

H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans Committee
Tentative Minutes
September 12, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present: Asp, Finfrock, Huber, Ramsey, Simms, Williams and Fox. Others: County Clerk and Recorder Laura Cook, Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley, Health Dept. Administrator Melissa Spangler, Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney, HR Director Amanda Jacinto, Regional Office of Education Superintendent Chris Tennyson, Director of Court Services Cindy Bergstrom, VAC VSO Luz Gilkey, Village of Progress Executive Director Brion Brooks, Arlene Sangmeister and Lloyd Droege. Absent: None.
2. Approval of Minutes - August 8, 2023: Motion by Asp to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Williams. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: Executive Director Brion Brooks addressed the committee about the allocation of the Senior Tax Levy to the Mental Health 708 Board. Brooks is concerned about the HEW Committee wanting to allocate funds to each of the Mental Health 708 Board Agencies instead of the 708 Board as a whole. Since 1969, the Mental Health 708 Board has been entrusted with the funding determinations of the 708 Board agencies. The 708 Board holds funding hearings with each agency under their umbrella. Brooks stated the 708 Board was appointed by the county and they should be trusted by the county.
4. Regional Office of Education:
 - Monthly Bills: \$3,550.07. Motion by Williams to approve, 2nd by Ramsey. Motion carried.
 - ROE Superintendent Chris Tennyson reviewed highlights from his monthly ROE report and report of official acts sent to the committee members.
5. Health Department: Health Department Administrator Melissa Spangler stated a couple of birds were sent out for testing for West Niles Virus and they came back positive. Spangler stated there was a media blitz sent out to the newspapers and social media alerting the community. It was suggested that Spangler contact the Sheriff about sending a notice out through the Ogle Safe app. Spangler stated they are still accepting donations for the community baby shower until September 22nd. They are in the process of hiring a new health inspector due to a resignation. The medication drop box is going well, there was about 75 lbs of medications that were incinerated by the Sheriff.
6. Solid Waste Department
 - Department Claims: \$10,984.44. Motion by Finfrock to approve as presented, 2nd by Huber. Motion carried. Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney informed the committee that the bills are more than usual due to invoices for our August 12 recycling event and an electronics recycling invoice, service charges for the new drop off recycle program (10 hauls for the 2 locations). A grant payment to the Soil & Water Conservation District for the Outdoor Stewardship Days educational event which will be held this October, first time since 2019, as well as some attorney's fees, and training registrations and memberships for 2024.
 - Cooney updated the committee on the following:
 - i. Drop-off Recycling Locations: Cooney reported the drop-off recycling program in Oregon and Byron is going well so far.

- ii. Orchard Hills Landfill: Cooney stated the auditor should be receiving the information to begin the landfill audit.
- iii. Recycling Events:
 - Friday, September 29, 2023 - Residential Electronics, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., permit is required.
 - Saturday, October 14, 2023 – Residential Electronics and Shredding Event.

7. Animal Control

- Monthly Bills:
 - a. Animal Control Fund - \$4,857.84. Motion by Williams to approve, 2nd by Huber. Motion carried.
 - b. Pet Population Control Fund - \$1,234.00. Motion by Ramsey to approve, 2nd by Asp. Motion carried.
 - c. Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley stated you can see where the postage has increased. The department is looking to send a notice electronically, but their software vendor does not have that capability. They are still looking for a replacement for the Animal Control Warden and working with HR on this. There was a bat that tested positive for rabies and there is an adult undergoing rabies treatment. Dr. Champley stated he is working with the State's Attorney to deem a dog vicious. The dog attacked a 4-year-old and this was an unprovoked attack.

8. Veterans Assistance Commission:

- VAC VSO Luz Gilkey distributed information about the next Veteran's Breakfast to be held at the Rochelle VFW on Saturday, September 23rd. Gilkey asked about how to sign up for the health insurance and IMRF. Fox stated there is a process where we could extend similar benefits that the county has for health and dental insurance to the VAC employees. The HR Director is currently evaluating the costs and exactly how that process works. We'll get those numbers to you as soon as she has them. Then obviously, those costs would be covered by the VAC budget. It has been determined that the ADP system will not be able to handle payroll for the VAC employees. Fox stated he does not have an update on IMRF at this time. They have reached out to other counties for guidance and they have not received any responses. Finfrock asked if the VAC has a letter from IMRF that the VAC can be setup through the county. Gilkey does not. Finfrock stated they have been told they cannot sign up the VAC employees as they are not county employees. You can sign up for IMRF yourselves and use the money received by the county for the contributions.

9. L.O.T.S. (Lee-Ogle Transportation System): Fox stated he received communication that they L.O.T.S. would not be in attendance today. This committee will continue to have a relationship with L.O.T.S. as they transition to Reagan Mass Transit District.

10. Old Business:

- Mental Health 708 Board Funding Request: Fox said the Mental Health 708 Board funding request was carried over until the committee could gather more information. Finfrock gave a little history on this. Up until about four years ago, the committee was given the information as it is broken down on this sheet, by entity. The Chairman of the committee at that time asked that the funding be given in all as one. The problem being that the funding is not be used for "brick and mortar" it is to be used for programs. There is an entity that wants to open a location in Byron so they can get more people from Winnebago and Stephenson Counties. The

question is, will Winnebago and Stephenson Counties pitch in any funds? This is what we do not know. There were other comments made that did not sit well with the committee. Ramsey stated she did cross check what was given to the committee in the packets. There was discussion on where the cuts were being made and where the numbers are coming from. Fox stated he will ask for the reports that they received today as the HEW Committee has critical oversight on these funding's as they do with other departments and budgets. This is the standard practice. The committee will continue this policy and the Senior Social Services Funding Levy is not to be used for brick and mortar. Fox stated we need to get this on record. Motion by Finfrock to hold over until October and receive more information from 708 Board Agencies – is this for bricks and mortar and is the 3% increase based on needs that have not been addressed to the HEW Committee or the 708 Board, 2nd by Asp. Fox stated they would also like to know if the other counties will be participating with funding for the expansion request of one of the agencies. Motion carried.

11. New Business: None.

12. Closed Session: None.

13. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura J. Cook
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder

Regional Office of Education General Operations – FY23

	July-Sept.	Oct. – Dec.	Jan. – Mar.	Apr. – June
❖ Employees	52	55	54	54
❖ Grant Programs	22	22	22	22
❖ Walk-Ins Assisted	475	249	365	314
❖ Phone Calls Taken.....	4052	3852	3948	4138
❖ Criminal Background Checks	504	229	281	422
❖ Truant Referrals.....	27	124	199	4
❖ Regional Safe School Referrals.....	13	9	6	2
❖ Alternative Learning Options Program Referrals.....	19	10	31	2
❖ Digital Newsletters Published	0	0	0	0
❖ PAT/First Years Newsletters Published.....	3	3	3	3
❖ Reg. Board of School Trustees Meetings.....	1	0	1	1
❖ Treasurers' Bonds Approved	28	0	0	0
❖ Annual School Audits Reviewed	0	24	0	0
❖ Substitute Teacher Lists Prepared	2	2	2	2
❖ Reorganization Hearings	0	0	0	0
❖ Special Education Board of Control Meetings Attended....	9	9	0	9

Number of School Visits

❖ Public	62	75	82	75
❖ Non-Public	5	5	6	2

Funds Received

❖ Federal	202,403.00	40,252.00	66,638.00	108,385.00
❖ State.....	470,153.09	671,275.91	470,287.09	687,353.89
❖ Local.....	548,786.30	1,713,426.28	3,127,649.93	2,037,391.46

Funds Distributed

❖ Federal	167,462.64	53,814.62	81,942.33	104,340.90
❖ State.....	357,001.51	607,185.01	247,689.59	963,090.03
❖ Local.....	240,088.29	2,757,863.98	2,186,384.09	2,317,805.79

Teaching/Paraprofessional Certificates

❖ Educators Registered	273	92	110	142
❖ Licenses Registered	350	93	116	166
❖ Licenses Issued	1,000	70	76	65
❖ Endorsements Issued	75	22	26	31
❖ ETS Paraprofessional Tests Administered	1	0	0	0
❖ Paraprofessional Issued	106	16	22	11
❖ Substitute Teachers added to Sub List.....	24	25	14	5
❖ School Administrators Employed.....	134	134	134	134
❖ School Teachers Employed.....	1896	1896	1896	1896
❖ School Service/Support Personnel Employed.....	1391	1391	1391	1391

Report of Official Acts – FY23 (Continued)

July - Sept. Oct. – Dec. Jan. – Mar. Apr. – June

School Buildings

❖ Life Safety Inspections.....	37	34	8	0
❖ Plans/Specifications Reviewed.....	0	5	15	12
❖ Health/Life Safety Funds Approved.....	0	3	8	5

Professional Development

❖ Administrator Academies.....	1	1	1	4
❖ Administrators Served.....	6	14	5	25
❖ Teacher Workshops.....	29	31	27	40
❖ Teachers Served.....	394	441	407	345
❖ Administrator Meetings.....	2	2	2	2
❖ Administrators Served.....	32	40	43	37

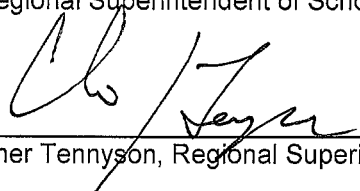
GED

❖ Diplomas Issued	14	15	18	23
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Bus Drivers

❖ Initial Courses	2	2	2	1
❖ Initial Course Participants	23	8	8	6
❖ Refresher Courses.....	7	1	2	1
❖ Refresher Course Participants.....	219	26	42	21

I affirm to the Whiteside, Lee and Ogle County Boards that this is a true account of my official acts, for the months of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as Lee/Ogle/Whiteside County Regional Superintendent of Schools.


Christopher Tennyson, Regional Superintendent of Schools

Regional Office of Education Report

September 2023

Regional Office of Education Health Life Safety

We have begun our health life safety inspections last week. We will be inspecting all 24 school districts and 73 buildings in total. The state requires that each of the 4000 public school buildings and school related buildings in the state is inspected annually to assure compliance with the minimum standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of public school students in Illinois, according to Building Specifications for Health and Safety in Public Schools. By law, school districts must maintain public schools to the minimum standard. Annual inspection results from each building are available at the Regional Office of Education. A summary report is filed annually with the Illinois State Board of Education as required by law.

Every 10 years all public school buildings must be resurveyed by an architect licensed by the State of Illinois. All work necessary to bring the building into compliance with minimum standards is noted. Upon completion of outlined work, compliance is verified by the district and architect in a report filed with the Regional Office of Education.

The Regional Office of Education is also responsible, through the Regional Superintendent of Schools, for statutory compliance with established standards in the construction and remodeling of public school buildings. The Regional Superintendent assures school board approval by resolution of construction plans, review of construction plans for code compliance, issuance of the building permit, and upon review, issuance of school occupancy permits. Further, the Regional Superintendent assures code compliance for temporary/mobile classroom units throughout the region.

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring

Community Partnership Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning
Family Education & Engagement

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: School Improvement

Professional Learning

- Science of Reading Cohort through LETRS is preparing to launch for 2023-24. We have 84 teachers and administrators who will participate in the cohort.
- Summer learning and institute support has wrapped up. Professional Learning staff are accepting registrations for fall learning.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Community Outreach

- Our first community baby shower was held on Saturday, July 8th in Dixon
- Over 1100 backpacks with school supplies were distributed to families in Lee, Ogle & Whiteside counties on Wednesday, July 26th and Tuesday, August 8 as part of our new School Supply Closet.
- Our Back to School Bash was held Saturday, August 5th. The event featured free backpacks and school supplies for students, a photo booth, back to school books, a Kindle giveaway, and access to representatives from our community and social service agencies. In total, 122 children and parents attended the event.

- ROE 47 Family Engagement staff participated in the Paw Paw Back to School event on Saturday, August 19th. The team facilitated family-child interactions through several BlockFest stations, giant connect 4, and a family photo booth. Information on ROE 47 programming and services was also provided to families and caregivers.
- Our Family Engagement staff has interacted with thousands of families this summer at community events and festivals. Children have really enjoyed playing giant Connect 4, coloring, blowing bubbles, and engaging in block play.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube!

Upcoming Events

SERIES SESSIONS:

- SESSION 1:**
 Understanding & Leveraging the Power of Blockology
 August 31, 2023
 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- SESSION 2:**
 Discovering & Developing Your Style of Leadership
 November 30, 2023
 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- SESSION 3:**
 Designing & Building a Strong Team Culture
 February 29, 2024
 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- SESSION 4:**
 Defining & Recapturing Healthy Classrooms
 June 18, 2024
 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SERIES

Gain valuable insights on topics essential to the health and success of your individual schools and districts

Administrators will receive:

- Tailored coaching that is focused on helping build practical leadership strategies to support teachers, students, and families
- Partnerships to encourage your journey
- Immediate implementation steps for transforming your district

24 PD Hours; Administrator Academy Credit available
Cost: Free for Ed Pathway Partner District Administrators;
\$500 co-op members; \$1000 non co-op members
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 14

To register for this series, please visit roe47.org and click on the [Workshops](#) link at the top of the page.

Academy leader Tom Toney is the founder of KUEST Student Leadership, a non-profit organization focused on developing systems, resources and training for empowering students and educators. Over the last thirty years, Tom has authored more than twenty student leadership and character development books, manuals and resources. As a certified DISC Personality Consultant, Tom coaches businesses and teams through his online CAB University system.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events
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Check out ALL of our opportunities [HERE](#)

August Participants - 169

Wednesday, August 2

New Teacher Networking @ SVCC

Thursday, August 3

Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Training @ SVCC

Monday, August 7

Attendance Support Program Training @ SVCC

Tuesday, August 8

Short-Term Substitute Teacher Training @ 9:00 am

Mentor Teacher Training for Pathways @ Amboy High School

Wednesday, August 9

LETRS Kickoff Session @ SVCC

Tuesday, August 29

LETRS Check-In Session @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, August 31

Transformational Leadership Academy Series @ SVCC

August in Photos



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!
AUGUST 19, 2023



Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS

Our Nexus team has been working with our participating school districts to prepare the new and returning staff for the next school year to support our families. We have been presenting in front of some teachers and staff at some of our districts to educate our teachers on the support we are offering. Even though we haven't hit Labor Day just yet, we are already planning on the support and the logistics of supporting our families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday seasons. It may seem early, but it takes a lot of planning and preparation to support families in this way over three counties, but we are blessed to be a part of their time. We always seek food and holiday gift donations to bless our families who work so hard with us throughout the school year.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Student Attendance Support

Our Attendance Team is now fully assembled. We are meeting with individual school districts and did a three-county training in August. We have also met with one of our three counties Assistant State's Attorney's Office to talk about the court process and how we can work more effectively. We hope to get meetings scheduled with the remaining two counties within the next month. Our Attendance Support Program is gathering research on evidence-based practices to help our students reach attendance goals in a non-punitive and trauma-informed approach. We ask our communities to unite to support students' attendance needs and struggles. Chronic absenteeism is not just a school issue or an ROE issue. It is a more significant systemic issue that requires all hands to support our children in understanding the importance of attending school and how it can impact their learning. We know students miss school for various reasons, and it will take our community to support it.

Parents as Teachers First Years

It's only the end of August and we are already almost fully enrolled! What a change from a from the COVID years when we we had a hard time finding families who wanted to participate. The marketing and recruitment efforts of the last several years have paid off with more community agencies aware of our program and making referrals to us.

We have settled into our new space and are planning an open house in September for our families to show them our offices and our newly organized lending library. If you have not seen our space yet, feel free to stop in for a tour. We want it to feel welcoming and friendly and tried to set up a space that families would feel comfortable visiting.

In Other Early Childhood News...

Early in 2023, the Sauk Valley STARS Early Childhood Education Coalition/ROE team finished up our Community-Based Planning for Expansion project with Illinois Action for Children and as a final wrap-up, some of the planning committee met with a video team from Illinois Action for Children to record our thoughts on the process. Check out the following short videos summarizing the project.

- Overview of the Community-Based Planning Project: <https://youtu.be/JvHMEEU3IRk>
- Sauk Valley STARS: <https://youtu.be/YiQqjHysokE>

The Sauk Valley STARS Early Childhood Education Coalition/ROE team also spent the last year working with the Illinois Birth to Five Region 47 Action Council to develop a needs assessment for our three county service area. The Early Childhood Regional Needs assessment has been released and is available for dissemination.

If you would like to set up a meeting to discuss the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment or need digital resources for social media or a newsletter, we encourage you to reach out to Abby Hoskins, the Regional Manager for Region 47. Her email address is ahoskins@birthtofiveil.com. We are interested in connecting with as many community members

as possible to gather feedback on the report and would love to have your input. Abby will also be willing to present the information learned through the needs assessment to a larger group such as the county board.

The full report and a 2-page infographic can be found here:

Website (to full report and infographic): <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region47/#report>

PDF Links:

Report:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/61ba6b3017614378f01ce468/t/64baca7761744d40e7488f01/1689963141353/Region_47_Needs_Assessment.pdf

Infographic:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/61ba6b3017614378f01ce468/t/64c3ecfb43f01c62f8045ea7/1690561787380/47+Infographic.pdf>

Education Outreach Program

August has come in as fast as it has gone! Just as many school districts are feeling the urgency, we at the Education Outreach Program have had many requests to get classes started up for our students as well!

With classes in full swing, we are introducing our students to our Whiteside County Teacher, [Jill Marciniac](#). Jill comes to us after retiring from Dixon High School as a Special Education Teacher who helped many students, both in school and through her outreach and tutoring. With her knowledge also comes a love for making connections with youth and young adults and we know she will thrive in this program! Jill is available and holds class every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am to 4pm.

These young adults are busy studying for GED testing, working with the Business Employment Skills Team (BEST, Inc.) developing resumes and attending Sauk certification programs all with the help of our program. We look forward to our 7 new intakes following through with the process and guiding them to their success story.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

The beginning of the school year brings its own unique opportunities. Identification is key. Grant funding allows for much support to help our students have the tools to allow for the best possible educational success. All district staff play a key role in making that happen. Therefore, having the entire district staff aware and informed is a vital key for the success of this program and the students we are serving.

Regional Center for Change



August/September At a Glance

- Theme for the Month of August/September "We are Family"
- September is Suicide Prevention Month
- Let it Begin! Door Decorating Contest "We are Family" Doors judged on Thursday, September 28th
- Friday, September 29th Assembly at 8:30 am
- Enrollment as of 9/01/23
 - Total Options = 42
 - Total RSSP = 14
 - TOTAL = 56

Moving Hearts - Weekly award given to a special staff member

Mom!!!! One word and I bet most of you think of the same person, Angie! My Moving Heart for this week is Angie, the mom of the school! She loves fiercely and will do anything for our students! Attending events outside of school, messaging with students when they are struggling, crocheting things for young mothers and staff. She does it all! Angie's story is personal and she will do anything for her school kids and her own children! Way to go Angie you are a moving heart!

Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the Month of August 2023

Communication	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Phone	246	1451
Office Visit	85	470
Outreach (7/39) / Home Visits (0/1)	7	40
Email (32/212) / Mail (3/9)	35	221
Direct Submit (claims 7/65, ITF & other 50/229)	57	294
Fax	27	76
Other(105/522)/General Contact Log (28/177)	130	699
Employee Communications	509	2787
Employee Activity (date entered)	1046	5499
Total Veterans in System	30	657

VA AWARDANCE	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Monthly	\$3,824.00	\$21,272.00
Retro	\$38,317.00	122,038.00
Total	\$42,141.00	\$143,310.00

EXPENDITURES	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 11,772.15	\$ 71,717.44
Training and Meetings	\$ -	\$ 2,225.09
Office Rent/Utilities	\$ 525.58	\$ 3,936.64
Office Build-Out	\$ 515.93	\$ 16,348.41
Other Expenses	\$ 336.20	\$ 5,778.51

Direct Assistance to Veterans	Number Assisted		
Shelter	0	\$ -	\$ -
Other	0	\$ -	\$ -
Drivers Per Diem		\$ 2,434.83	\$ 14,309.56
Other Assistance	0	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 15,584.69	\$ 114,315.65

Transportation Logs	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Trips	19	122
Hours Donated	119.3	689.3
Transported	19	122
Miles	3818.9	22375.1

BUDGET SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget Submitted		\$ 276,895.00
Year To Date Aug 2023 Expenditures		\$ (114,315.65)
Balance		\$ 162,579.35

Budget approved by Ogle County	51.644%	\$ 143,000.00
Actual Budget Received	42.051%	\$ 116,437.91

Ogle County Animal Control
Warden Activity Record
August 2023

<i>Month of August</i>	<i>Monthly Total</i>	<i>Misc. Notes</i>	<i>2023 Year to Date</i>	<i>2022 Year to Date</i>
Miles Driven	2445	Regular duties - Check Complaints Stray pick up - Tag Doors for Non Vac	100988 83415	Miles Driven 2872
Bites Reported	16	11 Dogs 1 Cats 4 Bats	74	61
Strays	4	4 Ogle Co.	41	30
Notices to Comply Given	26	22 No Current Vac/ Registration 4 Dogs Running @ Large	279	178
Citations Issued	1	Dogs Running @ Large 1 No Rabies Shot and Tag	5	8
Welfare Calls	2	1 Dogs - No proper shelter - No water 1 Cat	34	29
Animal Bites on Animals	4	4 Dog on Dog Dog on Cat	32	35
Assist Other Agencies	3	2 Oregon P.D. 1 Ogle County Sheriff	9	11
Dogs Deemed Dangerous			2	
Dogs Deemed Vicious				
Other Complaints	1	1 Dog Barking At 5:00 AM	9	9

Submitted by:
Kevin G. Christensen - Warden
Ogle County Animal Control