



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #17

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Regional Board of School Trustees - Minutes
DeWitt County Building
201 W. Washing Street Clinton, IL 61727 - EMA Training Room
Thursday, December 7, 2023

- I. Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
Present: Jean Anderson, Craig Bertsche, Dawn Conway, Martin Mackinson, Christopher Ware
Not Present: Deborah Van Hoorn
- III. Oath of Office, DVH
N/A – this was completed August 1, 2023

Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2023
Dawn Conway made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2023.
Seconded by Craig Bertsche.
Jean Anderson - AYE Debora Van Hoorn - AYE
Craig Bertsche - AYE Christopher Ware - AYE
Martin Mackinson - AYE
- IV. Public Comments
None
- V. Hearing of Petition 2023-1 (see transcripts from Area Wide Reporting)
The Hearing of Petition 2023-1 for Blue Ridge CUSD 18 and LeRoy CUSD 2 was initiated. Ann Parkinson of Area Wide Reporting will provide the transcript of the hearing. President Ware reminded the room that roll call had been taken and that a quorum was present. The board heard from the petitioner's attorney, Tom Pluira and asked follow up questions.

Martin Mackinson made a motion to enter closed session. Seconded by Jean Anderson.
Jean Anderson - AYE Debora Van Hoorn - AYE
Craig Bertsche - AYE Christopher Ware - AYE
Martin Mackinson - AYE
The board entered closed session at 1:53 p.m. Transcript was taken by Area Wide Reporting.



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Jean Anderson made a motion to exit closed session. Seconded by Dawn Conway.

Jean Anderson	- AYE	Debora Van Hoorn	- AYE
Craig Bertsche	- AYE	Christopher Ware	- AYE
Martin Mackinson	- AYE		

Open session resumed at 2:03 p.m.

Martin Mackinson made a motion to approve Petition 2023-1. Seconded by Craig Bertsche.

Jean Anderson	- AYE	Debora Van Hoorn	- AYE
Craig Bertsche	- AYE	Christopher Ware	- AYE
Martin Mackinson	- AYE		

Hearing ended at 2:05 p.m.

Board briefly discussed that they would post the opening for the vacancy left by the resignation of Rose Smith.

VI. Adjournment, 2:06 p.m.

Dawn Conway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jean Anderson.

Jean Anderson	- AYE	Debora Van Hoorn	- AYE
Craig Bertsche	- AYE	Christopher Ware	- AYE
Martin Mackinson	- AYE		

Notes: Others present were Dan Markwell, DeWitt County State's Attorney, Jeff Baughman, LeRoy CUSD 2 Superintendent, Petitioner's Attorney Tom Pluira, Petitioners Brandon and Mary Rutledge. Mark Jontry (ROE # 17) and Victoria Padilla (ROE #17).