

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
JULY 10, 2023
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 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Jason Sample.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Zimbrow called the roll with the following result:

Members Present: Barry, Garner, Lance, Menser, Packer, Sample, Spence

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, K. Jones, L. Zimbrow, B. Gunter, R. Payne, T. Masters, M. Lamczyk, J. Lamczyk, D. Wingo, S. White, A. Kramer, K. Severs, L. Miller, G. Tinsley, B. Williams, L. Hacker, M. Berthoux, C. Dennison, O. Page, C. Basso, D. Laur

Visitors Present: Greg White

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS

SVEA: R. Payne shared the SVEA's concern with the lack of progress since last month's meeting regarding possible teacher salary increases by reading a prepared statement.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: None.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: K. Jones presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust Fund, recent events/activities, upcoming activities and dates and times for student registrations and orientations.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: N. Page presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries and dates/times for student registration and orientation.

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Henry presented the following information to the board:

1. The consent agenda for this month's meeting includes the following additional item(s):
 - Authorization for the district superintendent to execute the 2023-2024 Section 125 plan(s)
 - Adoption of the FY24 Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund depository resolution
 - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Centerstone
 - Approval of the Illinois School District Agency Agreement
 - Approval of the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust Intergovernmental Cooperative Pooling Agreement
 - Approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading)
2. As of this writing, Phase I of the HVAC project is on-schedule. Ceiling installation should begin this week, as sheet metal workers, pipe-fitters, control electricians, and duct & pipe-insulators are finishing up the inside work. Once ceiling installation begins, Mr. Gunter and his crew will be able to start cleaning the rooms and moving furniture back into those rooms. Rooftop unit work is tentatively scheduled for next week (Week of July 17th), and the electricians are making good progress to be ready for that. So far, Mr. Henry has been very pleased with the project and all of the workers who are bringing it together.
3. The District closed out Fiscal Year 2023 well, with all funds finishing better than projected in the FY23 Amended District Budget. However, Superintendent Henry will be monitoring the FY24 Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (a business tax) proceeds following a notice from the Illinois Department of Revenue that a statewide miscalculation/misapplication of state responsibilities to this fund had been made in FY22 and FY23, and he indicated that we should expect to see a significant reduction in this revenue in future years. (Henry is planning to estimate a 33-50% reduction for FY24 in the initial district budget.) District Auditors, Glass & Shuffett, will do on-site audit work during the week of July 17, 2023, and are planning to present the District's FY23 audit in September, 2023, after which the District's final FY23 numbers will be official.
4. In conjunction with a board member's request, District Athletic Director Chip Basso will make a brief presentation and answer Board questions at this meeting.
5. Mr. Henry attached copies of three (3) recent Freedom of Information Act requests and the District's response to those requests for your review.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Garner approving the minutes of the previous meeting: June 12, 2023 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; the bills in the amount of \$211,599.19 and salaries in the amount of \$481,733.68; authorization for district superintendent or designee to execute 2023-2024 Section 125 plan(s); adoption of Fiscal Year 2024 Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund depository resolution; approval of a Centerstone Memorandum of Understanding; approval of Illinois School District Agency Agreement; approval of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust Intergovernmental Cooperative Pooling Agreement; and approval/display of revised board policies (1st Reading), as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Barry, Garner, Lance, Menser, Packer, Sample, Spence

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

At Superintendent Henry's request, Athletic Director Chip Basso presented the board with handouts highlighting the Lead 'Em Up program for student athletes and coaches, practice schedules, and recent invoices for equipment and uniforms. Basso shared that the district has been making an effort to spend time with coaches and offer more resources. Board members suggested being more involved in the process of employing coaches and increasing communication between the board and the athletic program.

Board Member Kirk Packer requested discussion of the School Resource Officer and his/her services. Packer asked if the Franklin County Sheriff's Office would have the ability to view live video surveillance. Superintendent Henry shared that live video can be viewed by the School Resource Officer during the course of his/her work during the school day. However, video cannot go out of the district without parental consent and/or court order. Discussion followed regarding other school districts and their arrangements with local sheriffs' offices and the reported ability to access video surveillance. Superintendent Henry indicated that he would seek a written opinion from the District's attorney regarding the issue and report back to the Board.

APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) SERVICE(S): A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Barry to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for school resource officer services, with annual expenses to the District not to exceed \$20,000, as presented.

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Garner, Lance, Menser, Packer, Sample, Spence, Barry

Nays: None

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 Menser and seconded by Garner 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 Menser and seconded by Barry to authorize the Superintendent to destroy the verbatim closed session records (audio recordings) for the following closed session meetings: July 12, 2021; August 9, 2021; September 13, 2021; September 23, 2021; December 13, 2021.

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 6:33 PM, a motion was made by Menser and seconded by Spence 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 schedule for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)).

Roll call voting was as follows:

Yeas: Packer, Sample, Spence, Barry, Garner, Lance, Menser

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 8:10 PM, a motion was made by Menser and seconded by Garner 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)

TRANSFER OF ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHER TO 4TH GRADE TEACHING POSITION (HERNANDEZ, GAVIN): A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Lance to transfer Gavin Hernandez to a 4th grade teaching position.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO POST POSITIONS AS NEEDED: A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Barry 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.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE FACULTY/STAFF TRANSFERS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS AS NEEDED: A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Garner 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:

Board Member Packer asked that the Board seek an alternate legal opinion regarding the release of certain student records to law enforcement personnel. Board President Sample indicated that the Board would seek a written opinion from its attorney/legal firm to avoid incurring additional legal expenses involving additional attorneys.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Menser 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.

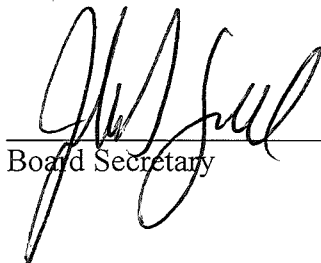
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM, is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate account of the aforementioned meeting.



Board President



Board Secretary