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05 29 2024 Regional Board of School Trustees
Special Call Meeting
Closed Session Minutes
Closed Session Start: 08:33

Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)

At 8:33 Marylee Leu made a motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by John Huff. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted in favor. Regional Superintendent Amber Quirk and Assistant State's Attorney Graeme Quinn were also present.

The closed session is for the purpose of discussion on Motion to Dismiss Robin Hood Ranch Detachment and Annexation
Petition 2024 PDA 01

If needed:

Discussion on Motion to Bifurcate Hearing and Motion to Bar Certain Evidence (Motion in Limine) relating to the Robin Hood Ranch
Petition

ASA Graeme stated there are two questions before the board, one question is if this does go to a hearing what factual evidence will the petitioner be able to use, and the other question is whether or not the petitioners have plead enough to be in the room in the first place. If that is a no then the rest of it does not matter.

ASA Graeme said he can offer his recommendation now or the Board can have a conversation and he can offer his recommendation at the end.

Jay Wang asked if the petitioners pleaded enough facts to move to the next step. Were sufficient facts plead?

That would be a good place to start. Marylee Leu asked if we can't consider all of these options, what evidence can they use? Karen Zatz asked if the board felt that the petitioner plead a significant case. ASA Graeme felt that they did not. The Board should be looking for a significant direct benefit to the child in the petition itself. Karen Zata asked if the Board dismissed the petition could they file again? ASA Graeme stated that they do have that option. ASA Graeme brought up a point that if the petitioner did "win" that they couldn't enroll their child in kindergarten for the fall. ASA Graeme stated that during his presentation Mr. Smith brought up a good point in that nothing happens until after the appeal window and that would put them after the July 1, 2024 deadline. The appeal window is 35 days and the petitioner can't enroll their child now while they don't live in the district. ASA Graeme brought up the point that these are routinely appealed. If the board granted the petition it would more than likely be appealed by the district. Carolyn Carillo asked about the designation of a Blue Ribbon School. Amber mentioned that it is an application process, and all schools don't apply for it as it is a lengthy process. John Huff brought up the point that Butler 53 opposed the petition.

Marylee Leu asked if they could take a Preliminary vote to see where we are on this or if further discussion was needed. Jay Wang asked for a straw poll asking if the Motion to Dismiss should be granted. By a raise of hands all of the board members agreed it should be dismissed.

The board discussed the future options available to the petitioners. ASA Graeme did not advise giving them legal advice. The board could suggest that the petitioner retain legal counsel.

At 9:01 Marylee Leu made a motion to terminate the closed session and return to open session. Marilyn Menconi seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.