

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NOVEMBER 12, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Stacey.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

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

Members Absent: Hicks, Loucks

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, C. Garner, S. Garner, M. Zurliene, J. Lamczyk

Visitors Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENT: Kevin Acosta thanked the district on behalf of the American Legion and the VFW for allowing them to be involved in the presentation to the after-school program students.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Superintendent Henry presented a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the Title I and Title IIA recent audit. He indicated that the audit did not have any findings resulting in cost to the district but did have findings indicating that some district policies need to be revised. The district has been notified from the PRESS subscription service through Illinois Association of School Boards to expect major changes in policies in the next PRESS release. Mr. Henry indicated that if the policy revisions needed to comply with the audit findings are not in the next release, he will proceed implementing the proposed revisions administratively until the PRESS service recommends revisions.

REPORTS

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented an update on the door systems upgrade (Glass Doctor presented information on a laminate film to use on windows instead of complete replacement. Mr. Dilliner is wanting to research this product and is hoping to be able to present a cost package to board at next meeting). A question was asked about the band room door (located in foyer; will remain locked all day).

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

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, and the IHSA State Football Playoffs.

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 an updated inter-agency agreement with the Illinois State Police regarding criminal history record information.
2. School superintendents in Illinois are expecting a new round of State School Maintenance Grants to start in late 2019/early 2020. Typically, this type of grant is a 50/50 matching grant, not to exceed \$50,000 (\$100,000 project total). In anticipation of this program, we are in the beginning phases of discussion about the parking lot resurfacing project that is needed. As the project develops, Superintendent Henry will keep board members posted.
3. Information regarding the 2019 tax levy, including the adoption of the tentative tax levy resolution for 2019, was included in the board packet. As the board considers the tax levy for 2019, Superintendent Henry strongly encourages members to utilize the following five (5) guiding principles (as the board has discussed in detail in the last 12 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.

4. A copy of a recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from DRG Holdings, LLC, and the District's response to it was presented to the board for review.

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Mr. Jones presented a report regarding the 2019 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 2019 ISBE School Report Card for the high school, which included student performance on standardized test (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 2019 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ketteman and seconded by Rounds approving the minutes of the previous meeting: October 15, 2019 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$252,209.04 and salaries in the amount of \$380,163.32; and approval of Inter-Agency User Agreement Between the Illinois State Police and Sesser-Valier CUSD #196 (Criminal History Record Information), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Ketteman, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS & INITIATE BIDDING PROCESS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: A motion was made by Ketteman and seconded by Rounds to authorize the District Superintendent to prepare specifications and initiate bidding process for student transportation services.

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

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ketteman and seconded by Rounds to approve a Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2019 (Tentative Tax Levy), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Ketteman, Rounds, Schoenbaechler, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None


ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Schoenbaechler and seconded by Ketteman 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 7:24 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, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary (Acting)