

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
OCTOBER 13, 2015  
6:00 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 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Carroll Kelly.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Robbins

Staff Present: J. Henry, J. Logsdon, N. Page, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, R. Schwartzkopf, S. White

Visitors Present: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you card from Brenda Sink for the sympathy gift in memory of her mother. He also presented a letter from the Regional Superintendent outlining the payments distributed to the school district from the Regional Office during the FY15 school year. He then reported that the IASB is allowing the Board members to appoint a delegate for Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly.

Kevin Acosta asked about whether Marvin Elliston was going to continue being the Junior High Girls' Softball coach, indicating that he had heard he resigned. Superintendent Henry informed the board that, as of today, a notice of resignation has not been received from Mr. Elliston, but that it was his understanding that Mr. Elliston announced that he was resigning at the last game of the season. Superintendent Henry indicated that the vacancy, if any, will likely be acted on in the spring of 2016.

Glenn Gulley asked for discussion regarding home-schooled children and whether they can enroll in individual academic classes and continue to be home-schooled in the remaining academic courses. He also indicated that he has been asked if a home-schooled child would be able to participate in extra-curricular activities at S-V. Superintendent Henry indicated that, to his knowledge, the only class that the district has allowed a home-schooled child to enroll was driver's education. He indicated he would research the Board Policy Manual and come back with a definite answer at next month's meeting. He then addressed the second question regarding whether a home-schooled child could participate in extra-curricular activities, citing

Board Policy 7:40, which governs non-public (home-schooled or parochial school attendees) students, which states that only full-time students can participate in extra-curricular activities. Discussion followed regarding the board policy committee meetings and that this subject has been addressed in the past.

## **REPORTS**

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, informed board that the next project is the new sound system at the football field and indicated that he is hoping to have it completed to try it out at the last few games.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Logsdon, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, enrollment, past activities, upcoming activities, and professional development activities. The most recent copy of the S-V Happenings was presented to the board members.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, enrollment, upcoming calendar entries, student engagement report, and upcoming professional development activities. She also reported on the 2015 Homecoming, Apple Festival Parade (S-V Marching Band), and S-V FFA competition.

Kevin Acosta indicated that the Sesser Masonic Lodge is hoping to sponsor a HS scholastic bowl meet that is hosted by the statewide Masonic organization. He indicated that the Lodge would pay for any fees and expenses for the meet.

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 library program media evaluation;
  - b. Approval of an Adam Walsh Child Protection Act User Agreement with the Illinois State Police.
2. As was discussed last month, Mr. Dilliner & Mr. Henry are working to develop bid specifications for a new school van to continue rotating the fleet of district vehicles. Unfortunately, GM/Chevrolet is not offering a 10-passenger van like the district has purchased since 2007. However, about 2 weeks ago, Mr. Henry learned that Ford is now making a 10-passenger van, and he is working to learn more about that vehicle to see if it might be a good fit for the district. He is hoping to have a specification recommendation within the next 2 months.
3. Mr. Dilliner is currently researching the possibility of upgrading the HVAC controls/energy management system for the main building. Mr. Henry expects this project to cost less than

\$25,000, and it will be funded using 1% sales tax proceeds. This project will likely be completed during Summer, 2016.

4. A packet of district finance information that summarizes the district's financial position for the past 16 years was presented to the board. Mr. Henry indicated that this information will be reviewed, its impact will be discussed, and questions will be answered during the regular board meeting.
5. The following newsletters and/or reports were presented to the board for review:
  - Illinois School News Service (October 13, 2015)

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks approving the minutes of the previous meeting: September 14, 2015 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$128,705.92 and salaries in the amount of \$359,946.47; approval of library media program evaluation; and approval of Adam Walsh Child Protection Act User Agreement with the Illinois State Police, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, 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**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD DELEGATE FOR ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS DELEGATE ASSEMBLY:** A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Stacey to appoint Donald Robbins as board delegate for the 2015 Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly.

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

### **PERSONNEL**

**APPROVAL OF MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST:** A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Acosta to approve a maternity leave request for JHS/HS English/Language Arts teacher Kayla Priebe, as presented.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRICT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REFORM ACT (PERA) COMMITTEE:** A motion was made by Gulley and seconded by Stacey to appoint the following board representatives to the district Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Committee:

- Elementary/Junior High School Principal
- High School Principal
- District Superintendent

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Superintendent Henry thanked the board members that were able to attend and assist with the IASB dinner hosted at Sesser-Valier School on Monday, October 5, 2015. Discussion followed regarding the information presented by the speaker at the meeting.

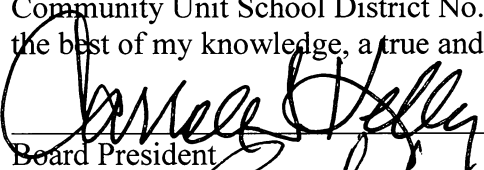
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

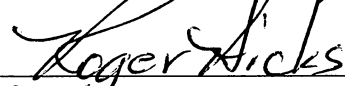
Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 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 13, 2015 at 6:00 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