

EFFINGHAM COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #40
EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

MINUTES
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

1. Introductions- Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Call to order County Board of Education Meeting//Roll Call
Kuhns called the Meeting to order at 5:58 PM
Members present:
Altamont-Kerry Wolff and Shelly Kuhns
Beecher City-Jordan Shields and David Doty
Dieterich-Cory Niebrugge and Thad Goebel
Effingham-Angie Byers and Jane Willenborg
Members not in attendance: Teutopolis
Members in attendance remotely: None
Staff present: Penny Wiedman
3. Recognize Guests – Opportunity for public comment
none
4. Vision and Role of this Body-discussion
Kuhns said the meeting was about collaboration not consolidation.
Wolff showed a power point. His vision is for board members to get to know each other so they would have a good relationship in case of emergencies or for future issues such as sharing teachers or possibly purchasing buses or supplies together.
Wolff informed the board about SB1838 and HB3053, the consolidation of school districts. It was discussed at the convention in Chicago 2018. He wanted everyone to be aware of the discussions.
5. Shared Instruction - discussion
Kuhns led the discussion. The districts currently share Ctec, Health Occ, and CEO. In the future there may be a need to share teachers, such as Spanish or Ag teachers, as they are hard to find instructors. Altamont sends students to Okaw, Beecher City does too. Altamont still has Block 8 so collaborating with Lakeland works for them; this may not work with other schools in the county. Everyone agreed that a barrier is trying to find teachers, any teachers and they need to encourage their own students to become teachers. All agreed they have a need for all jobs: bus drivers, coaches, etc., and questioned how do they need to market their schools better.
6. Rural and Small School Interests - discussion
Wolff led the discussion. Wolff noticed that there is a political difference between rural and small districts. At the convention last year, it was discussed to let each school board set their own safety rules. The larger districts wanted this to pass. There was a big divide in opinions at the convention. The culture in our area is to conceal carry, which would not be the same in the bigger cities. The Governor signed a bill in July that schools can offer gun safety courses.
7. Next Meeting Date – discussion
What do we want to do next? Do they want to meet quarterly or twice a year.
Byers would like to continue before school starts, mid-term, and at the end.
Shields likes quarterly to keep the conversation going. Dieterich agreed. Beecher City would like to network quarterly. Only two board members from each from each District can attend;

if more attended then there would have to be a meeting of each board also. Everyone agreed to revolving hosts.

Dieterich volunteered to host the next meeting.

Meetings will be on Thursday nights.

Niebrugge made a motion to set the next meeting on January 16, 2020 at 6 PM in Dieterich.

The alternate date is: January 23, 2020.

A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Agenda items should be sent through email to Superintendents.

8. Adjournment

Wolff made a motion, seconded by Doty to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Date of Minutes: **October 10, 2019**

Date of Approval: _____

President

Secretary