

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
DECEMBER 13, 2021
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, December 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Zimbrow called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta (via telephone), Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Members Absent:

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, L. Zimbrow, B. Cross, P. Webb, K. Shurtz, D. Wingo, T. Masters, R. Payne

Visitors Present: Rachel Towers

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None

Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell Not-to-Exceed \$2,000,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds (see attached Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) Hearing minutes; incorporated into these minutes by this reference).

REPORTS

SEA: SVEA President, Rachel Payne, reported on the recent activities and fundraisers in which S-V staff and students have participated. Dana Wingo, Kasey Shurtz, Penny Webb and Becky Cross each gave introductions and shared a little bit about themselves and their history with S-V.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Superintendent Henry presented the report on behalf of Brian Gunter. Henry praised B. Gunter and his hard work during the transition to District Maintenance Supervisor and for his help with the upcoming HVAC project.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elementary/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities, and the SAP (Student Assistance Program) Christmas report.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, list of students receiving special achievements and awards, and the CAP/TAP Christmas report.

Board Secretary, John Spence, had a concern/complaint that was brought to his attention concerning “vaping” in the student bathrooms. Students have complained of the inability to use the restroom because of the smoke/vapors. Mrs. Page and Mr. Jones agreed that they were aware of some vaping and have been making random stops in and around the student bathrooms. Mrs. Page listed some possible strategies to address the issue. Mr. Henry stated that the board does have a policy to address the matter and ability to increase random drug testing.

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 two FY22 seniority lists
 - Approval of updated district depository resolutions
 - Approval of an amendment to the District’s 403(b) plan
 - Approval of a resolution referencing disposition of obsolete equipment
 - Approval of the 2021 tax levy resolutions
2. Following the board’s adoption of the Tax Year 2021 levy this evening, the necessary documents will be filed in both Franklin & Jefferson Counties on or before the due date (last Tuesday of December; December 28, 2021).
3. Bids for the HVAC project are due and will be opened on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Following the bid opening, the District will begin working with the low bidder to negotiate the necessary contracts for the project in anticipation of approving those contracts at the regular January, 2022, board meeting.

Following the bid opening, Mr. Henry will prepare a document outlining the reservation of funds that will finance the project. That will help the district prepare for the upcoming January, 2022, bond sale, as well. (At this time, it looks like more than half of the project will be covered using grant funding and cash-on-hand.)
4. Superintendent Henry presented a recent FOIA request and the District’s response to that request.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser approving the minutes of the previous meeting: November 8, 2021 (Regular Board Meeting); Treasurer’s report; bills in the amount of \$359,727.38 and salaries in the amount of \$389,524.40; approval of licensed staff seniority list; approval of educational support personnel seniority list; adoption of district depository

resolutions(s); approval of amendment to AFPlanServ 403(b) Volume Submitter Plan Document; adoption of resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment; adoption of resolution authorizing final aggregate tax levy for year 2021; adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for fire prevention safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes for year 2021; adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for tort immunity for year 2021 and adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for special education purposes for year 2021, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO ADJUST INDIVIDUAL FUND LEVIES, NOT TO EXCEED BOARD-APPROVED AGGREGATE TAX LEVY FOR 2021: A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Stacey to authorize the District Superintendent to adjust individual fund levies, not to exceed the Board-approved aggregate tax levy for 2021, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:44 PM, a motion was made by Menser 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: Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:15 PM, a motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence to reconvene from closed session.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM AIDE (TOWERS, RACHEL): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to employ Rachel Towers as special education classroom aide effective January 1, 2022, subject to her presentation of evidence of sufficient college credit/qualifications to hold the position.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT CUSTODIAN (HOUSEWORTH, DANA): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to employ Dana Houseworth as district custodian, effective January 1, 2022, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S): A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Barry to acknowledge the following employee resignation(s):

- JHS Girls Volleyball Coach: Megan Lamczyk

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

MOTION TO POST THE FOLLOWING POSITION(S): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence to post the following position(s):

- Special Education Teacher

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE A SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT CONTINUATION AGREEMENT (MALINEE, VERA): A motion to approve a short-term employment continuation agreement with Vera L. Malinee, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Spence, Stacey, Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample

Nays: None

There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

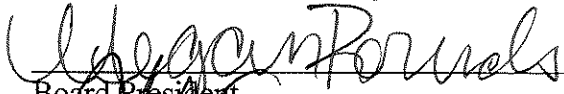
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Barry and seconded by Acosta to adjourn.

Voting was as follows: All voted yea. There being seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays, the president declared the motion carried.

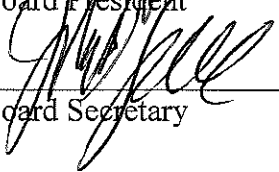
The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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, December 13, 2021 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 a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 196, Franklin and Jefferson Counties, Illinois, held in the Sesser-Valier High School Library, 4626 State Highway 154, Sesser, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 13th day of December, 2021.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Megan Rounds, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: Sample, Spence, Stacey, Barry, Menser, Rounds

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: Acosta

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: None

At 6:00 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein (the "*Life Safety Bonds*") and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Life Safety Bonds were as follows: for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following:

None

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Life Safety Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*.

None

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Life Safety Bonds. Statements were made by the following:

None

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Life Safety Bonds.

Member Stacey moved and Member Menser seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Barry, Menser

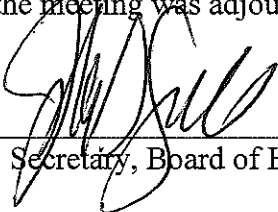
Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey, Acosta

The following members voted NAY: _____

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.



Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 196, Franklin and Jefferson Counties, Illinois (the "*Board*"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

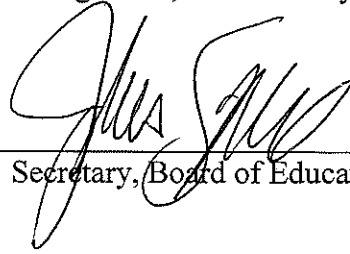
I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 13th day of December, 2021, insofar as the same relates to a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell not to exceed \$2,000,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board at said meeting were conducted openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 72 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting.

I do further certify that notice of said public hearing was posted at least 72 hours before said public hearing at the principal office of the Board, that at least one copy of said notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said public hearing and that attached hereto as *Exhibit B* is a true, correct and complete copy of said notice as so posted.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 13th day of December,
2021.

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Secretary, Board of Education

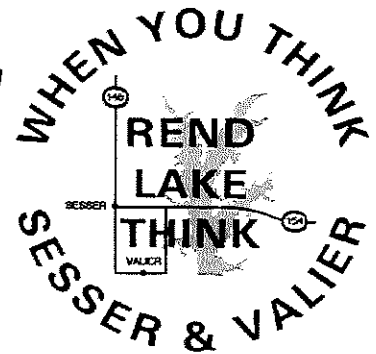
Exhibit A

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HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment & Correspondence
4. Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell Not-to-Exceed \$2,000,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds
5. Reports
 - a. Sesser-Valier Education Association
 - b. Laborers' Local 773
 - c. Custodial & Maintenance Supervisor
 - d. Elementary/Junior High School Principal
 - e. High School Principal
 - f. District Superintendent
6. Consent Agenda—The following items(s) will be considered for action (consent approval):
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting(s):
 - November 8, 2021 (Regular Board Meeting)
 - b. Payment of bills & salaries
 - c. Treasurer's report
 - d. Approval of licensed staff seniority list
 - e. Approval of educational support personnel seniority list
 - f. Adoption of district depository resolution(s)
 - g. Approval of amendment to AFPlanServ 403(b) Volume Submitter Plan Document
 - h. Adoption of resolution referencing disposition of obsolete school equipment
 - i. Adoption of resolution authorizing final aggregate tax levy for year 2021
 - j. Adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes for year 2021
 - k. Adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for tort immunity for year 2021
 - l. Adoption of a resolution authorizing tax levy for special education purposes for year 2021
7. Old Business—The following item(s) will be considered for action: (None)
8. New Business—The following item(s) will be considered for action:
 - a. Authorization for District Superintendent to adjust individual fund levies, not to exceed Board-approved aggregate tax levy for 2021

Exhibit A

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- b. Review of District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

9. Closed Session

- 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 schedule for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

10. Personnel (New Business)—The following item(s) will be considered for action:

- a. Employment of special education aide (certified aide category)
- b. Employment of district custodian
- c. Acknowledgement of employee resignation(s)
- d. Posting of position(s)
- e. Approval of district secretary/bookkeeper fixed-term employment continuation agreement

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

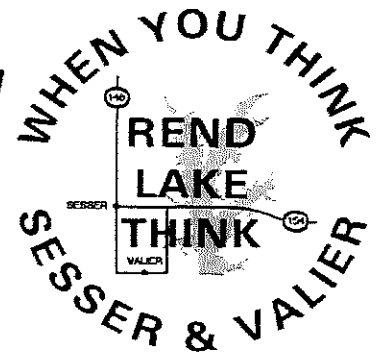
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 196,
FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 SCHOOL FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Unit School District Number 196, Franklin and Jefferson Counties, Illinois (the "*District*"), will hold a public hearing on the 13th day of December, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Sesser-Valier High School Library, 4626 State Highway 154, Sesser, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 196, Franklin and Jefferson Counties, Illinois.

DATED the 29th day of November, 2021.

John Spence
Secretary, Board of Education, Community
Unit School District Number 196,
Franklin and Jefferson Counties, Illinois