

Lee/Ogle Regional Board of School Trustees  
Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education

Minutes  
Special Meeting  
July 22, 2009

The Lee/Ogle Regional Board of School Trustees met on Wednesday, July 22 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lee/Ogle Regional Office of Education in Grand Detour.

President Roger Hickey called the meeting to order and the following members responded to roll call: Roger Hickey, Carol Biester, Thomas Brooks, James Detig, Francis Drew, Boyd (Bud) Melvin, Connie Shannon. Also present: Ex-officio secretary Regional Superintendent Amy Jo Clemens, Ogle County Assistant States Attorney Scott Robinson and members of the public.

President Hickey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The motion was made by Ms. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Detig to accept the minutes of the last meeting, May 18, 2009. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

ASA Robinson reviewed the Rules of Procedure for Hearings on Petitions to Withdraw from Special Education Cooperatives. Discussion followed regarding the repeated use of the word “reasonable” instead of giving specific timelines.

Motion to approve the Rules was given by Mr. Melvin and seconded by Mr. Brooks. Roll Call: Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Melvin and Ms. Shannon. Nays – none.

Consideration of Byron CUSD #226 motion to recuse and Ogle County Educational Cooperative’s motion to dismiss Byron’s petition to withdraw from Ogle County Educational Cooperative.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Drew to go into Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act exception at 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, and for the receipt of legal advice. Seconded by Mr. Detig. Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Melvin and Ms. Shannon. Nays – none.

Report of the Regional Superintendent: None

Public Comment.

Dr. Mayberry, Superintendent of Eswood CCSD 269 made comments regarding his appreciation to the board for keeping the petition as a local issue.

Board Comment:

Mr. Melvin commented that the board should schedule a meeting to receive additional information and advice from ASA Robinson regarding the motions in front of the board regarding Byron CUSD 226 Petition to Withdraw. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Mr. Drew to set a special meeting of the Lee/Ogle Regional Board of Trustees for Monday August 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the ROE. Seconded by Mr. Brooks. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Detig and seconded by Ms. Biester at 8:35 pm. All present voted in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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Amy Jo Clemens, Secretary  
Lee/Ogle Regional Board of School Trustees

Date

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Roger Hickey, President  
Regional Board of School Trustees

Date