

Regional Board of School Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

Call to Order: 6:02pm

Roll Call:

Members Present: Richard Artz, Winfried Cooper, Adam Pauley, Trey Pothress, and Paul Ross

Members Absent: Laurie Bauer

ROE: Pat Dal Santo, Deanna Oliver, Phil Morris and Angie Knorr

Others: Penny Wegman, Family members for Adam Pauly and Jason Dollens

Introductions - Pat Dal Santo called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. She congratulated the new members on their election and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Adam Pauley asked if they are supposed to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting. P. Dal Santo told him no because that Board doesn't exist anymore.

Oath of Office - Pat Dal Santo stated that she will now administer the new members the Oath of Office. P. Dal Santo passed out the oaths, all new members stood and raised their right hand. P. Dal Santo asked them to repeat after her and they all read the Oath of Office. P. Dal Santo asked them to sign the Oath and Angie Knorr notarized.

Election of Officers - Pat Dal Santo stated that she serves as the secretary to the Board and that they need to elect officers. The Board agreed. P. Dal Santo asked for nominations or if there is anyone interested in the President and Vice President.

Richard Artz nominated Adam Pauly for President, Winfried Cooper is interested in Vice President, Adam Pauley nominated Richard Artz for Vice President and Trey Poythress is interested in President and Vice President.

P. Dal Santo passed out ballots to vote for President and Vice President. The Board voted that Adam Pauley will be President and Richard Artz will be Vice President. P. Dal Santo stated that Chad Koppie was the previous Board President, and he is no longer on the Board, however, Chad wanted her to express his gratitude to the Board that he was able to serve the community for 18 years.

Review Board of Trustees Role - Pat Dal Santo explained the duties of the Regional Board of School Trustees and what would happen if a petition was requested. She said that the Regional Board is a very targeted board and can only rule on Detachment and Annexation of school district's boundaries. P. Dal Santo stated that in the packet of information that we mailed to each member there was a handout with the process for Changing School District Boundaries through Detachment and Annexation of Property. P. Dal Santo stated that only 1 petition has been filed in the past 10 years because Kane County having 9 unit school districts petitions don't happen often. She also stated that the Board does not meet unless there is some official business on the agenda.

Future Meeting Dates and Times - The meeting dates that were given are July 3, 2023, October 2, 2023, January 8, 2024, and April 1, 2024.

Pat Dal Santo stated that due to the holiday, the board will not meet on July 3rd but will meet on July 17th instead. The other dates are the quarterly dates as spelled out in the statute and will remain the same. No one objected to the date change.

Annual Notices - Pat Dal Santo reminded the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interest if they have not already done so and to complete the Open Meeting Act Training. She also suggested to review the Robert's Rules of Order because that is how the meeting will be run.

Pat Dal Santo stated that at this time she will let newly elected Board President Adam Pauley run the remainder of the meeting. Adam asked if anyone would like to give public comment.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

New Business - Adam Pauley stated that he has a new business motion of Transparency issues. He would like to record meetings and place them on the ROE website, he would like the agendas and meeting dates put on the website, he would like to create By-Laws for the Board and he wants the public to know what the ROE is doing and would like to have hearings and presentations. He said that it doesn't state anywhere in law that it can't be done.

Winfried Cooper asked what kind of presentations A. Pauley is referring too. A. Pauley said it would be to give ROE presentations or if people want to come to give presentations on different topics. W. Cooper stated that it is not within the scope of this board to do those types of things.

Pat Dal Santo said we could record the meetings and put them on the website if that is something the Board wants to do. She stated that we already have the meeting dates and agendas on the ROE websites. A. Pauley said that he didn't see them on the website and P. Dal Santo assured him that they were on the ROE website.

A. Pauley asked if he could get a motion to add record meetings and place on the ROE website to the next agenda. R. Artz made the motion and W. Cooper 2nd motion. All in favor to record meetings and place on the ROE website an agenda item for the next meeting. Vote: All in Favor, motion passed 6:17pm.

A. Pauley asked if he could get a motion to add agendas and meeting dates on the ROE website to the next agenda. Paul Ross said that if there is a practice that is already being done, he doesn't see a need to add it to an agenda. Pat Dal Santo said that they are all on the website. No Motion was made.

A. Pauley asked what the Board thought about the creation of By-Laws. W. Cooper stated that creating by-laws if you want to do that is fine but as for this group it says that it is very limited as to what the Board can do. P. Dal Santo stated that she has done a survey of the ROE's and none of them have by-laws. P. Dal Santo said that the board could appoint a committee if they want to, but no other ROE has By-Laws.

A. Pauley asked for other thoughts from the Board. W. Cooper said that he is not a fan of creating bylaws for this Board. He said that we have to abide by our set of responsibilities and not overstep on others.

R. Artz said that by-laws are a good idea but not sure what can make it better.

A. Pauley asked if someone wanted to make a motion. R. Artz made a motion to explore creating by-laws and no one second the motion. The Motion did not pass, 6:24pm.

A. Pauley stated that he appreciated the conversation because he has tried to do it for 2 years and it didn't happen.

Vacancy - Pat Dal Santo said that there is a board vacancy. We do have an audience member that is interested; however, we usually post the vacancy. We can look at the resumes we get at the July 17th meeting. She said that if we get a petition before that meeting, we wouldn't have to act on the petition until after that meeting anyways. W. Cooper motioned to review resumes at the July 17th meeting and R. Artz 2nd motion. Vote: All in favor, motion passed 6:25pm

Old Business - Adam Pauley stated that there is no old business.

Adjournment: Paul Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting and W. Cooper 2nd the motion. Vote: All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.