

Meridian CUSD District No. 223

**BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING WITHDRAWAL
OF BYRON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 226
FROM THE OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Ogle County Educational Cooperative (“OCEC”) is a special education joint agreement organized and existing under Section 5/10-22.31 of the *Illinois School Code* providing services to children with disabilities residing in thirteen school districts located in Ogle and Lee Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is a member of OCEC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Byron Community Unit School District 226 (“Byron 226”) is a member of OCEC; and

WHEREAS, OCEC’s Administrative Offices are located in the City of Byron, within the boundaries of Byron 226 and at or near the geographic center of OCEC, and many of OCEC programs are located in Byron 226 buildings or within the City of Byron; and

WHEREAS, in reliance upon the representations and proposal of Byron 226 in 1989, OCEC located its Administrative Offices within the boundaries of Byron 226; and

WHEREAS, in reliance upon the representations and proposal of Byron 226 in 1989, OCEC located many of its programs for students with disabilities who reside in OCEC member districts within the school buildings of Byron 226 and within the City of Byron; and

WHEREAS, Byron 226 has filed a Petition with the Regional Board of School Trustees of Lee and Ogle Counties to withdraw as a member of OCEC, effective July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the withdrawal of Byron 226 as a member of OCEC is not in the best interests of the students residing in this School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the withdrawal of Byron 226 as a member of OCEC will disrupt established OCEC programs, increase the costs of educating

students with disabilities in established OCEC programs, and thereby negatively impact this School District's financial condition and the educational services provided by the Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.
2. That the Superintendent of Schools shall appear at a hearing held by the Regional Board of School Trustees of Lee and Ogle Counties on the Byron 226 Petition and submit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Regional Board.
3. That the Superintendent of Schools shall appear at a hearing held by the Regional Board of School Trustees of Lee and Ogle Counties on the Byron 226 Petition and submit such information as will support the Board of Education's opposition to such Petition.
4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

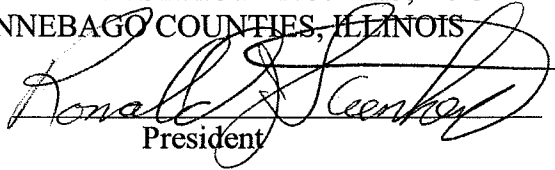
Adopted this 26th day of February 2009, by the following roll call vote:

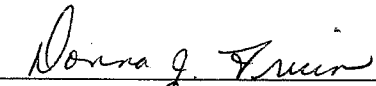
AYES: Glendenning, Jagielski, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Steenken

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: King

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MERIDIAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 223, OGLE AND
WINNEBAGO COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

By: 
President

Attest: 
Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF _____)

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Meridian School District 223, Ogle County, Illinois ("Board"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

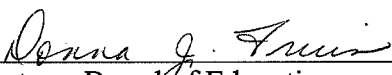
I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting held on the 26 th day of February 2009, said Resolution entitled:

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a true, correct and complete copy of which said Resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the roll call vote taken adopting said Resolution was conducted openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the *Open Meetings Act* of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board of Education has complied with all of the provisions of said *Act* and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature this 26th day of February, 2009.



Secretary, Board of Education