

**Regional Board of School Trustees
Bond, Fayette, and Effingham Counties
Special Meeting
August 21, 2012**

Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Regional Board of School Trustees of Bond, Fayette, and Effingham Counties, Illinois was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Vandalia, Illinois. The Chairman, Jimmie Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present:

_____ Jim Harre X Lindell Martie X Eugene Logue
 X Doug Ambuehl X Bruce Bannister X Jimmie Rice

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

1. Minutes from the July 2, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Ambuehl and seconded by Mr. Mr. Logue. Motion carried 5 to 0.
2. The Ex-Officio Secretary of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Wollerman, presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Jim Harre. Mr. Bannister moved with Mr. Martie seconding that the resignation be accepted. Motion carried 5 to 0.
3. Mr. Martie moved to set aside the business portion of this special meeting for the purpose of a detachment/annexation hearing. Mr. Ambuehl seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.
4. A hearing for detachment/annexation was conducted relating to a petition filed on July 9, 2012 by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Billingsley. Mrs. Beverly Hopkins, CSR, transcribed this hearing. Full hearing details can be found in her official transcript which is on file. Chairman, Jimmie Rice, conducted the hearing. Melanie Pearce, attorney for the Billingsley, presented their case. Regional Board of School members asked questions to clarify and obtain more details. Jennifer and Kevin Billingsley gave brief testimony. Mr. Cary Jackson, Superintendent of Dieterich Community Unit School District #30 was present and testified. Mr. Monty Aldrich, Superintendent of North Clay Community School District #25 was present and testified. After hearing all testimony and having all questions answered, Mr. Martie moved and Mr. Ambuehl seconded to grant the petition. The Regional Board of School Trustees voted 4 to 1 to grant the petition. Voting 'yes' were Mr. Ambuehl, Mr. Bannister, Mr. Martie, and Mr. Rice. Voting 'no' was Mr. Logue. The educational welfare of the students was cited as the reason for granting the

petition. After consulting with the superintendents and finding no opposition, the effective date of the ORDER for administration and attendance purposes was accelerated to be effective immediately. The Chair directed the Secretary to prepare the ORDER to grant the petition and file with:

- A. Petitioner
- B. School Districts Involved
- C. Effingham County Clerk
- D. Effingham County Supervisor of Assessments.

A motion to prepare a transcript of the hearing was made by Mr. Ambuehl and seconded by Mr. Logue. Motion passed 5 to 0. Mr. Martie moved to adjourn the public hearing and return to the special board meeting. Mr. Logue seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

5. Seeing that no further business was going to be brought up, Mr. Bannister moved and Mr. Ambuehl seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 7:34 PM. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Jimmie Rice, Chairman

Julie Wollerman, Ex-Officio Secretary