

**FRANKLIN-WILLIAMSON
REGIONAL BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES
JANUARY 5, 2015
6.30 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
MARION, IL**

The Franklin-Williamson Regional Board of School Trustees met for a quarterly meeting and a detachment and annexation hearing on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building in Marion, IL.

Chairman Swain called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

John Gardner	yes
David Goss	yes
Robert Swayze	yes
Shawn Tuthill	yes
Jacob Swain	yes

Absent:

Health Stapleton
Daniel Cockrum

Chairman Swain entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2014 meeting. Robert Swayze made the motion and Shawn Tuthill seconded.

Roll Call:

John Gardner	yes
David Goss	yes
Robert Swayze	yes
Shawn Tuthill	yes
Jacob Swain	yes

No one present to address the board.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Donkin gave an update on ROE Consolidation and update on administrative review law action from October 7, 2013 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Boundary change for Patrick and Jody Marsh to detach from Herrin CUSD #4 and annex to Carterville CUSD #5.

Chairman Swain requested all parties who want to support or oppose the petition to complete an appearance slip.

Chairman Swain requested all legal counsel present to identify themselves and who they represent.

John Sanders introduced himself as the attorney for the petitioners.

Steve Green introduced himself as the attorney for the Herrin School District.

The charge to the Regional Board of School Trustees in detachment proceedings was not read. No objections from the board.

Exhibits were presented:

- A. Petition
- B. Notice of petition hearing
- C. Certification of publication in the Southern Illinoisan
- D. Assessors report from Jeff Robinson's office
- E. Satillite map
- F. Map from Assessors office
- G. Goggle map

Attorney Sanders gave an opening statement in favor of the petitioners.

Attorney Sanders called Jody Marsh to the witness stand. Mrs. Marsh was sworn in by court reporter Pam Bramlet.

Attorney Sanders questioned Mrs. Marsh pertaining to the petition for annexation to Carterville CUSD #5.

Attorney Sanders presented exhibits.

- 1. Copy of petitioners deed
- 2. Real estate tax bill
- 3. Parcel map for Herrin & Carterville School Districts
- 4. Carterville School report card
- 5. Herrin School report card
- 6. Distances from home to the Herrin & Carterville Districts

Nothing further from Attorney Sanders for Mrs. Marsh.

Attorney Steve Green cross-examined Mrs. Marsh.

Questions from the board for Mrs. Marsh.

Attorney Sanders followed up with Mrs. Marsh.

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No other questions for Mrs. Marsh.

Attorney Sanders called Mr. Bob Prusator, Supt. of Carterville School District to the witness stand. Mr. Prusator was sworn in by court reporter Pam Bramlett and testified in favor of the petitioners.

Attorney Sanders entered exhibit 4 which was the school report card for Carterville as evidence.

Attorney Sanders entered exhibit 5 which was the school report card for Herrin as evidence.

Nothing further for Mr. Prusator from Attorney Sanders.

Attorney Green cross-examined Mr. Prusator.

No questions from the board.

No follow-up from Attorney Sanders.

No one else to testify for the opposition.

Closing arguments from Attorney Sanders in favor of the petitioners.

Closing arguments from Attorney Green in favor of the opposition.

Chairman Swain entertained a motion at 8:32 p.m. to go into closed session. David Goss made the motion and Shawn Tuthill seconded.

Roll call:

John Gardner	yes
David Goss	yes
Robert Swazye	yes
Shawn Tuthill	yes
Jacob Swain	yes

All in favor.

Others present in closed session:
Matt Donkin, Reg Supt. of Schools
Janis Thomas, Secretary
Pam Bramlett, Court reporter

Motion made by Robert Swayze and seconded by John Gardner to return to open session. All in favor. Returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman Swain entertained a motion to approve the petition of Patrick & Jody Marsh to detach from Herrin CUSD #4 and annex to Carterville CUSD #5. John Gardner made the motion and Shawn Tuthill seconded.

Roll call:

John Gardner	yes
David Goss	yes
Robert Swayze	yes
Shawn Tuthill	yes
Jacob Swain	yes

PETITION GRANTED

Mr. Donkin announced meeting times and locations for 2015. Next quarterly meetings are scheduled for April 6 & July 6, 2015.

Robert Swayze made the motion to approve the calendar and John Gardner seconded. All in favor.

John Gardner made the motion to adjourn and Robert Swayze seconded.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.