

**ILLINOIS STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON THE EDUCATION OF
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Parke Hotel & Conference Center
1413 Leslie Drive
Bloomington, IL 61704

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 6, 2009
9:00 a.m.

I. Procedural Business

ISAC Chair Susy Woods called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

ISAC Members Present

Beth Conran
Deb Fornoff
Carrie Janes
Suzanne Lee
Heather Munz

Jennifer Naddeo
Marjorie Olson
Mike Otte
Sharon Slover

Kristine Stanley
Jim Surber
Stanley Valentine
Susy Woods

ISAC Members Absent

Marva Campbell-Pruitt
Nora Donahue
Frances Elbert
Teresa Garate

Anel Gonzalez
Kyle Packer
Rahnee Patrick

Beth Purvis
Rick Ramirez
Lanée Walls

ISBE Members Present

David Andel
Beatriz Diaz - Legal

Boyd Ferguson
Kathy Stratton

Sue Taylor

Guests Present

Carolyn Beard
Terry J. Munz, Sr
Mark Metzger
Dr. Margaret Fostiak
Natalie Gordon
Janelle Smith
Julie Slick
Scott Sand
Daryl Grobe
Toni Rocha
Corrina Milbrandt
Greg L. Scott
Angelina S. Bua
Dwight J. Mayberry
Todd Prusator
Richard J. Craven

DeKalb County Special Education Association
Parent
Byron CUSD 226 (counsel)
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East Seals CDC
Kings CSD 144
Steward ESD 220
Eswood CCSD 269
Rochelle Elementary SD 231
Rochelle Twp. High School

Bill Mattingly	Oregon CUSD 220
Lowell Taylor	OCEC c/o Forrestville Valley
Alan Sraga	Sraga, Hauser, LLC (counsel for OCEC)
Michael Noble	Ogle County Education Cooperative
Quintin Shepherd	Amboy CUSD 272
Chris Rademacher	Polo CUSD 222
George Kokaska	Creston #161
John Zick	Ashton-Franklin Center CUSD 275
Phyllis Mobile	Sycamore CUSD 427
Barb King	Sycamore CUSD 427
Marijo Schwartz	Sycamore CUSD 427
Nancy Leifheit	Sycamore CUSD 427
Peg Rozhon	Hinkley Big Rock 429
Jennifer Bayler	Hinkley Big Rock 429

Introductions

Chair Woods welcomed ISAC members, staff and guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

II. Public Participation

After extended discussion regarding the appropriateness of The Ogle County Education Cooperative (OCEC) being allowed to give a full presentation, ISAC voted to enter Closed Session.

Motion #1 – **Jim Surber moved** that ISAC enter Closed Session at 10:25 a.m. **Stan Valentine seconded the motion. The motion carried.** Non-ISAC members left the room.

Motion #2 – **Marjorie Olson moved** that ISAC return from Closed Session at 10:33 a.m. **Heather Munz seconded the motion. The motion carried.** Non-ISAC members were invited back into the room.

There was no public presentation requested other than that of the Ogle County Education Cooperative regarding the proposed withdrawal of Byron CUSD 226. Therefore, the representatives of the Cooperative were allowed to have thirty-minutes to provide testimony. They were allowed to divide that time in whatever manner they chose. They decided that Al Sraga, Counsel for OCEC and Mike Noble, Director of OCEC would provide that testimony. Both testified in opposition to the withdrawal of Byron CUSD 226 from Ogle Education Cooperative.

III. Proposed Withdrawal of Byron CUSD 226 from Ogle County Education Cooperative (OCEC)

District representatives were joined by parents in reviewing their reasons for withdrawing and answering questions from Council members. Further discussion took place later in the meeting.

IV. Proposed Withdrawal of Sycamore CUSD 427 from DeKalb County Special Education Association

District representatives were joined by parents in reviewing their reasons for withdrawing and answering questions from Council members. Further discussion took place later in the meeting.

V. Proposed Withdrawal of Hinckley Big Rock CUSD 429 from DeKalb County Special Education Association

District representatives reviewed their reasons for withdrawing and answering questions from Council members. Further discussion took place later in the meeting.

VI. Motions/Discussions regarding the previously presented withdrawals.

Motion #3 – Beth Conran moved that ISAC send a letter to ISBE requesting the agency obtain the following information that was not adequately presented in the Comprehensive plan for withdraw of the Byron CUSD # 226 to withdraw from Ogle County Special Education Cooperative (OCEC).

1. The district needs to identify provisions for how they will meet the needs of low incident students. (i.e. Hearing Impaired, Multiple Disabilities, Visually Impaired, Deaf and hard of hearing and physically handicapped students)
2. The district needs to identify provisions for the transfer of the 17 students the plan indicates will be returning including but not limited to how they will meet the IEP needs of each student, staff hired to fulfill the required services, professional development for teachers and administrators.
3. The district needs to obtain Approval of the Regional Board of Trustee’s in order to determine the impact of the withdraw on all stakeholders including the children and families impacted by the withdraw.
4. The district needs to include provisions for the full continuum of services for students.
5. The district needs to provide further clarification for the provision of supervision of the special education programs in the district.
6. The district needs to provide additional information that indicates their ability to meet the children’s needs relative to transition from school to work, education, and independent living.
7. The district needs to provide further information that indicates their ability to meet the needs of special education children whose first language is not English.
8. The district needs to acknowledge that the IEP’s of the 17 students (and all students with special needs) are ultimately the responsibility of their district.
9. The district needs to further clarify it’s provision for cooperating with other districts within the region given the limited resources available.
10. The district needs to further clarify it’s provisions for Professional Development of regular education teachers relative to Special Needs students
11. The district needs to further clarify it’s provisions for Professional Development of Special Education Teachers

Upon receipt of the above information the ISAC recommends that the ISBE consider accepting the Comprehensive Plan for Withdraw of the Byron School District 226 from Ogle County Special Education Cooperative (OCEC), if the ISBE determines that the withdraw will meet the requirements found in Illinois Statute and the Illinois Administrative Code.

Jim Surber seconded the motion. The motion carried with three abstentions.

Motion #4 – **Beth Conran moved** that “ISAC send a letter to ISBE requesting the agency consider the Sycamore CUSD #427 withdraw from DCSEA as complete.:
Mike Otte seconded the motion. The motions carried with 2 abstentions.

Motion #5 – **Beth Conran moved** that “ISAC send a letter to ISBE requesting the agency consider the Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429 Comprehensive Plan for Withdraw from DCSEA as complete.”

Carrie Janes seconded the motion. The motion carried with two abstentions. ISAC further would like to acknowledge Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429’s outstanding efforts in educating their students with special needs, their actions are exemplary.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.