

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
NEED FOR AND USAGE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TAX FUNDS
DECEMBER 14, 2020
5:55 PM**

A public hearing regarding the need for and usage of Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds, as required by Section 17-2.11 of the Illinois School Code, was held at Sesser-Valier High School, 4626 State Highway 154, Sesser, Illinois, beginning at 5:55 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020.

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

Members Absent: Hicks, Kettelman

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

Visitors Present: None

Superintendent Henry read the following statements regarding the board hearing. This board meeting is being held remotely pursuant to Section 120/7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/7(e)] due to the state-wide COVID-19 disaster declaration issued by Governor Pritzker to ensure the health and safety of our community members, staff members and students. The head of the public body (superintendent) has determined that members of the public should not meet in-person during the board meeting because their attendance is not feasible due to the COVID-19 disaster declaration. The head of the public body (superintendent) has determined that members of the Sesser-Valier Board of Education shall be physically present in-person at the regular meeting location during the board meeting. The board of education has made alternative arrangements and has provided notice to the public on the school district's website describing how any interested member of the public may contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony and roll call votes taken during the board meeting by offering a web-based link. The board of education will keep a verbatim record of all board meetings held remotely in the form of an audio recording. The recordings of open session meetings will be made available for public inspection.

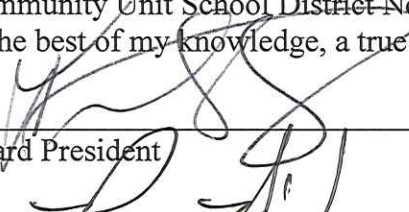
Superintendent Henry called the public hearing to order at 5:57 PM. He explained that it is a legal requirement to hold this hearing when Fire Prevention and Safety tax funds are levied. Several future projects that are necessary and are funded through the Fire Prevention and Safety fund were presented and discussed. Superintendent Henry indicated that there are not sufficient funds available in the fire prevention and safety fund to finance the repairs needed, thereby necessitating the levy amount.

Superintendent Henry asked for any public comments or questions. None were forthcoming.

Superintendent Henry closed the hearing at 5:58 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, December 14, 2020, at 5:55 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary