

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR PANA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, CHRISTIAN, SHELBY, AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, TO WITHDRAW FROM THE MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

**BEFORE THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
OF BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE, AND
MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

**IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR)
PANA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL)
DISTRICT NO. 8 TO WITHDRAW FROM)
THE MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION)
JOINT AGREEMENT.)**

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT**

NOW COMES the Board of Education of Pana Community Unit School District No. 8 (“School District” or “Board”) and for its Petition For Withdrawal from the Mid-State Special Education Joint Agreement, states as follows:

1. This Petition is filed pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31 and 105 ILCS 5/7-1 *et seq.*
2. Petitioner, the Board of Education of Pana Community Unit School District No. 8, is a duly organized and existing board of education in and for the school district, which is legally described as Pana Community Unit School District No. 8.
3. Petitioner is a member of the Mid-State Special Education Joint Agreement (hereinafter “Cooperative” or “Mid-State”) and is a party to a joint agreement within the meaning of 10-22.31 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31, the purpose of which Cooperative is to provide the special education services and facilities needed by the students of its member districts; said Cooperative is comprised of sixteen (16) member school districts.
4. Mid-State is governed by a Board of Directors, pursuant to the Articles of Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “1”.
5. The Petitioner has heretofore given notice of its intent to withdraw from Mid-State, pursuant to Article X Section 10.2 of the Articles of Agreement.

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6. The Petitioner has complied in every respect with the applicable provisions of the Articles of Agreement in regard to Petitioner's withdrawal from Mid-State.

7. The Petitioner desires to withdraw from the Cooperative and to provide special education services to its pupils via its own School District resources.

8. The best interests of the Petitioner and the schools of the Cooperative and the educational welfare of the pupils thereof demand that the withdrawal as prayed for herein be granted.

9. The undersigned requests that, upon the filing of this Petition with the Secretary of the Regional Board of School Trustees of Bond, Christian, Effingham, Fayette, and Montgomery Counties, Illinois, the Secretary:

- a. Fix a hearing date upon this Petition not more than fifteen (15) days nor less than ten (10) days from the date of statutory publication of notice;
- b. Cause a copy of such Petition to be served upon each board of education that is a member of Mid-State;
- c. Cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area of the Cooperative;
- d. Cause all notices to state when the Petition was filed, a description of Mid-State, the description of the petitioning school district, the prayer of the Petition, and the return day on which the hearing upon the Petition will be held; and
- e. Forward to the Regional Board of School Trustees a written report of the financial and educational conditions of the school districts which comprise the Cooperative and the probable effect of the requested withdrawal in regard thereto.

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10. Should the Boards of Education of Nokomis Community Unit School District No. 22 and Taylorville Community Unit School District No. 3 file a similar petition, the Board requests that the hearings be conducted jointly.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays the Honorable Regional Board of School Trustees of Bond, Christian, Effingham, Fayette, and Montgomery Counties, Illinois, will:

1. Conduct a hearing pursuant to law; and
2. Upon the conclusion of said hearing, enter an Order allowing for the withdrawal of Pana Community Unit School District No. 8 from the Mid-State Special Education Joint Agreement.
3. Order such other and further relief as it deems appropriate.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PANA
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 8,

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

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CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Secretary of the Board of Education of Pana Community Unit School District No. 8, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Petition For Withdrawal executed by the Board President and Secretary on the ____ day of _____, 2018 and was filed with the Regional Board of School Trustees of Bond, Christian, Effingham, Fayette, and Montgomery Counties, Illinois, on the ____ day of _____, 2018.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Secretary, Board of Education