

Will County Regional Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 29, 2022

Vice-President Howard Butters called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Howard Butters. The following members were present: Howard Butters, Nancy Bartels, Rich Davis, Lisa Caparelli-Ruff, and Eric Bernacki. Members absent: Debra Savage. Also present: Shawn Walsh, Ex-Officio Secretary and Scott Pyles, Asst. State's Attorney.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

1. Howard Butters regretfully announced the resignation of Rich Dombrowski from the Regional Board of School Trustees, effective June 29, 2022. Mr. Butters thanked Rich for his many years of service to the board.
2. Scott Pyles provided the board with an update to the Meadow Creek Detachment petition. Mr. Pyles also reviewed the complaint filed by the Crete-Monee School District. Member Bernacki inquired about the petition involving Joliet Township High School and Lincoln Way High School. Mr. Pyles could not comment. Shawn Walsh indicated that the petition is still in the court system.

A motion was entered by Lisa Caparelli-Ruff and seconded by Nancy Bartels to nominate Howard Butters for President of the Regional Board of School Trustees. 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain (Butters); 1 absent

A motion was entered by Eric Bernacki and seconded by Lisa Caparelli-Ruff to nominate Nancy Bartels for Vice President of the Regional Board of School Trustees. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent

A motion was entered by Nancy Bartels and seconded by Rich Davis to approve the Consent Agenda – Approval of the minutes from the October 25, 2021 Special Board meeting. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent

A motion was entered by Rich Davis and seconded by Eric Bernacki to enter into closed session for the purpose of interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy on the Regional Board of School Trustees. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent

A motion was entered by Rich Davis and seconded by Lisa Caparelli-Ruff to exit closed session. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent

A motion was entered by Lisa Caparelli-Ruff and seconded by Eric Bernacki to appoint Mimi Johnson to fill the vacancy on the Regional Board of School Trustees. 3 yes (Butters, Caparelli-Ruff, Bernacki); 2 no (Bartels, Davis); 1 absent

President Howard Butters announced the next board meeting will be October 3, 2022, at the Will County ROE.

A motion was entered by Nancy Bartels and seconded by Lisa Caparelli-Ruff to adjourn the meeting. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent.

President, Howard Butters

Ex-Officio Secretary, Shawn Walsh