

**Regional Board of School Trustees
Bond, Fayette, and Effingham Counties
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2012**

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Regional Board of School Trustees of Bond, Fayette, and Effingham Counties, Illinois was held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Vandalia, Illinois. Absent the chair, Julie Wollerman, Regional Superintendent of Schools for Bond, Fayette and Effingham Counties and Ex-Officio Secretary of the Regional Board of School Trustees called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present:

Jim Harre Lindell Martie Eugene Logue
 Bill LaDage Doug Ambuehl Bruce Bannister
 Jim Rice

Having established a quorum, the Board then conducted the following items of business:

1. Minutes from the April 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Martie and seconded by Mr. Ambuehl. Motion carried 5 to 0 with Mr. LaDage abstaining.
2. The Ex-Officio Secretary of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Wollerman, presented two letters of resignation. The first was from Bill LaDage, and Mr. Rice moved with Mr. Ambuehl seconding that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried 5 to 0. The second letter of resignation was from Jim Harre and after discussion; this letter was determined to be incomplete. Mr. LaDage as Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools will communicate with Mr. Harre to receive the necessary documentation.
3. The Board received an update on the Chris Ordner detachment/annexation case.
4. Mr. Martie moved that Jimmie Rice be appointed Chairman of the Regional Board of School Trustees and Mr. Ambuehl seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.
5. Other news:
 - The new budget for the state of Illinois cuts funding for schools further.
 - Expect that next spring teachers may be rified (reduction in force) and retirees not replaced due to shrinking school budgets.

- The new Teacher/Principal Evaluation system and the problems that have arisen was detailed by Mrs. Wollerman.
 - Mrs. Wollerman informed the Board of the change in the Basic Skills Test requirement for college kids who are going into education, as a second option has been adopted.
 - Consolidations of Regional Offices of Education (44 to 35) were based on serving 61,000 people. ROE #3 is above this threshold. Mrs. Wollerman described the process to streamline.
 - Mr. Bannister brings up the possibility that next year the state comes back and lowers this threshold below 61,000 to streamline even more.
 - Mrs. Wollerman described her recent testimony and those of others in attendance at a Student Success Task Force Hearing in Carbondale.
6. There being no other business to conduct, a motion was made by Mr. Ambuehl and seconded by Mr. Rice to adjourn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jimmie Rice, Chairman

Julie Wollerman, Ex-Officio Secretary