

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
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, September 14, 2020. 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, Loucks, Rounds, Stacey

Members Absent: Hicks, Schoenbaechler

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, C. Garner, M. Lamczyk, J. Lamczyk, Rachel Payne, T. Masters

Visitors Present: Doug Ess, Glass & Shuffett, LTD (District Auditing Firm), Mary Threewitt

Roger Hicks arrived at 6:03 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

President Stacey asked for any public comment. Mary Threewitt addressed the board regarding several items including band and chorus classes and problem with documents not saving on google.docs. Superintendent Henry addressed her concerns indicating that there are three employees dedicated to remote learning and asked Ms. Threewitt to contact the school and get connected to one of these employees.

REPORTS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Superintendent Henry introduced Doug Ess and asked Mr. Ess to present the district audit information for Fiscal Year 2020. Mr. Ess presented the audit to the board. He then thanked the board for giving Glass & Shuffett the opportunity to serve the district.

SEA: No report.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, informed the board that the annual inspection by the Fire Marshall is scheduled for Tuesday, 9/15/2020.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, HS Principal, presented the Elem/JH Principal's report in the absence of Mr. Jones. She presented the following information to the board: Trust fund, enrollment information, recent activities and upcoming activities.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, extra-curricular activities, and student enrollment.

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 annual administrator & teacher compensation reports
 - Approval of an amended FY21 public school calendar
 - Approval of the annual FY21 evidence-based funding spending plan
 - Approval of the FY20 district audit
 - Approval of the FY21 district budget
2. Durham School Services Contract Amendment(s)
 - Durham School Services has proposed a series of short-term amendments to the current transportation contract to address COVID-19 related issues (copies attached).
 - The amendment(s) address drivers' pay and district costs in certain blended/hybrid/full remote circumstances.
 - Superintendent Henry recommended that the board act to authorize him to enter into contract amendments with Durham on an as-needed basis during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. COVID-19 Updates
 - SV196 is set to continue on the blended/hybrid learning model until at least October 2, 2020. Prior to that date, Superintendent Henry will provide notice to parents about continuation of that model and/or any changes (calendar, hours, etc.).
 - Right now, it looks like we will be operating on an unusual school schedule for the foreseeable future. As a result, as school improvement days arise along the way, we will attempt to schedule those on Wednesdays (full remote learning day) to help parents navigate childcare issues.

Superintendent Henry updated the board regarding blended/hybrid learning for special education students following a recent public question that had arisen. He told the board that many special education students are attending school four days per week (both A & B schedule) to carry out certain individualized education plan (IEP) requirements. He also cited Illinois State Board of Education guidance to schools that strongly encourages schools to prioritize services for special education students.

Board Member Rounds asked about the possibility of students coming to school more than two days per week (phase-in). Superintendent Henry indicated that, at this time, he doesn't think that it is possible to do that and maintain the 6'+ social distance guidance. He gave an example of one student's case in which the student tested positive for COVID-19 and had attended a class at school. In that case, because of the social distance provided in the classroom, no other student was considered a "close contact" and was required to quarantine/isolate.

Board Member Kettelman asked a question about how grades are entered (timeline) following students' submission of assignments. SVHS Principal Natalie Page addressed the question, including a description of the process of recording grades (TeacherEase) and submission of assignments (Google Classroom).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Rounds approving the minutes of the previous meetings: August 10, 2020 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$168,152.09 and salaries in the amount of \$339,794.66; approval of the administrator and teacher compensation reports; approval of FY21 Amended Public School Calendar; approval of Evidence-Based Funding Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2021; approval of district audit for Fiscal Year 2020; and approval of district budget for Fiscal Year 2021, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MID-TERM AGREEMENT REGARDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES/COST DURING PANDEMIC WITH DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES: A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Kettelman to authorize the District Superintendent to enter into mid-term agreements (contract amendments) with Durham School Services on an as-needed basis during the pandemic.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PERSONNEL)

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Loucks to approve an informal SVEA proposal to permit the employment of two co-sponsors of the High School Math Team and to split the stipend evenly between said co-sponsors.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

A motion was made by Loucks and seconded by Kettelman to employ Madison Lamke and Melodee Garner as co-sponsors of the High School Math Team.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

TRANSFER(S) OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL: A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Loucks to transfer Lisa Sehlke to a clerical category position, retroactive to August 17, 2020.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION (BYRNS, ALLEN): A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Rounds to acknowledge the following employee resignation(s):

- District Custodian: Allen Byrns (effective September 15, 2020)

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

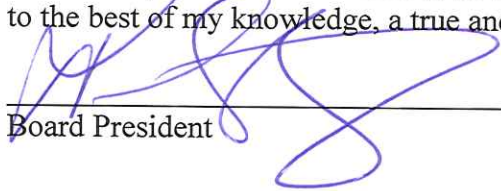
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kettelman and seconded by Hicks to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being six (6) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

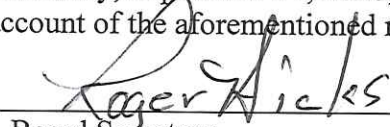
The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

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, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE 2020-21
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #196 BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A public hearing regarding the 2020-2021 Sesser-Valier CUSD #196 district budget was held at 5:55 PM in the High School Library on Monday, September 14, 2020. The hearing was called to order by Superintendent Henry.

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

Members Absent: Hicks, Schoenbaechler

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, V. Malinee, B. Dilliner, C. Garner, M. Lamczyk, J. Lamczyk, Rachel Payne, T. Masters

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Superintendent Henry presented the 2020-2021 budget and explained that the hearing was to hear any public comments regarding the district budget. He explained that the budget presented has very few adjustments from the tentative budget presented in August. He informed the board that the projected deficit spending is less than what the district has seen in previous years and indicated that the projected deficit is not expected to be as much as indicated by the budget (underestimated revenue, overestimated expenses). He added that he would be submitting an amended budget toward the end of the fiscal year that will be more in line with actual revenue and expenses.

Superintendent Henry asked for any other questions or additional public input, and there were none forthcoming.

Superintendent Henry closed the hearing at 5:58 PM.

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Board President



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