

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

Minutes  
Special Meeting  
August 10, 2009

The Lee/Ogle Regional Board of School Trustees met on Monday, August 10, 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. Biester and seconded by Mr. Detig to accept the minutes of the last meeting, May 18, 2009. Roll Call: Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Melvin and Ms. Shannon. Nays – none.

Unfinished Business:

President Hickey informed the members that the attorneys representing Byron CUSD 226 and OCEC were in attendance to provide remarks regarding the motions that were presented to the board before the July 22, 2009 meeting.

1. Byron CUSD Motion to Recuse the Regional Board Members.  
Mr. Mark Metzger, Attorney for Byron CUSD spoke to the Regional Board Members summarizing Byron's motion for ten minutes. Mr. Alan Sraga, Attorney for OCEC, spoke to the Regional Board Members summarizing OCEC response to the motion for ten minutes. Mr. Metzger spoke for a five minute rebuttal.
2. OCEC Motion to Dismiss the Byron Petition.  
Mr. Sraga spoke to the Regional Board members regarding the OCEC motion to dismiss for ten minutes. Mr. Metzger spoke to the Regional Board members summarizing Byron's response to the motion for ten minutes. Mr. Sraga spoke for a five minute rebuttal.

Closed Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Brooks to go into Closed Session at 6:50 pm 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 Ms. Shannon. Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Melvin and Ms. Shannon. Nays – none.

Motion to return to Open Session was made by Ms. Biester and seconded by Ms. Shannon at 8:20 pm. Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Melvin and Ms. Shannon. Nays – none.

Action taken after returning to open session at 8:20 pm

1. Motion to deny Byron's Motion to Recuse the Regional Board Members was made by Mr. Melvin and seconded by Mr. Detig. Roll Call: Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Melvin and Ms. Shannon. Nays – none.
2. Motion to deny OCEC's Motion to Dismiss Byron's Petition was made by Ms. Biester and seconded by Ms. Shannon. . Roll Call: Ayes from Ms. Biester, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Detig, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hickey, and Ms. Shannon. Nays – Mr. Melvin.

New Business: None

Report of the Regional Superintendent: None

Public Comment.

Donna Dawes, parent of an OCEC student receiving services in classrooms located in Byron in the past made comments indicating her distress at having her child's classroom moved to the Polo district.

Dr. Bill Mattingly, Superintendent of Oregon CUSD 220, asked the board if they were going to set a hearing date.

Board Comment:

Board members commented on needing to set a hearing date. Mr. Brooks suggested that it was the duty of the President, Roger Hickey, to set those dates. ASA Robinson concurred. Mr. Hickey said he would take that under advisement and work with ASA Robinson. Board members commented on the need to move forward with this process.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Detig and seconded by Mr. Drew. 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