

Since the bid specifications were prepared & approved, the price of diesel fuel in the region has decreased significantly. An addendum to the bid specifications (Addendum #1) was issued on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, to reset the base price of diesel fuel in the fuel surcharge specification to \$3.00/gallon.

4. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports were presented to the board for review:

- Alliance Legislative Report (#99-2 & #99-3)
- Illinois School News Service (February 3rd, February 4th, & February 6th)
- IASA Capitol Watch (February 3rd & February 4th)

5. As of February 9, 2015, the following Fiscal Year 2015 payments are due & payable to the school district:

Categorical Payments	Amount Due	Voucher Date	Regular Payment Date	Date Paid*
Special Education: Personnel	\$21,833.37	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$21,833.37	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$21,833.37		3/30/2015	
	\$21,833.39		6/20/2015	
Special Education: Extraordinary	\$23,198.00	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$23,198.00	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$23,198.00		3/30/2015	
	\$23,198.00		6/20/2015	
Transportation: Regular	\$49,664.51	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$49,275.03	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$49,275.03*		3/30/2015	
	\$49,275.03*		6/20/2015	
Transportation: Special Education	\$16,897.14	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	12/29/2014
	\$16,754.74	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	
	\$16,754.74*		3/30/2015	
	\$16,754.74*		6/20/2015	
Driver Education	\$2,494.72	9/24/2014	9/30/2014	9/29/2014
	\$2,494.72	12/22/2014	12/30/2014	12/30/2014
	\$2,494.72		3/30/2015	
	\$2,494.72		6/20/2015	
Total	\$454,755.34			

**Estimated payments*

Total payments to date: \$116,582.46 (25.64% of payments due for FY15)

Other state payments due & payable:

- DHS Teen REACH Grant Program: \$11,726.85

Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2015 State Payments: \$349,899.73

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: January 12, 2015 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$141,428.96 and salaries in the amount of \$378,912.66; approval of specific depository resolution re: certificate of deposit (State Bank of Whittington); and approval of the new and/or revised board policies (final approval; effective March 1, 2015), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gore, Gulley, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT COST CONTROL SERVICE AGREEMENT (NSN EMPLOYER SERVICES): Superintendent Henry presented information on the current provider of the district's unemployment cost control services (Equifax) and the recommended provider (NSN Employer Services). A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Loucks to approve an unemployment cost-control service agreement with NSN Employer Services, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Gulley, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:15 PM, a motion was made by Gulley 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)

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Gore, Gulley

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:03 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 five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT CUSTODIAN (PAYNE, DUSTIN): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Loucks to employ Dustin Payne as a district custodian, subject to his successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Stacey, Gore, Gulley, Kelly

Nays: None

There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

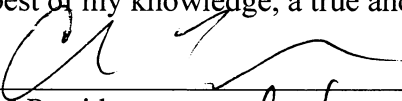
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

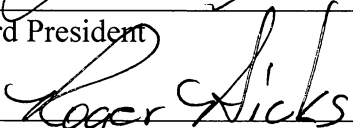
The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

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, February 9, 2015, at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary