

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
MAY 13, 2019  
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 Monday, May 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

**ROLL CALL**

District Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, J. Logsdon, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, R. Payne, T. Masters, T. Launius

Visitors Present: Sign-in sheet attached.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Tracy Masters presented a memo regarding safety issues and concerns to the board indicating that it had been signed by 310 people of the community. Brandy Harland also addressed the board regarding her concern that visitors to the school district are able to enter the building without being "buzzed in". She indicated that she had been to several area schools recently and the procedure was to have visitors allowed in individually by school employees.

President Stacey informed the visitors that the administration and board have been discussing additional safety measures to address their concerns. She indicated that the plan in place is to form a safety committee that would include staff, community members and board members to discuss possible options and solutions regarding these issues. She then thanked all the visitors for their comments and assured them that everything will be taken into consideration and discussed.

**REPORTS**

SEA: No report

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information to the board regarding the summer workers selection (6 students) and the

wheelchair-lift van(s) including options of equipping existing van or purchasing new van already equipped with lift.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented the elementary/junior high information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities and events, and recent activities. Mr. Jones asked the board members to let him know who wanted to participate in the junior high graduation and to also let him know how many reserved seats they each wanted.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming activities, special recognition for students, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and 2019 Prom. She also asked the board members that wish to participate and/or need reserved seating to the high school graduation to contact the school.

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):
  - Approval of a 2019-2020 tentative school calendar;
  - Approval of the FY20 regular board meeting schedule;
  - Authorization for the district superintendent to execute a renewal agreement with Centerstone for in-district mental health services.
2. Following this regular meeting, the following positions remain open for the 2019-2020 school year:
  - Early Childhood Special Education (1/2-time position);
  - Head Cook
  - JHS Girls Volleyball Coach
  - JHS Girls Track Coach
  - FFA Sponsor
3. Tonight's board meeting includes approval of a tentative 2019-2020 public school calendar. This tentative approval process is being used due to a pending piece of legislation that may impact some of the usual components of our traditional school calendar (e.g. parent/teacher conferences, Act-of-God days). It is expected that the Illinois General Assembly will take action on this legislation toward the end of this legislative cycle (May 31<sup>st</sup>), and that changes in the 2019-2020 calendar will be made in June, 2019.
4. Superintendent Henry is anticipating making a recommendation at the regular June, 2019, board meeting regarding a deeper implementation of instructional coaching in the district. We are currently considering a plan (which includes one additional teaching position employment) that would allow us to best use the four trained district instructional coaches as soon as the 2019-2020 school year.
5. The following report(s) and/or newsletter(s) were presented to the board for review:

- Illinois School News Service (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

6. As of May 13, 2019, the following Fiscal Year 2019 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>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$50,880.83	9/25/2018	9/30/2018	1/24/2019
	\$50,331.12	12/27/2018	12/30/2018	4/19/2019
	\$50,331.13	3/26/2019	3/30/2019	
	\$50,331.12		6/20/2019	
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$18,179.99	9/25/2018	9/30/2018	1/24/2019
	\$17,657.13	12/27/2018	12/30/2018	4/19/2019
	\$17,657.14	3/26/2019	3/30/2019	
	\$17,657.13		6/20/2019	
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$2,382.23	9/25/2018	9/30/2018	11/20/2018
	\$2,382.23	12/27/2018	12/30/2018	3/12/2019
	\$2,382.23	3/26/2019	3/30/2019	
	\$2,382.23		6/20/2019	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,554.51</b>			

Total payments to date: \$141,813.53 (66.84% of payments *due-to-date* for FY19)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2019 State Payments (FY18 Claims): \$140,740.98**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Kettelman approving the minutes of the previous meetings: April 8, 2019 (Regular Meeting), April 29, 2019 (Special Meeting), and April 29, 2019 (Special Meeting-Reorganization); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$221,700.61; salaries in the amount of \$343,906.98; approval of the 2019-2020 tentative school calendar; approval of Fiscal Year 2020 regular board meeting schedule; and authorization for district superintendent to execute renewal agreement with Centerstone for in-district mental health services, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION RESOLUTIONS:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Kettelman to approve the following commendation resolutions, as presented.

- Durham School Services Driver Judy Scott
- Illinois State Police Sergeant Tom Lillard
- Villa Grove Community Unit School District No. 302

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL VAN AND/OR WHEELCHAIR LIFT EQUIPMENT:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to authorize the District Superintendent or designee to purchase one (1) new school van equipped with a wheelchair lift, not to exceed \$45,000, and to execute any necessary documents, including payment, for said vehicle.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:35 PM, a motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Loucks 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: Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:33 PM, a motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Kettelman to reconvene from closed session.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)**

EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE TEACHER (WARD, MARTIN): A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Schoenbaechler to authorize the District Superintendent to extend an offer of employment to Martin Ward as a High School Agriculture Teacher, subject to the candidate's presentation of an appropriate license for said position and successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRA-DUTY COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Hicks to employ the following extra-duty coach(es) and/or sponsor(s).

- High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach: Brook Williams
- FCCLA Sponsor: Lisa Trail

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kettelman, Loucks, Rounds, Schoenbaechler

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019-2020: A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Kettelman to assign Elementary School Teacher Toni Fennes to 5th Grade.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Acosta to approve the following volunteer extracurricular coaches and/or sponsors:



- HS Girls Volleyball: Cheyenne Pitchford

Voting was as follows: There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S):** A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Loucks to acknowledge the following employee resignations:

- JHS Girls Volleyball Coach: Rachel Payne
- Head Cook: Lisa Moore (retirement resignation effective end of 2018-2019 school year)
- JHS Girls Track Coach: Dana Laur

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

**POSTING OF POSITIONS:** A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Kettelman to post the following positions:

- Head Cook
- JHS Girls Volleyball Coach
- JHS Girls Track Coach

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

President Stacey appointed board members to the following committees:

- Board Negotiations Committee: Teresa Stacey, Roger Hicks, Kevin Acosta, Brent Loucks
- Board Policy Committee: Teresa Stacey, Kathy Schoenbaechler, Samantha Kettelman, Megan Rounds

Discussion regarding the vandalism in Sesser that included some painting on the brick at the Old Gym was held.

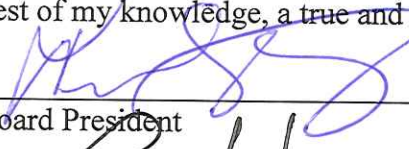
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Acosta to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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, May 13, 2019 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