

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 2014. 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, Stacey

Members Absent: Gore, Gulley, Robbins

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

Visitors Present: Stephanie and Jodie Skurat

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Skurat asked to address the board regarding her son and the complaint she had expressed to the board earlier in the year about bullying. She indicated that the bullying of her son did not get any better, and in fact, had gotten progressively worse. Her son has now moved in with his father and is attending another school district. Ms. Skurat indicated that her son is doing a lot better in school and wanted to express her disappointment in how things were handled by the administration in dealing with the bullying of her son. Discussion followed.

Glenn Gulley and Donnie Robbins arrived at 5:43 PM.

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, enrollment, and upcoming activities. Mrs. Logsdon also wanted to recognize the S-V JH Boys' Baseball team and coach for their outstanding season. The 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, enrollment, upcoming calendar entries, past activities, and upcoming professional development activities.

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 2014-2015 library media program evaluation.
2. The transportation bid specification preparation meeting with interested transportation contractors will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at 9:00 AM. Following that meeting, Superintendent Henry will finalize a draft of transportation bid specifications for board approval in either November or December, depending on the input that he receives from interested contractors. He expects to award a transportation bid for 2015-2016 (and beyond) in January or February of 2015.
3. At the regular September, 2014, board meeting, Superintendent Henry received an inquiry from the board regarding the possibility of the board considering abating property taxes on residential properties meeting specific criteria (new construction that meets/exceeds a certain assessed valuation threshold). He indicated that he has reviewed the applicable property tax code (35 ILCS 200/18-165 & 200/18-170) and the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act (see 20 ILCS 655/4) (copies attached) and has briefly consulted with the district's attorney regarding the matter. At this time, he cannot locate a statute that authorizes a school board to authorize such abatements on individual residential properties. A taxing body (e.g. school board) *can* abate, under certain conditions, property taxes on individual *commercial* properties that are located within the boundaries of an established enterprise zone (practically, created by actions of a municipality or county).

Superintendent Henry indicated to the board members that if anyone had additional input or thoughts, to not hesitate to forward those to him. He explained that he was open to exploring the school district's role in EAV growth, and was also interested in learning about alternative approaches authorized by statute to property growth in the school district. Further, if the board would like, he can ask the district's attorney to research this concept more fully.

4. During the 2014-2015 school year, the district will need to conduct employment searches for two key positions in the school district. In both cases, new employees will need to have some time to work in tandem with retirees. Superintendent Henry recommends the following employment timeline for each:

POSITION	POST DATE	APPLICATION DUE DATE	APPLICATION REVIEW/INTERVIEWS	EMPLOYMENT
Principal (SVHS)	October, 2014	December 1, 2014	December, 2014/ January, 2015	January/February, 2015
District Maintenance Supervisor	December, 2015	February 1, 2015	February, 2015	March, 2015

5. A copy of the following newsletters was presented to the board members for review:

- Alliance Legislate Report (#98-52)
- Illinois School News Service (October 14, 2014)

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Robbins and seconded by Loucks approving the minutes of the previous meeting: September 15, 2014 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$162,936.26 and salaries in the amount of \$386,580.39; and approval of library media program evaluation, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT AUDIT SERVICES PROPOSAL (GLASS & SHUFFETT, LTD., CPA; 3-YEAR): A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to approve a district audit services proposal from Glass & Shuffett, Ltd., CPA, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 5:58 PM, a motion was made by Robbins 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 salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))
- c. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 6:30 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins 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

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT CUSTODIAN (SLACK, ASHLEY): A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Hicks to employ Ashley Slack as a district custodian, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR ASSISTANT COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Robbins to approve the following volunteer extracurricular coach(es) and/or sponsors(s):

- JHS Boys' Basketball: Clark Lance, T.J. Eubanks
- JHS Girls' Basketball: Jonathon Neace, Brian Laur
- HS Boys' Basketball: Justin Raby, Brian Laur, Eric Drake
- HS Girls' Basketball: Rachel Marlo

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

POSTING OF POSITIONS: Superintendent Henry began a discussion regarding the necessity of posting the position of high school principal. He indicated that he had been questioned regarding the possibility of combining administrative positions. His response was to explain that regulations and statutes regarding the administrative duties and responsibilities have changed a great deal in the past several years and that, in his opinion, neither job would get done appropriately. Discussion followed regarding the starting salary of a new high school principal, the administrator to student ratio, new statutes regarding teacher evaluations (including qualifications needed to evaluate teachers), etc.

A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Hicks to post the following position:

- Principal (Sesser-Valier High School)

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

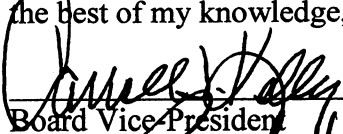
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

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 6:47 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, October 14, 2014 at 5:30 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board Vice-President



Board Secretary