

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
JANUARY 12, 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, January 12, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Carroll Kelly.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Members Absent: Gore, Gulley

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

Visitors Present: Several visitors - Sign in sheet attached

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Henry presented the board with thank you notes from the family of Burton Crocker for the board's expression of sympathy, from the SIU Foundation for donation in memory of Burton Crocker, from Brent Loucks and family for the support of the board, and from Century Basketball Team for hosting the Holiday Tournament. Superintendent Henry also presented a thank you card from Robert Farmer for the letter to help further the cause of a former player (Ted Farmer) for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Vice-President Carroll Kelly asked for any public comments. Sarah Acosta asked to address the board regarding an issue with her son and an issue she has had with a bus driver. She requested immediate action. After discussion, Superintendent Henry asked Mrs. Acosta if she would be available for a face-to-face meeting to discuss the issues. Mrs. Acosta agreed to meet and Superintendent Henry indicated that Elementary/Junior High Principal Logsdon would be contacting Mrs. Acosta to set up a meeting.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, again thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as the maintenance supervisor. Mr. Dilliner indicated that it hasn't taken him long to realize the demands of the job and is currently researching the on-going LED lighting project.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/Junior High Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, student engagement highlight, and professional development opportunities. A most recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, "Super Students" for November and December, recent activities including the 2014 S-V Holiday Tournament, upcoming activities, ACT testing for Juniors, curriculum evaluation and discussion progress, and student engagement highlight.

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 the certified staff seniority list;
  - b. Approval of the educational support personnel seniority list;
  - c. Approval of the Illinois School District Agency Agreement (liability insurance) for FY15;
  - d. Approval of the Vision 20/20 resolution (summary included in board packet).
2. This month's consent agenda includes approval of a resolution that signifies the district's support of the school management associations' Vision 20/20 project. An executive summary of the Vision 20/20 project, a master plan for public education in Illinois, was included in the January board packet. The most comprehensive information source for the Vision 20/20 project is found at [www.illinoisvision2020.org](http://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.
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.

Since the bid specifications were prepared & approved, the price of diesel fuel in the region has decreased significantly. As a result, Superintendent Henry expects to issue an addendum to the bid specifications that modifies (reduces) the fuel surcharge base price for diesel to reflect the market decrease.

4. A copy of the following newsletters and/or reports was presented for board review:
  - Illinois School News Service (January 9<sup>th</sup>)

5. As of January 12, 2015, the following Fiscal Year 2015 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>	\$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	
<b>Special Education: Extraordinary</b>	\$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	
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$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	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$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	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$454,755.34</b>			

\*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: \$13,704.64

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2015 State Payments: \$351,877.52**

6. On December 3, 2014, the District received a Freedom of Information Act request from Vincent Miles. Mr. Miles' request included an agreement for a response time beyond (extended) that which is required by statute. On December 19, 2014, Superintendent Henry indicated that he issued an acknowledgment of the extended response time, and asked for Mr. Miles' mailing address (some, if not all, of the documents are available in hard copy, only). To date, Mr. Miles has not responded to that inquiry or provided his mailing address. The district's response to this FOIA request is still pending.
7. On January 8, 2015, a Freedom of Information Act request was received by the district from Scott Reeder. On January 12, 2015, Superintendent Henry issued the district's response (copies of both the request and the district's response were presented).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks approving the minutes of the previous meetings: December 8, 2014 (Regular Board Meeting) and December 18, 2014 (Special Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$116,603.38 and salaries in the amount of \$386,360.47; approval of the certified staff seniority list; approval of the education support personnel seniority list; approval of the Illinois School District Agency (ISDA) agreement (liability insurance); and adoption of the Vision 20/20 resolution, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Nays: None

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL AND DISPLAY OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES (1<sup>ST</sup> READING):** A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Robbins to approve board policy manual updates (1<sup>st</sup> reading) for adoption consideration at the regular February, 2015, board meeting.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Nays: None

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

**STATUS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND/OR DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORD AUDIO RECORDINGS:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to keep all closed session minutes closed to the public.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey

Nays: None

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

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to authorize and direct the district superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: February 11, 2013; March 11, 2013; May 6, 2013.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Hicks

Nays: None

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:04 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins 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 102/2(c)(2))
- c) Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

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

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:51 PM, the board reconvened from closed session by consensus. The following board members were present: Loucks, Robbins, Stacey, Hicks, Kelly.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

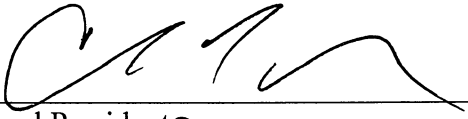
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Robbins to adjourn.

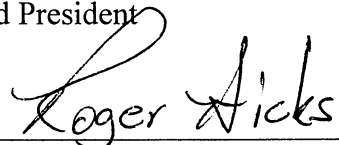
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being five (5) yeas and zero (0) nays, the vice-president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 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, January 12, 2015, 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