

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NOVEMBER 12, 2018
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, November 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Carroll Kelly.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks, Kettelman, Schoenbaechler

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner

Visitors Present: Matt Hickam, Du Quoin High School Principal

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Superintendent Henry recognized Mr. Hickam and informed board that Mr. Hickam is superintendent-elect for Du Quoin District #300.

President Kelly appointed Teresa Stacey as acting board secretary.

Roger Hicks arrived at 6:04 PM.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, informed the board the blade for front of side-by-side has been purchased.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities, professional development activities, and a student engagement highlight.

Kevin Acosta thanked Mr. Jones for his assistance in informing students about the VFW Voice Of Democracy Speech Scholarship Program. Kevin indicated that he was pleased with the response.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented the high school information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, congratulations for student achievements, student engagement highlight, IHSA State Football Playoffs, and information on the 2018 S-V Holiday Tournament.

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 the district's seniority lists;
 - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Office of Education #21 regarding their alternative schools/funding.
2. Information regarding the 2018 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2018, was included in the board packet. As the board considers the tax levy for 2018, Superintendent Henry strongly encouraged board members to utilize the following five (5) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 11 years):
 - Realization that the levy is based on unknown (projected) property values;
 - Realization that this year's levy represents next (fiscal) year's local revenue;
 - Realization that each year's levy impacts all future years' levies;
 - The need of the board to determine the appropriate balance between the fiscal responsibility (Are we levying enough to meet budgetary needs?) and fiscal excess (Are we levying too much to meet budgetary needs); and
 - An understanding of the impact of the board's property tax levy on the district's property tax rate (a part of the overall rate for property tax payers in the district).

Please refer to two (2) property tax levy handouts (chart packet & presentation packet) as needed.

3. Mr. Jones, Mrs. Page, and Superintendent Henry will present our annual student performance report as a part of this board meeting.
4. Copy of the following newsletter(s) and/or report(s) was presented to the board members for their review:
 - Illinois School News Service (November 5th & November 7th)

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Mr. Jones presented a report regarding the 2018 ISBE School Report Card for both the elementary and junior high schools, which included student performance on standardized tests

(PARCC), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. He reported to the Board on his findings as to student performance and his recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of his evaluation of student performance.

Mrs. Page presented a report regarding the 2018 ISBE School Report Card for the high school, which included student performance on standardized tests (ACT & SAT), successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. She reported to the Board on her findings as to student performance and her recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of her evaluation of student performance.

Mr. Henry presented a report regarding the 2018 ISBE District Report Card for the district, which included student performance on standardized tests, successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and drop-out rates. He reported to the Board on his findings as to student performance and his recommendations for curriculum or instructional changes as a result of his evaluation of student performance.

Discussion followed regarding the areas of improvement and how the district is addressing those improvement areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey approving the minutes of the previous meeting: October 15, 2018 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$326,658.91 and salaries in the amount of \$352,335.51; approval of certified/licensed staff seniority list; approval of educational support staff personnel seniority list; and approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Office of Education #21 regarding Project ECHO & STARQuest Academy, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Loucks to approve a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2018 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Hicks, Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:24 PM, a motion was made by Acosta 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 the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Kelly, Loucks, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:40 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

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

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM AIDE (CERTIFIED AIDE CATEGORY)(REDDING, MARIA): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Loucks to employ Maria Redding as a Special Education Classroom Aide (certified aide category).

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Loucks, Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF TEEN REACH GRANT EXTRA-DUTY STIPENDS (ERROR CORRECTION): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve the following Teen REACH Grant extra-duty stipends to correct an oversight error following Summer, 2018, bargaining:

- Teen REACH Grant Coordinator: \$7,622 (includes TRS; reflects bargained 3% increase)
- Teen REACH Grant Assistant Coordinator: \$5,150 (includes TRS; reflects bargained 3% increase)

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

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

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT(S) AND/OR AMENDMENTS(S)(HENRY, JASON): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to approve a superintendent employment contract with Jason D. Henry, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Hicks, Kelly, Loucks

Nays: None

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held in response to some questions from board members regarding the scheduling of Christmas Program on Friday evening and Veterans Day being observed on Friday. Superintendent Henry thanked the board members for their input and indicated that this feedback will be used when scheduling next year.

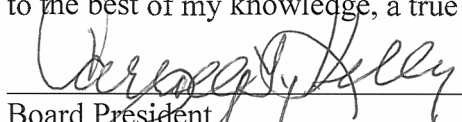
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacey to adjourn.

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

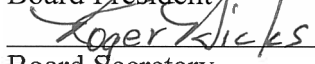
The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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, November 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary