

**Clay-Crawford-Jasper-Lawrence-Richland
Regional Board of School Trustees
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2023 5:30 P.M.
Regional Office of Education #12
407 South Whittle, Olney, IL 62450**

The Regional Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on July 6 2023, in the Regional Office of Education #12, 407 South Whittle, Olney, IL 62450 Chairman Travis Farley called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m. Tammy Hertenstein called the roll as follows:

Roll Call:

Present:

Travis Farley, Jasper County
Kaye Holscher, Crawford County
Marilyn Holt, Richland County
Julia New, Lawrence County
Sheila Mikeworth, Crawford County
Bob Pierson, Clay County

Absent:

Gene Allen, Lawrence County - arrived at 5:45

Others Present:

Jeremy Brush, 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; Bill Thomas, Attorney for Mette, Buerster, Terry and Hosselton; Lee & Ashley Hosselton, Larry Hosselton, Petitioners; Adam Ellis; Cathy Croy, Clay City Superintendent; Matthew Moore; Lee Milligan; Lori Hosselton; Justin Williams; Chris Hoffman, Attorney for Jasper Co Schools; Alan, Krista, Malorie & Maison Buerster, Petitioners; Joe Sornberger, Jasper Co Schools Superintendent; Matthew, Emily, Addison & Avery Mette, Petitioners; Nathan & Ashtyn Mellendorf, Petitioners; Keith Price, North Clay Schools Superintendent; Tyler & Amanda Terry, Petitioners; Travis Tittsworth, Hutsonville Schools Superintendent; Josh Quick, Robinson Schools Superintendent.

Julia New made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Kaye Holscher. A roll call vote to approve the minutes resulted in 6 in favor and 0 opposed, 1 absent. The minutes were approved.

Sheila Mikeworth, recently re-elected board member, was administered the oath of office. Gene Allen, Lawrence County, arrived at 5:51 p.m.

The Regional Board of Trustees members introduced themselves and the area they represent. Tammy Hertenstein called the roll as follows:

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Hearing Officer Jeremy Brush presided over the Hosselton et.al. Petition Hearing. The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Clay City CUSD #10 and annex same territory to North Wayne CUSD #200 filed by Lee & Ashley Hosselton, Larry Hosselton, Bill & Norma Bailey, Petitioners. Petitioners were represented by Bill Thomas, Attorney at Law. Clay City CUSD #10 was represented by Cathy Croy, Superintendent.

Roll Call:

Present:

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

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Lee Hosselton, Ashley Hosselton and Cathy Croy, Supt. presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Marilyn Holt 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:

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

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

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.

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Roll Call:

Present:

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

Hearing Officer Jeremy Brush presided over the Buerster, et.al Petition Hearing.

Roll Call:

Present:

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

A Motion to Dismiss was presented by Chris Hoffman, Attorney for Jasper County Schools. Their argument indicated that property is not contiguous and the 10 foot strip of land was not legal. Mr. William Thomas rebutted stating he believed the strip to be legal.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Travis Farley made the motion to dismiss, seconded by Julia New. A roll call vote was taken. Board members were instructed that a yes vote indicated they would dismiss the petition without hearing it; a no vote indicated they would hear the petition.

Roll Call:

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

Based upon the Board vote, the Motion to Dismiss was denied with 5 yes votes, 2 no vote. The Petition was presented.

The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Clay City #10 and annex same territory to Jasper County CUSD #1 filed by Alan & Krista Buerster, Derek & Kasey Iffert, Rosemary Frohning, Carolyn Schmitt, Petitioners. Petitioners were represented by William Thomas, Attorney at Law. Clay City CUSD #10 was represented by Cathy Croy, Superintendent. Jasper County CUSD #1 was represented by Chriss Hoffman, Attorney at Law, of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, LLP, and Joe Sornberger, Superintendent.

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Alan Buerster, Krista Buerster, Cathy Croy, Clay City Superintendent and Joe Sornberger, Jasper County Superintendent, presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Bob Pierson made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Marilyn Holt. 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:

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

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was approved with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes.

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Roll Call:

Present:

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

Hearing Officer Jeremy Brush presided over the Mette et. al Petition Hearing.

Roll Call:

Present:

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

A Motion to Dismiss was presented by Chris Hoffman, Attorney for Jasper County Schools. Their argument indicated that property is not contiguous and the 10 foot strip of land was not legal. Mr. William Thomas rebutted stating he believed the strip to be legal.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Julia New made the motion to dismiss, seconded by Travis Farley. A roll call vote was taken. Board members were instructed that a yes vote indicated they would dismiss the petition with hearing it; a no vote indicated they would hear the petition.

Roll Call:

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

Based upon the Board vote, the Motion to Dismiss was denied with 5 yes votes, 2 no vote. The Petition was presented.

The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Jasper County CUSD #1 and annex same territory to Dieterich CUSD #30 filed by Matthew Mette, Emily Mette, Carol Christine Milliman, John L. Probst, Trustee, Kathleen B. Probst, Trustee Joseph Meyer and Andrew Meinhart, Petitioners. Petitioners were represented by William Thomas, Attorney at Law. Jasper County School District was represented by Chriss Hoffman, Attorney at Law, of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, LLP, and Joe Sornberger, Superintendent of Jasper County Schools.

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Matthew Mette, Emily Mette, and Joe Sornberger, Jasper Co. Superintendent presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Gene Allen 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:

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

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was denied with 3 yes votes and 4 no votes.

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Roll Call:

Present:

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Travis Farley, Jasper County
Kaye Holscher, Crawford County
Marilyn Holt, Richland County
Sheila Mikeworth, Crawford County
Julia New, Lawrence County
Bob Pierson, Clay County

Hearing Officer Jeremy Brush presided over the Mellendorf Petition Hearing. The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from North Clay #20 Schools and annex same territory to Dieterich CUSD #30 filed by Nathan & Ashtyn Mellendorf, Petitioners. Petitioners were represented by Kyle Boose, Law Group Ltd. via telephone. North Clay CUSD #25 was represented by Keith Price, Superintendent.

Roll Call:

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

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Nathan Mellendorf, Ashtyn Mellendorf and Keith Price, Superintendent of North Clay Unit #25 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 Marilyn Holt. 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:

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

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was approved with 7 yes votes, 0 no vote.

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Roll Call:

Present:

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Travis Farley, Jasper County
Kaye Holscher, Crawford County
Marilyn Holt, Richland County
Sheila Mikeworth, Crawford County
Julia New, Lawrence County
Bob Pierson, Clay County

Hearing Officer Jeremy Brush presided over the Terry Petition Hearing. The Petition to be heard was to detach territory from Hutsonville CUSD #1 and annex same territory to Robinson CUSD #2 filed by Tyler & Amanda Terry, Petitioners. Petitioners were represented by William Thomas, Attorney at Law. Hutsonville CUSD #1 was represented by Travis Tittsworth, Superintendent. Robinson CUSD #2 was represented by Josh Quick, Superintendent.

Roll Call:

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

All present were given the opportunity to present testimony. Tyler Terry, Amanda Terry, Travis Tittsworth, Superintendent and Josh Quick, Superintendent presented testimony.

Using Case Law and School Code, the Board considered testimony and the exhibits presented. Following consideration by the Board, Bob Pierson made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Marilyn Holt. 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:

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

Based upon the Board vote, the petition was approved with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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The next meeting was set for Monday, October 2nd, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. with the location to be determined.

Travis Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Pierson All were in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

 Travis Farley, Chairman	10-2-23 Date
 Jeremy Brush, Ex-Officio Secretary	Date