

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196  
JULY 12, 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, July 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Malinee called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Acosta, Barry, Menser, Rounds, Sample, Spence, Stacey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, B. Dilliner, V. Malinee, Rachel Payne,  
T. Masters, K. Spotanski, D. Laur

Visitors Present: Mary Threewitt

**PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Henry presented a thank you card from the family of Brian Lewis for the memorial gift. President Rounds presented a thank you card from Mona Lappin.

President Rounds asked for any public comments. None were forthcoming.

**REPORTS**

SEA: President Rachel Payne informed the board that she and Tracy Masters were elected co-presidents of the SVEA, and she presented information regarding faculty involvement in community and district events and activities in the last two months (see attached).

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Brandon Dilliner, Maintenance Supervisor, presented information regarding the student workers (another good group/keeping everything on schedule) and upcoming concrete project (elementary front entrance area).

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jones, Elem/JH Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities and dates and times for student registrations and orientations. Discussion followed on the conflicting dates of

orientations and junior high softball game (those playing will be able to come in late and be able to complete the orientation process).

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page, High School Principal, presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries and dates and times for student registrations and orientations.

Superintendent Henry asked Mrs. Page to address some questions from the board members regarding the purchase of uniforms (when they are purchased and for what teams).

Mrs. Page addressed the board members with information that she had asked Chip Basso, Athletic Director, to compile for her regarding the sports teams and when uniforms are purchased. Mr. Jones then reviewed the list for junior high sports. Mrs. Page encouraged board members to direct any questions to the building principals. The principals can then research and address any concerns or discrepancies. Superintendent Henry outlined the some of the federal Title IX guidelines.

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 Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (WCSIT) intergovernmental cooperative pooling agreement
  - Approval of the Illinois School District Agency (ISDA) agreement
  - Authorization for the District Superintendent to execute the Fiscal Year 2022 Teen REACH program agreement (retroactive)
  - Authorization for the District Superintendent to approve a facility-use request (Sesser-Valier Youth Athletic Organization, Inc.) as needed
  - Approval/display of revised board policies (1<sup>st</sup> reading)
2. This month's consent agenda addresses the first policy revision/adoption cycle for the new board. Board policy adoption/revision is usually a two-month process (Month 1: 1<sup>st</sup> reading/public display; Month 2: final adoption). The SV196 Board regularly addresses policy updates in January/February & July/August. Policies slated for revision are provided in "marked-up" form showing the recommended changes.
3. The District closed Fiscal Year 2021 well, with almost all outstanding costs attributable to FY21 paid prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> and small, reasonable surpluses in most funds (the Capital Projects fund experienced a planned spend-down of just over \$100,000 as a result of the Summer, 2020, parking lot resurfacing project). The District's auditors, Glass & Shuffett, Ltd., will prepare the annual financial report for presentation to the board in September, 2021.
4. ISBE released the ESSER III grant applications/allotments on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. The initial ESSER III allocation for the District is \$1,420,060. Of that amount, about \$285,000 must be reserved to address certain academic needs. As he previously reported,

Superintendent Henry's plan is to include at least \$600,000 of the HVAC remodeling expenses in that grant application.

5. The Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois State Board of Education released new guidance for public schools on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. As a result, we will draft a preliminary return-to-school plan (a requirement to access the ESSER III grant listed above) that incorporates that new guidance and seek board approval prior to the start of the school year. Our emphasis in drafting the plan will be on returning to normal safely.

While some components of the new guidance are clear, there are still several provisions of the IDPH/ISBE guidance that are unclear. As school districts ask questions over the next 1-2 weeks, Superintendent Henry expects that those agencies will issue clarifying, supplemental documents that will help us draft a good, sustainable plan. If needed, we may schedule a special board meeting before August 9<sup>th</sup> (the next regular meeting date) to approve the plan for 2021-2022.

6. As of July 12, 2021, the following Fiscal Year 2021 payments are due & payable to the school district:

<b>Categorical Payments</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Voucher Date</b>	<b>Regular Payment Date</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>
<b>Transportation: Regular</b>	\$60,080.18	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	10/21/2020
	\$60,282.64	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/22/2021
	\$60,282.64	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	4/21/2021
	\$60,282.64	6/16/2021	6/20/2021	7/6/2021
<b>Transportation: Special Education</b>	\$17,801.75	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	10/21/2020
	\$17,111.99	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	1/22/2021
	\$17,111.99	3/29/2021	3/30/2021	4/21/2021
	\$17,111.98	6/16/2021	6/20/2021	7/6/2021
<b>Driver Education</b>	\$1,832.44	9/28/2020	9/30/2020	3/31/2021
	\$1,832.44	12/28/2020	12/30/2020	7/7/2021
	<b>\$1,832.44</b>	3/29/2021	<b>3/30/2021</b>	
	<b>\$1,832.44</b>	6/16/2021	<b>6/20/2021</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$317,395.57</b>			

Total payments to date: **\$313,730.69** (98.85% of payments due-to-date for FY21)

**Grand Total of Outstanding Fiscal Year 2021 State Payments (FY20 Claims; All 4 Quarters): **\$3,664.88****

Superintendent Henry updated the board regarding the progress of the District's Student Online Privacy Protection Act (SOPPA) work, and indicated that he would report to the board again at a future meeting.



**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Menser approving the minutes of the previous meeting: June 14, 2021 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$358,428.61 and salaries in the amount of \$457,335.53; approval of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (WCSIT) intergovernmental cooperative polling agreement; approval of Illinois School District Agency (ISDA) agreement; authorization for district superintendent to execute Fiscal year 2022 Teen REACH program agreement; authorization for district superintendent to approve a facility-use request (Sesser-Valier Youth Athletic Organization, Inc.) as needed; and approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading), 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**

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR BREAD AND MILK FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:** Discussion regarding the proposals for the milk and bread products for the upcoming school year was held.

A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Stacey to authorize District personnel to select and utilize a bakery/bread provider for 2021-2022.

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

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Sample to authorize District personnel to utilize Prairie Farms as a milk provider for 2021-2022, as presented.

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

**STATUS OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to keep all closed session minutes closed to the public.

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

DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION VERBATIM RECORD AUDIO RECORDINGS: A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Menser to authorize the Superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: July 8, 2019; July 25, 2019; August 12, 2019; September 16, 2019; October 15, 2019; December 9, 2019.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 6:41 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Menser 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)

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.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:26 PM, a motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Stacey to reconvene from closed session.

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

#### **PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)**

APPROVAL OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021-2022: A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to transfer Leslie Hacker to an elementary classroom teaching position (early-elementary "bridge" program).

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

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (CROSS, BECKY): A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Acosta to employ Becky Cross as a special education teacher, subject to her successful completion of a required, fingerprint-based criminal background check.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER (ZIMBRO, LEIGHA): A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Menser to employ Leigha Zimbrow as a district secretary/bookkeeper, 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.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S): A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Acosta to employ Regina Tinsley as Teen REACH Grant Coordinator, subject to grant funding for the program.

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.

A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Barry to employ Leslie Hacker as Teen REACH Grant Assistant Coordinator, subject to grant funding for the program.

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.

A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Stacey to employ Nick Wingo as High School Football Assistant Coach.

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.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION(S):** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Menser to acknowledge the following employee resignation:

- HS Football Assistant Coach: Andy Janello

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

**APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH(ES) AND/OR SPONSOR(S):** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Spence to approve the following volunteer assistant coach(es) and/or sponsor(s):

- JHS Boys' Baseball: Bryan Woolsey & Rich Houghland
- HS Cheerleading: Paige Ruffino

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

**AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO POST POSITIONS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS:** A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Acosta to authorize the Superintendent to post positions on an as-needed basis.

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

**AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE FACULTY/STAFF TRANSFERS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS:** A motion was made by Stacey and seconded by Spence to authorize the Superintendent to make faculty/staff transfers and/or appointments on an as-needed basis.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

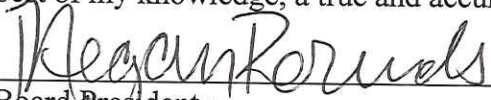
**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Acosta and seconded by Spence to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 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, July 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary