

**Clay-Crawford-Jasper-Lawrence-Richland
Regional Board of School Trustees
Regular Meeting
July 25, 2022 - 6:59 p.m.
Regional Office of Education #12
ROE 12 PD Training Center
Second Floor
300 West Main Street, Robinson, Illinois**

The Regional Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022, in the Regional Office of Education #12, ROE 12 PD Training Center, Second Floor, 300 West Main Street, Robinson, Illinois

Chairman Travis Farley called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Gene Allen, Lawrence County
Travis Farley, Jasper County
Sheila Mikeworth, Crawford County
Julia New, Lawrence County
Kaye Holscher, Crawford County
Marilyn Holt, Richland County

Absent:

Bob Pierson, Clay County

Others Present:

Monte Newlin, Ex-Officio Secretary; Corrie Ray, Assistant Regional Superintendent; Tammy Hertenstein, ROE #12 Administrative Assistant; Joyce Lawrence, Court Reporter; Cole Shaner, Crawford County State's Attorney; Tanner & Alaina Barmes, Petitioners; William Thomas, Attorney for Tanner & Alaina Barmes; Eugene Hanses, Jr., Attorney for Hutsonville CUSD #1; Julie Kraemer, Hutsonville CUSD #1 Superintendent; Travis Titsworth, Hutsonville High School Principal; Larry & Samantha Mann, Brenda Mann; Michelle Meese, Oblong CSD #4 Superintendent; Josh Quick, Darrell & Brandy Selby, Jessical Sisil, Lauren Wagoner, Linda Carpenter, Jessica Will.

Kaye Holscher made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Gene Allen. A roll call vote to approve the minutes resulted in 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The minutes were approved.

Eugene Hanses, representing Hutsonville CUSD #1, addressed the Board, presenting Pre-Hearing Motion to Dismiss. He presented Exhibit Hutsonville A and Exhibit Hutsonville B. He argued there was no significant education benefit noted in the Petition, therefore the Board had no jurisdiction to hear said Petition, citing 7-6 School Code. If Motion 1 was not approved, Pre-Hearing Motion 2 would be presented.

William Thomas, representing the Petitioners responded and presented Petitioners' Exhibit A, citing it is proper for the Board to consider whole child and community identification.

The board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Julia New made a motion to vote on the Motion to Dismiss, seconded by Gene Allen. A roll call vote was taken. Board members were instructed that a yes vote indicated they would vote on Pre-Hearing Motion to Dismiss, a no vote indicated they would continue deliberations.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	yes
Sheila Mikeworth	yes
Julia New	yes
Kaye Holscher	yes
Marilyn Holt	yes
Gene Allen	yes
Bob Pierson	absent

Based upon the Board vote, it was decided to vote on Pre-Hearing Motion to Dismiss, with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 absent.

After additional deliberation, Kaye Holscher made a motion to dismiss the petition, seconded by Julia New. A roll call vote was taken. A yes vote indicated they will dismiss the Petition, a no vote indicated they would hear the 2nd motion made by Mr. Hanses.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	no
Sheila Mikeworth	no
Julia New	no
Kaye Holscher	no
Marilyn Holt	no
Gene Allen	no
Bob Pierson	absent

Based upon the Board vote, the Pre-Hearing Motion to Dismiss was denied, with 0 yes votes 6 no votes, and 1 absent.

Eugene Hanses, representing Hutsonville CUSD 1, addressed the board, presenting a two-part Pre-Hearing Motion in Limine and Motion for Bifurcation, and presented Exhibits Hutsonville C and Hutsonville D. William Thomas, representing the Petitioners responded, citing it is appropriate to determine whole child and not just the educational benefit alone.

After additional deliberation, Travis Farley made the motion to Grant the Pre-Hearing Motion in Limine and Motion for Bifurcation, seconded by Julia New. A roll call vote was taken. A yes vote would indicate the Board approved the Motions, a no vote would deny the Motions.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	no
Sheila Mikeworth	no
Julia New	no
Kaye Holscher	no
Marilyn Holt	no
Gene Allen	no
Bob Pierson	absent

Based on the Board vote, the Pre-Hearing Motion for in Limine and Motion for Bifurcation was denied, with 0 yes votes, 6 no votes and 1 absent.

Hearing Officer Monte Newlin reminded the board members whatever this Board decides is subject to review by the circuit court if the losing side chooses to pursue an appeal.

Hearing Officer Monte Newlin presided over the Barmes et. al Petition Hearing. The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Hutsonville CUSD #1 and annex same territory to Oblong CUSD #4 filed by Tanner A. and Alaina M. Barmes, Gene R. and Bonnie D. Weger, Ira Lee and Ruth Arlene Bowman, and Richard A Gaddis, Petitioners. Petitioners were represented by Attorney William Thomas. Hutsonville CUSD #1 was represented by Attorney Eugene Hanses, Jr.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	present
Sheila Mikeworth	present
Julia New	present
Kaye Holscher	present
Marilyn Holt	present
Gene Allen	present
Bob Pierson	absent

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Tanner Barmes, Alaina Barmes, Eugene Hanses, William Thomas, and Julie Kraemer presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Travis Farley made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Julia New. A roll call vote was taken. Board members were instructed that a yes vote indicated they approved granting the petition; a no vote indicated they did not approve granting the petition.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	yes
Sheila Mikeworth	yes
Julia New	yes
Kaye Holscher	yes
Marilyn Holt	yes
Gene Allen	no
Bob Pierson	absent

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was approved with 5 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 absent.

This is a summary statement as required by the Illinois School Code: A complete record of all matters and votes taken are contained in the transcript prepared by the Court Reporter which is on file in the office of the Regional Superintendent.

Hearing Officer Monte Newlin presided over the Mann Petition Hearing. The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Oblong CUSD #4 and annex same territory to Robinson CUSD #2 filed by Larry and Samantha Mann, Petitioners.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	present
Sheila Mikeworth	present
Julia New	present
Kaye Holscher	present
Marilyn Holt	present
Gene Allen	present
Bob Pierson	absent

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Larry Mann, Samantha Mann, and Michelle Meese presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the Exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Julia New made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Kaye Holscher. A roll call vote was taken. Board members were instructed that a yes vote indicated they approved granting the petition; a no vote indicated they did not approve granting the petition.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	yes
Sheila Mikeworth	yes
Julia New	yes
Kaye Holscher	yes
Marilyn Holt	yes
Gene Allen	no
Bob Pierson	absent

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was approved with 5 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 absent.

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Hearing Officer Monte Newlin presided over the Selby Petition Hearing. The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Robinson CUSD #2 and annex same territory to Palestine CUSD #3 filed by Chip and Brandy Selby, petitioners.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	present
Sheila Mikeworth	present
Julia New	present
Kaye Holscher	present
Marilyn Holt	present
Gene Allen	present
Bob Pierson	absent

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Chip Selby, Brandy Selby, Josh Quick, and Jessica Sisil presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Kaye Holscher made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Gene Allen. A roll call vote was taken. Board members were instructed that a yes vote indicated they approved granting the petition; a no vote indicated they did not approve granting the petition.

Roll Call:

Travis Farley	yes
Sheila Mikeworth	yes
Julia New	yes
Kaye Holscher	yes
Marilyn Holt	yes
Gene Allen	yes
Bob Pierson	absent

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was approved with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes and 1 absent.

This is a summary statement as required by the Illinois School Code: A complete record of all matters and votes taken are contained in the transcript prepared by the Court Reporter which is on file in the office of the Regional Superintendent.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Travis Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marilyn Holt. All were in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Travis Farley 5-15-23
Travis Farley, Chairman Date

Monte Newlin 5-15-23
Monte Newlin, Ex-Officio Secretary Date