

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
(TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING)
FOR
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 14, 2020
5:50 PM**

A public hearing regarding the proposed tax levy increase for Sesser-Valier Unit School District No. 196 for 2020 was held at Sesser-Valier High School Library at 5:50 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 Truth in Taxation public hearing to order at 5:50 PM. He indicated that the purpose of this meeting was to hear any public input on the levy increase. He explained that a tentative levy was adopted last month by the board with a 10.00% increase in operating funds with an overall levy increase (including debt service levy) of 8.66%.

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

Superintendent Henry closed the hearing at 5:56 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 5:50 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President

Board Secretary