

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196
OCTOBER 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 Tuesday, October 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: Garner, Lance, Menser, Packer, Sample, Spence

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, N. Page, L. Zimbrow, B. Gunter, L. Hacker, K. Spotanski

Visitors Present: Doug Ess

PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS

DISTRICT AUDITOR: District Auditor Doug Ess (Glass & Shuffett, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants) presented the District's Fiscal Year 2023 audit and annual financial report. Mr. Ess summarized the management letter, audit, annual financial report, and financial profile indicators/preliminary score. He answered board members' questions and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in the District.

SVEA: K. Spotanski shared recent activities the teachers and students have participated in.

LABORERS' LOCAL 773: No report.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: No report.

K-8 PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page presented information on behalf of Mr. Jones regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, recent activities, upcoming activities, and enrollment. Progress reports were mailed out. Upcoming Red Ribbon Week and Halloween parade for the elementary students.

H.S. PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Page presented information regarding the following to the board: Trust fund, upcoming calendar entries, enrollment, homecoming and high school highlights.

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):
 - a. Approval of the annual library program media evaluation
 - b. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 district audit
2. District Maintenance Supervisor Brian Gunter and Superintendent Henry are scheduled to meet with Illinois Department of Transportation Maintenance Engineer Scott Stokes on Friday, October 13, 2023, to look closely at the school speed zone on the highway and hopefully get 2-3 possible ideas for modifications/upgrades.
3. Following District Auditor Doug Ess's presentation at this board meeting, the District's FY23 audit will be filed with the regional superintendent, ISBE, IDHS, and Standard & Poore's Rating Agency. As expected, the audit shows that the District is financially stable, maintains a fiscally-healthy cash reserve, and accurately/fairly reports its finances. District Bookkeeper Leigha Zimbardo did a fantastic job preparing for and going through this year's audit process.
4. The regular board meeting on Monday, November 13th, will include the 2023 Tax Levy (Payable Calendar Year 2024) on the agenda. The Board will need to adopt the tentative tax levy that evening in preparation for final adoption on December 11th.
5. Mr. Henry attached a copy of a recent Freedom of Information Act request and the District's response to that request for your review.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Menser and seconded by Spence approving the minutes of the previous meeting: September 18, 2023 (Regular Meeting); Treasurer's report; bills in the amount of \$184,529.68 and salaries in the amount of \$402,897.44; approval of library program media evaluation; and approval of Fiscal Year 2023 district audit.

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:30 PM, a motion was made by Menser and seconded by Garner 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))
- c. The selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3))
- d. Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), as amended by P.A. 93-79 and P.A. 93-422)

Roll call voting was as follows:

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

Nays: None

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

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION: At 7:48 PM, a motion was made by Spence and seconded by Menser to reconvene from closed session.

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

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY FOR UNEXPIRED TERM: A motion was made by Packer and seconded by Lance to appoint Dena Kirk as a board member to fill an unexpired term as outlined in Board Policy 2:70 and state law.

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

PERSONNEL (NEW BUSINESS)

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

- JHS Girls Basketball: Mikala Wingo
- JHS Boys Basketball: Brian Laur
- HS Boys Basketball: Garrett Gunter
- Youth & Government: Melodee Garner & John Gulley

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

OTHER BUSINESS

K. Packer requested information regarding facility use requests for outside programs including how the district determines what organizations are allowed and which facilities they are approved to use. Mr. Henry explained the district's policies, practices, and reasons for limiting main campus building access to outside programs. Discussion followed.

The Board formally recognized Rebecca Barry for her service to the Board. Superintendent Henry indicated that, in Mrs. Barry's absence, he would make arrangements to get her recognition plaque to her.

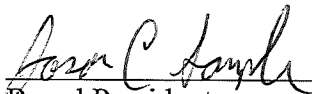
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Spence and seconded by Lance to adjourn.

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

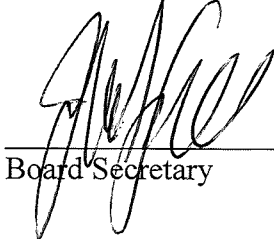
The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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 Tuesday, October 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