



# REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #17

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*Assistant Superintendent*

## **Regional Board of School Trustees**

201 E. Grove Street, Suite 300 Bloomington, IL 61701

Monday, May 19, 2023

- I. Call to Order, 10:35 AM
- II. Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance  
Present: Craig Bertsche, Dave Bollmann Dawn Conway, Martin Mackinson, Deborah Van Hoorn, Christopher Ware  
Also in attendance: Mark Jontry, Molly Allen, Victoria Padilla  
  
Thank you to both Craig Bertsche and Jean Anderson for their service to the RBST.
- III. Seating of Board Members / Oath of Office  
David Bollmann was sworn into office by Victoria Padilla, notary.
- IV. Election of a President for a two-year term  
Motion by Deborah Van Hoorn to elect Christopher Ware.  
Seconded by Martin Mackinson.  
All: AYE
- V. Election of a Vice President for a two-year term – Regional Superintendent  
Motion by Deborah Van Hoorn to elect Dawn Conway.  
Seconded by Martin Mackinson.  
All: AYE
- VI. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2023  
Motion by Dawn Conway to approve the minutes from 12-7-2023.  
Seconded by Martin Mackinson.  
All: AYE
- VII. Approval of making closed session records public - President
  - a. 12/7/2023 – Petition 2023-1 (Closed Session)
  - b. 5/9/2023 – Petition 2022-2 (Closed Session)



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c. 7/6/2021 – Interviews for Vacancy (Closed Session)

Motion by Deborah Van Hoorn to approve the closed session records.

Seconded by Dawn Conway.

All: AYE

VIII. Declaration of vacancies due to resignation

Two vacancies: one 6-year term as the result of no one running, one 4-year term as the result of a resignation. Both appointees will have to petition to be on the ballot in 2027 to complete the terms.

Motion by Deborah Van Hoorn to declare the vacancies.

Seconded by Dawn Conway.

All: AYE

IX. Vacant seat appointment process – Discussion / Action

Mark will contact the interested candidates and direct them to submit a letter of interest.

We will plan to make appointments at the July 1, 2025 meeting.

X. Designation of meeting times and locations for FY26:

July 1, September 2, January 5, April 1 at 10:30 AM

Motion by Martin Mackinson to designate FY26 meeting times as presented.

Seconded by Deborah Van Hoorn.

All: AYE

XI. Regional Superintendent Update

No pending petitions, although one from Logan County has called and expressed interest. Changes in the Prairie Central district could also cause more interest.

The Regional Alternative School will be moving to The Pantagraph Building sometime mid-FY27 through a collaboration with Lifelong Access and Chestnut Health Systems.

A general discussion and update regarding the current climate of education followed.

XII. Adjournment, 11:05 AM