

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE 2014-15
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #196
BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

A public hearing regarding the 2014-2015 Sesser-Valier CUSD #196 district budget was held at 5:25 PM in the High School Library on Monday, September 15, 2014. The hearing was called to order by Board President Chris Gore.

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

Members Absent: Robbins

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

Visitors Present: None

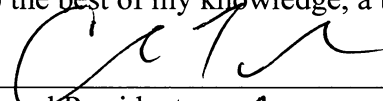
Superintendent Henry presented the 2014-2015 budget indicating that there is no significant change from the tentative budget presented at the August, 2014, board meeting. Superintendent Henry explained that the complete copy of the budget form was presented to the board members for review due to the fact that this year's school budget mandated a deficit reduction plan. He informed the board members that the majority of personnel cuts were placed in the last year of the reduction plan, as per board preference. He also explained that approval of the budget is not final action regarding the personnel reductions summarized in the deficit reduction plan. Superintendent Henry indicated that if the state does not get its house "in order", the district will have to make reductions in force. He indicated that he is concerned that the district will actually experience another significant deficit for Fiscal Year 2015, despite reasonable efforts to limit spending.

Superintendent Henry asked for any other questions, and there were none forthcoming. He indicated the adoption of the budget was on the consent agenda of the regular board meeting to follow.

Superintendent Henry closed the hearing at 5:35 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

The above-listed account of the public hearing of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196, held on Monday, September 15, 2015 at 5:25 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
5:35 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 5:35 PM on Monday, September 15, 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, M. Sample

Visitors Present: Doug Ess, Glass & Shuffett, LTD (District Auditing Firm)

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Superintendent Henry introduced Doug Ess and asked Mr. Ess to present the district audit information for Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Ess presented the audit to the board. He then thanked the board for giving Glass & Shuffett the opportunity to serve the district. Superintendent Henry asked Mr. Ess to send a quote for a 3-year extension of audit services to the district.

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate presented, in the absence of Mrs. Logsdon, Elem/JH Principal, information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, enrollment information, upcoming activities, professional development activities, and the elementary/junior high field trip requests (out-of-state and/or overnight). The most recent S-V Happenings were presented to the board. Mrs. Logsdon wanted to publically thank Nick and Sandy Laur for helping on the opening day of school.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mr. Choate, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, enrollment, upcoming calendar entries, professional development activities for teachers, the outcome of the official's professional etiquette meeting, and the high school field trip requests (out-of-state and/or overnight).

Discussion followed regarding the additional hours of practice required for band members.

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 Fiscal Year 2014 district audit;
 - b. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 district budget;
 - c. Approval of annual administrator & teacher compensation reports;
 - d. Approval of 2014-2015 ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools;
 - e. Approval of 2014-2015 field trip requests.
2. The district is currently in its second year of a two-year contract extension with Durham Student Services (transportation contractor). Originally, transportation services were provided under a 3-year contract that began in the 2010-2011 school year. Superintendent Henry indicated that he was currently working to prepare bid specifications in anticipation of re-bidding this service contract. He expects to present bid specifications for board approval at the regular November meeting following a bid specification preparation meeting with interested contractors in October, 2014. He anticipates a bid award to be possible in January, 2015.
3. Board members received the tentative budget summary (green) as a part of the board packet. As a reminder, the tentative budget should be presented in August, put on public display for at least 30 days, adopted in September, and filed with the county clerks, regional superintendent, and ISBE prior to the end of September.

The current version of this year's tentative budget shows an overall deficit of \$1,360,280. The majority of the deficit is projected in the Education Fund (\$1,047,010). Superintendent Henry indicated that he is very concerned about this projected deficit, and believes the district will actually experience a significant deficit for Fiscal Year 2015, despite reasonable efforts to limit spending. The current version of the tentative budget retains the previous assumption that the State of Illinois will make three (3) of the FY15 quarterly MCAT payments by June 30, 2015.

The budget represents an estimated plan about the District's financial revenues and expenditures for the year. Both the revenue side and expenditure side of the budget can experience unforeseeable reductions or increases that are not predictable. (The revenue side of the budget has been prepared using the assumption listed above, and the expense side of the budget has been prepared using a "worst-case scenario" assumption.)

This year's school district budget includes a required deficit reduction plan. This plan is required when, in the operating funds (Education Fund, Operations & Maintenance Fund,

Transportation Fund, Working Cash Fund), direct revenues are less than direct expenditures by an amount equal to or greater than one-third of the ending fund balance (i.e. the estimated ending fund balance is less than 3 times the deficit spending). This year is the first year that the district has been required to complete a deficit reduction plan.

As has been discussed for several years, officials at the Illinois State Board of Education who "rate" the financial health of school districts recommend that districts carry at least six (6) months of unencumbered cash in operating funds. Such a fund balance should help the district to achieve the highest level of financial ranking available from ISBE, although the district's long-term indebtedness will have a marginal negative impact on such a rating. Based on the budget deficit projected for Fiscal Year 2015, it is expected that the district's ISBE financial profile score will go down.

4. A copy of a recent IASB information sheet regarding the 2015 school board elections was presented to the board members for review.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Gulley approving the minutes of the previous meeting: August 11, 2014 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$234,214.98 and salaries in the amount of \$364,178.87; approval of the district audit for Fiscal Year 2014; approval of the district budget for Fiscal Year 2015; approval of the administrator and teacher compensation reports; approval of the 2014-2015 ISBE Applications for Recognition of Schools; approval of 2014-2015 out-of-state and/or overnight field trip requests (Sesser-Valier Elementary/Junior High School); approval of the 2014-2015 out-of-state and/or overnight field trip requests (Sesser-Valier High School); and approval of the 2014-2015 out-of-state and/or overnight field trip requests (Teen REACH program), 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

None

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:51 PM, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Gulley 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))

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.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:35 PM, a motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Kelly to reconvene from closed session.

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

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to employ the following extracurricular coach and/or sponsor:

- JHS Girls' Volleyball Coach: Meredith Emling

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- Custodian: Donnie Smith (effective September 20, 2014)

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the issue with bus drivers returning to school immediately once students are picked up was held.

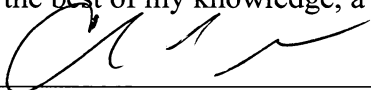
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Gulley to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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