



## County Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 9:00 AM

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor Boardroom, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

*This meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube using the web address below  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RwybHru-ZE&t>*

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Chair Jack Skrogstad.

II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Jack Skrogstad, Vice Chair Dean Freil, Katie White, Ron Gascoigne, Reed Akre, Ali Huss

Jack Skrogstad, Dean Freil, Katie White, Reed Akre, and Ali Huss attended in person. Ron Gascoigne was absent.

Also present: Mike Koppien (Board Member), Dave Anderson (County Engineer/Highway Department), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Alice Henkel (Zoning Administrator), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Chris Tennyson (Regional Office of Education Superintendent), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

Greg Gates (Director, Reagan Mass Transit District).

A. *Reagan Mass Transit Report*

Greg Gates attended the meeting to answer any questions the committee might have regarding the report that he submitted from the Reagan Mass Transit District. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (October 8, 2024)

Minutes from the October 8, 2024, County Services Committee Meeting were accepted as presented without modification.

V. Transportation/Solid Waste

A. *Monthly Report*

Dave Anderson walked the committee through the detailed report that he submitted from the Highway Department and Solid Waste Management. This report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

B. *Highway Department*

1. Lee County, Illinois & Maples Road Solar 1, LLC Solar Farm Road Use Agreement

Dave Anderson explained that this road use agreement was a "light

version" of the agreement that the County had used in the past for wind energy projects. Following are highlights from the agreement:

- The condition of the roads that will be used during construction are documented by the company prior to the start of the project. In this case the roads limited for use will be Maples Road from Route 38 to Stony Point.
- Solar traffic signs will be placed for specific instructions for those involved with the project.
- Fines can be issued if other routes are used consistently.
- The County retains the right to post the roads in the Spring.
- The solar company is responsible for damages.
- The company is putting up \$50,000 to cover legal expenses, fees, and any damages. Any funds not used are returned.

**Motion** to move the Lee County and Maples Road Solar 1, LLC Solar Farm Road Use Agreement to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the November County Board agenda. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. *Solid Waste Management*

1. Resolution: Solid Waste Coordinator Reappointment

Motion to move the resolution Reappointing the Solid Waste Coordinator to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the November County Board agenda. **Moved** by Ali Huss. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dave Anderson wrapped up his reporting by letting the committee know that electronic recycling had ended for the year. The collection will start again in the Spring.

VI. Assessor's Office - GIS Department

A. *Assessor's Office*

1. Monthly Report

Jennifer Boyd was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report for the members. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

B. *GIS Department (Geographic Information System)*

1. Monthly Report

Sami Elarifi was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from GIS for the committee members. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

VII. County Board

Jeremy Englund reported the following information on behalf of the County Board:



- There will be a Truth in Taxation Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., prior to the 6:00 p.m., County Board Meeting.
- He has met with four (4) different Broadband Internet Services Providers (ISP) that are planning on applying for and have been pre-approved for the BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program) application process. BEAD provides substantial financial resources to expand high-speed internet by funding planning, infrastructure deployment, and adoption programs in all 50 states.
- He is working with Greg Gates on the RAISE Planning Grant. Planning grant applications have been submitted for the last three (3) years for a multi-use pathway from the City of Dixon to Sauk Valley Community College as well as building out other pathway infrastructure throughout the County. This year the County is bringing in some new partners to help in areas like data surveying in a group process approach.

VIII. County Clerk and Recorder's Office

A. *Monthly Report*

Nancy Peterson walked the committee through the report that she submitted for the committee members. She highlighted information regarding the recent election. The report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

IX. IT Department (Information Technology)

A. *Monthly Report*

Paul Gorski was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the IT Department for the committee members. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

X. ROE (Regional Office of Education #47)

A. *Monthly Report*

Chris Tennyson walked the committee through the detailed report that he submitted for the committee members along with the reports of officials acts for FY24 and FY25. All three (3) reports will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

XI. Veterans Assistance

There was no report from Veterans Assistance.

XII. Zoning / Planning

A. *Monthly Report*

Alice Henkel walked the committee through the detailed report that she submitted from the Zoning Department. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

B. *Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals*

There were no petitions going to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

*C. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals*

There were two petitions coming from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

1. Petition No. 24-P-1631 by Sanjay Desai, who is in process of purchasing a portion of certain real property currently identified as PIN 11-16-31-100-015.

**Motion** to move the resolution for petition number 24-P-1631 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the November County Board agenda. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition No. 24-P-1633 by Anthony and Lisa Winstead as owners of certain real property identified as PIN 12-14-17-300-001.

**Motion** to move the resolution for petition number 24-P-1633 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the November County Board agenda. **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Dean Freil. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

*D. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission*

There were no petitions going to the Planning Commission.

*E. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission*

There were no petitions coming from the Planning Commission.

XIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XIV. New Business

There were no items under New Business.

XV. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVI. Adjournment

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Ali Huss. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next County Services Committee Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:  
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

Lee County Highway Department  
Report to the County Services Committee – NOVEMBER 2024

The following represents a report of notable Highway Department activities and explanations of requested board actions:

**Status of Current Projects**

- Township and County Seal Coat – *Completed*
- Township and County Crack Filling – *Completed*
- Alto Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Bradford Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Lee Center Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Sublette Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Township Aggregate - *Completed*
- County Aggregate - *Completed*
- Dust Palliative – *Completed*
- County Shoulder Stone (Furnish and Place, Various Locations) - *Completed*
- May Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- East Grove Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- Wyoming Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- Hamilton Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- Dixon Twp. HMA Patching – *Completed*
- Marion Twp. HMA Patching – *Completed*
- Chicago Road from Village of Paw Paw East to Dekalb County Line HMA – *Completed*
- Pipeline Road Bridge (Bradford Twp.) – *Completed*
- Indian Head/Van Petten Road HMA – *Completed*

**Other:**

- Maintenance crews are Prepping equipment for winter operations, cutting brush/trees, installing culverts and roadway striping.
- Contact work has begun. We will be managing numerous construction projects totaling approximately \$5.4M, see listing above.
- Phase I engineering has begun on the recent property under option for a new Highway Department facility. The County has engaged Willett Hoffmann and Associates to assist as necessary.

**Discussion Items:**

**Board Action Items:**

- Road Use Agreement (RUA) for Maples Solar
- Resolution – Reappointment of the Solid Waste Coordinator

**Solid Waste**

Electronics collection is now closed for the season. It will re-open in April of 2025.



*Chief County Assessment Office/GIS Department*

*Jennifer J Boyd,*

*Chief County Assessment Officer and GIS Supervisor*

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**MONTHLY ASSESSMENT OFFICE REPORT**  
**November 12, 2024 – County Services Committee**

The Assessment roll is being finalized and anticipated to be sent to Mail Services and the newspapers for publication soon. There has been a large amount of “new construction” added this year although some of the anticipated projects have not been completed and will not have a value for 2024 but will be added in 2025 once complete.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Boyd, CIAO  
Chief County Assessment Officer/GIS Supervisor



**Monthly GIS Department Report**  
**November 7, 2024**

- Processed parcel split and combination requests for September.
- Maintained and updated land use, zoning, and other GIS layers.
- Updated and uploaded NG911 and 911 GIS layers to the public safety mapping systems.
- Assisted the Zoning and 911 departments with assigning new addresses.
- Continued configuring the damage assessment dashboard for Lee County EMA.
- Met with Esri to discuss deploying Parcel Fabric and Agricultural Parcel Analysis solutions.
- Resolved issues related to FARMS tool configuration and calculation results.
- Met with the Motorola GIS support team to troubleshoot issues with the 911 Flex Dispatch system.
- Calculated 2024 farm values for the quadrennial reassessment.
- Attended the 2024 ILGISA conference in Peoria.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sami Elarifi  
GIS Coordinator



**COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**  
**REPORT FOR NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Election Department Updates:

- **GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024**
- Lee County has 22,023 registered voters
- Voter Turnout: 73.5%
- Ballots Cast: 16,197
- Early Voting started Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> ended on November 4<sup>th</sup> turnout was 28.2% with 4568 Ballots Cast
- Vote by Mail: 13.2% 2138 Ballots Cast
- Start accepting petitions for the consolidated election on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Lee County will not be holding a Primary for the consolidated election
- Consolidated Election is first Tuesday in April 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Petersen  
Lee County Clerk & Recorder



*IT Department*  
*Paul Gorski, IT Director*  
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November 12, 2024  
IT Board Report – November 2024

1. IT provided weekend and Election Day support for the Election Department, assisting with election printer maintenance and utilizing IT's former Old Courts office for some election day operations.
2. We continue to deploy new computers to a variety of departments, largely in New Courts, replacing older computers based on a regular replacement cycle plan.
3. IT office move – Facilities/maintenance cleared out additional space in New Courts basement for an IT recycling/storage area – Thank you to Eric Englund and his team for their work.
4. LEC – Wrapping up a variety of smaller, miscellaneous projects, including installing a new printer and Toughbook laptop upgrades. In December we will start upgrading some PCs based on our regular, upgrade, replacement cycle plan.
5. County-wide – Migrating user PCs to Windows 11 in advance of Microsoft planned retirement of Windows 10 in October 2025.
6. Upcoming projects include:
  - Temporarily relocating Animal Control's IT hardware in advance of new flooring installation
  - County-wide – reorganize, consolidate on-site login, domain servers
  - Organize Cybersecurity response team and response team plan.

Contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Paul Gorski  
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**Report to County Services Committee / Lee County Board**  
November 12, 2024 | 9:00 AM

**1) RIDERSHIP DATA (August 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024)**

	August, 2024	September, 2024	October, 2024	FY 25 Trend
RIDES	7,764	7,433	8,714	90,620
SERVICE HOURS	2,335	3,271	2,755	31,076
MILES OF SERVICE	65,924	67,403	75,482	759,388
FUEL COST	\$25,535.40	\$19,289.85	\$19,632.67	\$268,852.32

**2) DEVELOPMENTS**

**a) Visit by Representative Darin LaHood**

- i) During the Retreat of the RMTD Board of Directors, Representative Darin LaHood (IL Congressional District 16) stopped by to visit with the directors and staff, and to hear of recent developments in rural public transportation.
- ii) The Community Project Funding offering by Representative LaHood led to an award of \$2.94 million to RMTD for an expansion of the Reagan Transit Center.

**b) Transit Desert Grant / IDOT State Planning and Research**

- i) The initial meeting of RMTD with NIU Center on Governmental Studies was held last Tuesday (November 5<sup>th</sup>) at the Reagan Transit Center.
- ii) Components of this study will include surveys, review of baseline data, focus groups and a technical assistance committee. The timeline for this project will provide for a wrap up of all activities by the end of FY 2025 (June 30, 2025).
- iii) This project will look at the general “transportation needs” of residents in Lee and Ogle Counties, specifically those areas of the counties more remote in nature

**c) IT and Auditing Services**

- i) A Request for Proposals (RFP), for Information Technology Services (IT).
  - (1) Announcement of the successful bidder will be coming shortly. IDOT is completing approval paperwork.
  - (2) The chosen IT Firm will have a three-year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.
- ii) A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services.
  - (1) Announcement of the successful bidder will be coming shortly. IDOT is completing approval paperwork. This will be a three (3) year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.

**d) Pending Requests for Bids**

- i) RMTD has an initial draft of a Request for Proposals for two (2) (possibly three) Ford Transit type vehicles. This RFP will allow for the use of REBUILD 1 funding.
- ii) An upcoming bid opportunity to operate Intercity Bus services on I-88 and I-39 will be forthcoming in the next six (6) months, with the selected operator beginning on July 1, 2025.

**e) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction**

- i) Pre-bid Concurrence paperwork is being finalized by Larson and Darby, our architects for the Oregon office construction, and will be submitted to Illinois Department of Transportation. Once concurred will allow for going out for the hiring of a General Contractor.
- ii) Larson and Darby, architectural firm out of Rockford, is the architect/engineering firm hired for the Oregon Construction project. This project is part of RMTD application under REBUILD 1

**f) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle**

- i) RMTD and RLS and Associates held an initial meeting with IDOT leadership about potential funding (operational and capital) for the initiation of the fixed routes in Dixon and Rochelle.

- ii) The Dixon Study will wrap up by the end of November, while the Rochelle Study will be completed by the end of December.
- iii) RLS has been asked to provide a presentation to the Ogle County Board during its December meeting.

**g) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services**

- i) Working on Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County to provide rural transit.
- ii) Separate agreement being finalized for the contractual hiring of a person to be the PCOM (oversight) of the rural transit services being provided.
- iii) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new rural service is as follows:
  - (i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864
  - (ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

**h) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study**

- i) IDOT State Planning and Research Program is finalizing the execution of its agreement with RMTD. Initial timeframe for the start of the Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study is November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ii) RMTD has been awarded funding from the State Planning and Research Program of IDOT for a total of \$300,000 to assess the feasibility of using hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen fuel in rural Illinois.
- iii) Once a contract has been executed, RMTD will broadcast a Request for Proposals for a Project Lead for the initiative.

**i) Budget/Contracts for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)**

- (1) RMTD has executed all three (3) of its contracts for FY 2025.
- (2) Contractual amounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:
  - (a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450
  - (b) DOAP Contract: \$1,867,008
  - (c) 5311F Contract (I-88 and I-39): \$2,029,606

**j) Vehicle Procurement**

- (1) Pending transfer of two (2) buses from an area non-profit.
- (2) Pending transfer of two (2) 5310 vehicles from local non-profit here in Dixon.
- (3) RMTD received was awarded 6 vehicles (2 minivans, 4 light duty buses) via IDOT's 2022 CVP Application. Delivery in 2025.
- (4) RMTD collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
  - (a) RMTD will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal.

## **2) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS**

**a) Capital Funding / Community Project Funding | Representative Darin LaHood**

- i) Funding includes construction of additional administrative space at Dixon Transit Center

**b) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 1**

- i) Funding provides for construction of new Oregon location
- ii) Furnishings and equipment for Oregon facility
- iii) Implementation of video surveillance cameras in 17 of RMTD's buses and minivans (completed)
- iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)

**c) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 2**

- (1) RMTD Proposal will allow for the following:
  - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the RMTD system
  - (b) Three (3) new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room
  - (c) Develop new Conference Room between Reagan Transit Center and Mechanical Bay
  - (d) Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex

**d) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 3**

- i) RMTD will receive \$62,500 for the purchase of 2 service vehicles

## Regional Office of Education Report

November 2024

### Compliance

Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers in Illinois are responsible for ensuring that local school districts and recognized non-public schools adhere to state and federal regulations. This involves a thorough review of district documentation to verify compliance with the Illinois School Code. The results of these reviews are publicly reported on the state website and included in the Illinois Report Card.

Beyond simply assessing compliance, this process is viewed as an opportunity to improve school operations and enhance the quality of education for students throughout Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties. By identifying areas where districts may need additional support or training, The regional office of education #47 plays a crucial role in promoting educational excellence throughout our three counties.

### Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant/IDPH Trauma Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing, Health Science & 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

NEXUS Family Support Services
Student Attendance
Computer Science Capacity Building
Afterschool Program
Preschool for ALL Expansion

**Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning & School Improvement**

- The Office Professional Learning & Educational Services is excited to announce that we have been awarded a Preschool for ALL Expansion grant through the Illinois State Board of Education. The grant proposed partnering with Dixon YMCA and Dreaming Tree preschool in Dixon to open four full day preschool classrooms serving 80 children ages 3-4.
- The third annual Pathway Playground welcomed over 1,200 Lee, Ogle, Whiteside 8th grade students to Sauk Valley College on Friday, October 18th.



# Playground Participants



## MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

Frantz Manufacturing Company  
Astec  
Morrison Tech  
Walmart Distribution Center  
Illinois Department of  
Transportation District 2  
Raynor Garage Doors  
BorgWarner  
Woods Equipment  
Constellation- Byron Clean Energy  
Center  
Sterling Steel Company  
Simpson Leather Craft  
Donaldson Company  
Whiteside Area Career Center  
P & P Industries, Inc  
Mid America Regional Council of  
Carpenters Local 790  
International Union of Bricklayers  
and Allied Craftworkers  
United Steelworkers Local 63  
Diamond Drives by Timken  
Etnyre  
Rock River Chapter - Illinois  
Society of Professional Engineers

## AGRICULTURE FOOD & NATURAL RESOURCES

NRCS  
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc  
Careers in Agriculture  
Gold Star FS  
Agri-King Inc.  
Ruth Edwards Nature Center  
Whiteside County Soil & Water  
Conservation District

## HUMAN & PUBLIC SERVICES

Lee County Health Department  
Ogle County Health Department  
Sinnissippi Centers  
Birth to Five Illinois  
Illinois State Police  
Sauk Valley Community College  
Impact Program  
Sterling Public Library  
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
4-C Community Coordinated Child  
Care  
SVCC Criminal Justice Department  
Sterling Police Department  
SVCC Early Childhood Education  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Regional Office of Education #47  
Law Jones Funeral Home

## HEALTH | SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

SVCC Nursing Program  
CGH Medical Center  
SVCC Sonography Program  
Morrison Community Hospital  
KSB Hospital  
SVCC Radiologic Technology  
Program  
Cora Sauk Valley  
CGH Medical Center Rehab

## INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

University of IL Extension- 4-H  
Learning Technology Center of  
Illinois  
Surf Internet  
Sauk Valley Bank

## ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Olinger Photography  
WQAD  
Shaw Local Radio  
Woodlawn Arts Academy  
Educators of Beauty  
Nora Kate Paints  
Stahr Media  
The Radar Free Press



The Pathway Team at The  
Regional Office Of Education  
and Sauk Valley Community  
College would like to thank the  
businesses that make this event  
possible each year!

thanks  
for your  
support

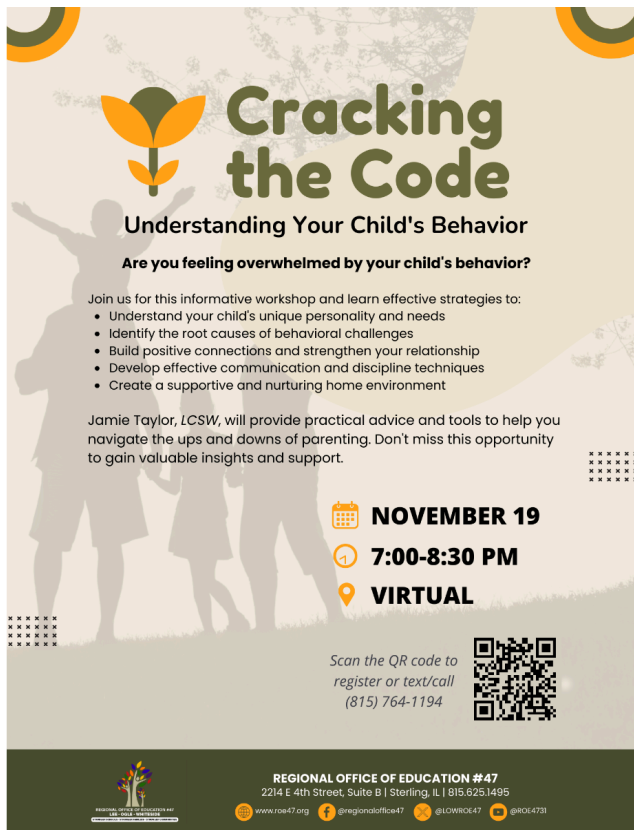
## FINANCE & BUSINESS SERVICES

Sterling Federal Bank  
Greater Sterling Development  
Corporation  
Sterling Mainstreet  
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
Sauk Valley Bank  
Central Bank

- ROE 47 has launched a year-long social media campaign to raise awareness of trauma, reduce stigma, and promote resilience. Posts are available each Monday on Facebook.
  - *Childhood trauma leaves a lasting impact, affecting not only individuals but also generations to come. By raising awareness about the complexities of childhood trauma and promoting understanding, we can foster a more compassionate and supportive environment for children who have experienced these challenging events. Join us as we embark on a journey to create a resilient community where every child feels safe, seen, and heard. Together, we can break the cycle of trauma and empower individuals to heal and thrive.*

### Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Parent Engagement & Community Outreach

- To date, ROE 47 has 142 partners on its IRIS referral platform. There have been 2788 referrals and 1556 families served. IRIS is an Integrated Referral and Intake System that works to connect local agencies with one another to streamline online client referrals. IRIS supports warm hand-offs for families, closes the communication loop for referring organizations, tracks outcomes, and provides a clear data-driven picture of partner capacity to improve the process over time.



**Cracking the Code**

**Understanding Your Child's Behavior**

**Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's behavior?**

Join us for this informative workshop and learn effective strategies to:

- Understand your child's unique personality and needs
- Identify the root causes of behavioral challenges
- Build positive connections and strengthen your relationship
- Develop effective communication and discipline techniques
- Create a supportive and nurturing home environment

Jamie Taylor, LCSW, will provide practical advice and tools to help you navigate the ups and downs of parenting. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and support.

**NOVEMBER 19**

**7:00-8:30 PM**

**VIRTUAL**

Scan the QR code to register or text/call (815) 764-1194

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## 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! We have an extensive library of 153 videos (and growing) in our collection!

## Upcoming Events



Early Childhood Summit

# MUSIC MOVEMENT & PLAY-BASED LEARNING

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sauk Valley  
Community College

**NOV  
15**

Join us for an inspiring day dedicated to early childhood education featuring renowned musician, author, and child development specialist, Jim Gilli. Discover how music and movement can be powerful tools for learning and development.

The afternoon will delve into the world of play-based learning with engaging presentations by Rochelle educators. Explore innovative strategies to utilize play-based learning to foster creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration in the higher elementary grades.

Leave this summit energized and equipped with practical tools to enhance your early childhood practice.

Cost: \$50 for SIP co-op members, \$100 for non co-op members

Every attendee gets a signed copy of Jim's book, "May There Always Be Sunshine," inspired by a Russian folk song with illustrations reflecting the original and added verses by children.



ROE 47 Presents

# 3RD ANNUAL TRANSITIONAL ENGLISH STATEWIDE SUMMIT

DECEMBER 13TH, 2024  
8:30 - 12:00 P.M.  
ZOOM





### Keynote

Keynote John Warner will provide strategies for developing writing habits of mind and rethinking the 5 paragraph essay.



### Breakout Sessions

Sessions on the Implementation of Transitional English, developing teacher leaders, support ELs and diverse learners, the Illinois Literacy Plan, and more!



### Strategic Planning

Learn about resources to help build partnerships, develop Transitional ELA courses, and enroll students!

To register, scan the QR Code or visit [www.roe47.org](http://www.roe47.org)



**Illinois Elevating Special Educators  
Presents:**



# Empowering Special Education: AI and Tech Tools for Effective Teaching

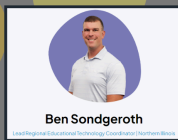
This professional development workshop will delve into the ultimate AI and technology tools designed specifically for special education. Educators will explore innovative resources to enhance personalized learning, improve student engagement, and streamline classroom management. Join us to unlock the potential of technology in creating inclusive and supportive learning environments! We are thrilled to present an extraordinary event featuring three remarkable speakers who will share their insights, experiences, and expertise. This is an opportunity to learn from the best and gain valuable knowledge that can inspire and empower you.

**Friday, December 6, 2024  
8:30-2:30  
Check in begins at 8:00  
Sauk Valley Community College**

Visit  
**ROE47.org**  
to sign up!



Please register by  
February 5, 2025



Ben Sondgeroth

**Cost-Free  
Lunch is included  
5 Hours PD Credit**



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## ROE 47 Computer Science Teacher Leader Program



### Session One

The training emphasizes building a strong foundation in computer science education, covering topics like computational thinking, algorithms, programming, and integrating CS into different content areas. Participants will explore resources for teaching CS concepts and collaborative practices like pair programming and debugging.



### Session Two

The training delves deeper into integrating computer science (CS) across the curriculum. Participants will explore connections between CS and various content areas for both K-5 and 6-12 grade levels. Practical application will be emphasized through hands-on experience with microbits for grades 6-12. The K-5 session will feature participants designing cross-curricular lessons incorporating unplugged, plugged, and robotic activities for K-5 students.



### Session Three

The training deepens CS integration, focusing on physical computing, project-based learning, and AI connections for middle and high schoolers. Elementary teachers will explore microbit basics and designed cross-curricular lessons.



### Session Four

This final year 1 session will focus on reflecting on the learning journey and developing actionable plans for integrating computer science into classrooms. Participants will share their experiences, challenges, and successes. We will collaboratively develop strategies for overcoming obstacles and sustaining CS initiatives. Participants will leave equipped with a personalized action plan to implement in their classrooms.



### Session Dates

**Session One:**  
MS/HS: September 26  
K-5: September 27

**Session Two:**  
MS/HS: January 30  
K-5: January 31

**Session Three:**  
MS/HS: March 13  
K-5: March 14

**Session Four:**  
MS/HS: June 16  
K-5: June 17

### Benefits of Participation

- ISTE membership access
- Comprehensive LTC training aligned with new IL CS standards
- Comprehensive 2-year program
- Scholarships for technology conferences
- Access to ROE 47 technology lending library
- Ready-to-use classroom resources and lesson plans
- Networking opportunities with fellow educators
- Professional learning hours
- Support for building an IT pathway endorsement program
- Access to student engagement events (e.g., hackathons)
- And more!

To register, visit [www.roe47.org](http://www.roe47.org)  
Space is limited in K-5 and 6-12 programs.

Please contact Anji Garza ([agarza@roe47.org](mailto:agarza@roe47.org))  
with questions or for more information.

## BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR CHILDREN SEL CAPACITY BUILDERS



SEL Capacity Builders is dedicated to fostering a strong network of educators, caregivers, and community leaders committed to enhancing children's emotional well-being. By providing practical tools and expert knowledge on trauma, attachment, behavior, and more, you will walk away with strategies to use in your classroom, your home, and your workplace to promote resilience.



### Sep Trauma & Attachment

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Understand how trauma and attachment affect child development and behavior. Presented by The Knowledge Center at Chaddock.

### Nov Youth Mental Health First-Aid

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Learn to recognize and respond to mental health issues in youth. This session has a pre-work component.

### Feb The School of Hope

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Learn how the science of hope can improve academic outcomes, decrease anxiety, and change your life. Presented by Cathleen Beachboard.

### Mar SEL Summit

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Dive into a transformative summit designed to equip you with the tools and strategies to build vibrant, inclusive communities within your schools. Keynote by Tom Toney.

### Jun Building a Tool-Kit

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Sauk Valley Community College  
Build a toolkit of strategies to support children's behavior regulation and resilience and explore the importance of self-care. Presented by Jamie Stuart Taylor, LCSW

Please contact Grace Heimerdinger-Baake at [gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org](mailto:gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org) with any questions.

## COUNSELOR & SOCIAL WORKER NETWORKING

Connect with colleagues to stay informed about state updates, share best practices, and find support within our professional community.



## SESSION DETAILS



**September 5**



**November 7**



**January 9**



**April 3**



**ROE 47**  
2214 E. 4th Street, Suite B, Sterling




**8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**



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**Illinois Elevating Special Educators  
Presents:**

# “Building Schools of Hope: Strategies for Lasting Impact”

**Presented by:**

## Cathleen Beachboard





This full-day professional development session will equip educators with the tools to create a culture of hope within their schools. Grounded in neuroscience and positive psychology, the training will cover practical strategies to increase student motivation, resilience, and academic success. Participants will engage in interactive sessions, explore case studies, and receive make-it-take-it resources to implement hope-driven practices that support the success and well-being of all students and staff.

**Friday, February 7, 2025  
8:30-2:30  
Check in begins at 8:00  
Sauk Valley Community College**

Visit  
**ROE47.org**  
to sign up!


Please register by  
February 3, 2025





**Cost: Free  
Lunch is included**

**5 Hours PD Credit**




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**ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS**

Presents our 2024-2025  
Special Education Professional Learning Opportunities


Visit **ROE47.ORG** to register for these **FREE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**



**DEVELOPING LEADERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Administrators and teacher leaders:**  
Are you looking to grow your knowledge, skills, and leadership in special education?

In this series, participants will take a deep dive into processes and procedures for helping students with disabilities, from the early stages of intervention all the way through facilitating productive IEP meetings. Each session will feature a deep dive, opportunities to build your leadership toolkit exploration of current issues, community resources, and roundtable discussions.




**October 24  
December 10  
February 13  
April 10**

At Sauk Valley  
Community College  
8:30-2:30  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

**TARGETED IMPROVEMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE LEARNERS**

**Administrators and teacher teams:**  
Join us as we explore special education data, reflect on current systems & practices, understand evidence-based practices, and consider systems development & refinement through a continuous improvement approach to support diverse learners.




**November 12  
January 14  
March 11**

At the ROE office  
in Sterling (by Goodwill)  
8:30-2:30  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

**ESSENTIAL FACILITATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERS**

**Administrators and teacher leaders:**  
This comprehensive workshop series is designed to equip special education teachers with the essential leadership and facilitation skills necessary to excel in their roles as teacher leaders. Participants will develop a deep understanding of teacher leadership, explore effective facilitation strategies, and build the confidence to drive positive change within their school community.




**October 17  
January 23  
April 24  
June 19**

At Sauk Valley  
Community College  
8:30-2:30  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

**QUARTERLY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Teachers:**  
Join us in these learning opportunities to learn, share, grow, and connect.

**September 20 — Register today!** 

**Special Education Summit**  
Activities will include a keynote from leading scholar, Cathleen Beachboard. Special educators will also choose sessions specific to their needs, gaining insight into the latest research-based strategies and tips they can apply to supporting students with disabilities in the classroom.

**December 6  
February 7**

More information coming soon!

At Sauk Valley  
Community College  
8:30-3:00  
Lunch is included  
6 PDHs available

Please reach out to:  
Shauna Dinges at [sdinges@esienetwork.org](mailto:sdinges@esienetwork.org) or Kelly Marcum at [kmarcum@esienetwork.org](mailto:kmarcum@esienetwork.org)

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# INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT NETWORKING

Calling all educators in instructional support roles (instructional coaches, interventionists, etc.). These networking sessions are designed to explore data, reflect on current systems and practices, understand evidence-based practices, and consider systems development and refinement through a continuous improvement approach to support all learners. and your loved ones


**Session Dates**

- ✓ **August 28**
- ✓ **October 30**
- ✓ **January 29**
- ✓ **April 30**





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# NEW TEACHER CADRE

If you are a new teacher, certified or non-certified in a teaching role, or a teacher in a new teaching area, certified or non-certified in a teaching role, we have several options of support designed to help you grow professionally and network with other teachers to share ideas, support and build a network both in your district and outside with other schools to share strategies--instructional, classroom management, remote learning, special education and SEL.

For questions, please contact Gail Wright at [gwright@roe47.org](mailto:gwright@roe47.org)

Tue., September 24	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., October 22	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., November 19	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., December 17	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., January 28	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., February 18	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., March 11	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., April 29	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM
Tue., May 13	Virtual	3:30-4:30 PM


**SCAN TO REGISTER**



7th Annual Social Emotional Learning Summit

# Tug of War

## The Power of Pulling Together




**Tom Toney**  
Keynote Speaker

Are you feeling pulled in a million directions? Overwhelmed by the demands of education? As educators, we often find ourselves in a constant battle, striving to create the best possible learning environments for our students. But the pressures can be immense, leaving us feeling exhausted and defeated.

*It's time to change the game.*


In this summit, we will explore the concept of Tug of War and how it relates to our daily experiences as educators. We'll delve into the energy-sapping habits that can hinder our progress and discover strategies to overcome these challenges.




**Understanding the Tug-of-War Mentality:** Recognize the common patterns that can lead to feelings of exhaustion and frustration.



**Building Positive Relationships:** Learn how to foster collaboration and cooperation with colleagues, students, and parents.




**Cultivating Resilience:** Develop strategies to cope with stress and maintain a positive outlook.



**Embracing the Power of Teamwork:** Discover how to harness the collective strength of your team to achieve common goals.

Friday, March 21, 2025  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Sauk Valley Community College

Scan QR Code



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# Administrator Academy

## Literacies of the Digital World: Teaching Technology Skills for Success in the 21st Century

This workshop aims to educate participants on the significance of computer literacy, digital literacy, and digital citizenship for student success in school and life. Attendees will learn to differentiate between these concepts, identify essential skills for each, and understand the appropriate timing for student exposure. Ultimately, participants will create an actionable plan for implementation in their school or district.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18  
8:30 - 2:30 P.M.  
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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To register, scan code or visit [www.roe47.org](http://www.roe47.org)

## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

### October 2024 Participants - 313

#### Tuesday, October 1

Librarians & School Library Media Specialist Networking Session @ 3:00 p.m. (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, October 2

Teacher Tools Network Session @ 3:30 p.m. (Zoom)

#### Friday, October 4

Transitional Math @ 8:30 a.m. (SVCC)

#### Tuesday, October 8

LETRS Cohort 3 Training @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

#### Tuesday, October 15

LETRS Cohort 1 Face to Face Training @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

LETRS Cohort 1 Virtual Training @ 3:30 p.m. (Zoom)

#### Thursday, October 17th

Essential Facilitation for Special Education Teacher Leaders @ 8:30 a.m. (SVCC)

Tuesday, October 22

Math for ALL @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

New Teachers Networking @ 3:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 23

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School: Trauma

Thursday, October 24

Developing Special Education Leaders Year 1 @ 8:30 a.m. (SVCC)

IWAS Pathway Endorsement Work Day @ 9 a.m. (ROE)

Trauma Training @ Center for Change

Wednesday, October 30

Instructional Support Networking @ 8:30 a.m. (ROE)

Brain Architecture @ Prophetstown Elementary School

Thursday, October 31

Understanding Generational Differences @ Rock Falls Elementary District

### October 2024 in Photos:













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***HOW WE SUPPORT  
YOUR DISTRICT***

Nexus Program

11/01/2024

**123**

Families Supported

**301**

Children Supported

**43**

McKinney Vinto

**394**

Goals Met

**1,569**

Family Contacts



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47

## ***HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT***

Attendance Program

11/01/2024

**80**

Families Supported

**159**

Children Supported

**9**

McKinney Vinto

**70**

Goals Met

**966**

Family Contacts

## Parents as Teachers First Years

October brought a new data management system to our program. We have been using Penelope provided by the Parents as Teachers National Center (PATNC) for the last 10 years, but the program's developers have decided that it is now obsolete and will not be updating it any longer. Therefore, PATNC decided to switch to Visit Tracker and our data migrated from Penelope into the Visit Tracker system on October 7th. Our home visitors have spent the entire month trying to learn the new system while continuing to provide home visits and all of the other components of our program at the same time. We have also been re-entering a significant amount of data that did not transfer to the new system, so it feels like we are playing catch-up.

A positive from the switch – Visit Tracker was developed by the daughter of a Parents as Teachers Home Visitor, so it is very closely aligned with PAT and many other home visiting models are also using it. It is very easy to use and logically connects all the pieces of documentation that are part of a home visit. Already, the home visitors are saying how they like that everything is connected in the home visit report.


We have also been working with the Education Outreach Program to start the planning for our joint holiday party (already!!). Last year's inaugural event was enjoyed by both PAT families and EOP students alike. This year we hope to include some of the EOP students in the planning and running of the activities to give them some hands-on experience in early childhood and hopefully spark some interest in a future career in early childhood education.

### ***In other Early Childhood news...***

Lois Meisenheimer, the program coordinator, has been busy working with the Birth to Five Illinois team to launch the newly-formed workgroups for our joint STARS/Birth to Five Illinois collaboration. Every other month the whole STARS/Action Council meets to share progress from the workgroups and other program updates. In the opposite month, the workgroups focus on projects that address the identified goals for our region. The workgroups bring together diverse stakeholders from across the region who are all focused on improving early childhood opportunities and access for children and families in our service area. There's a lot of exciting work happening, including but not limited to:

- developing a childcare toolkit for businesses,
- expanding publicly-funded preschool slots
- developing a Community Resource Hub designed by parents

You can read more about all the goals, projects, and participating community members in the following document:

 [Region 47 Workgroup Descriptions and Projects Fall 24](#)



## **Education Outreach Program**

For November, the Education Outreach Program would like to focus on collaboration. We are lucky to be able to provide our students with Leadership Opportunities that encourage and enlighten them with services, resources, and organizations in our service area.

On November 18th, the Education Outreach Program and TRIO are collaborating to provide our students with a tour at Sauk Valley Community College focusing on transitioning as a student. For some, this means understanding financial support or maybe just the location of the testing center. For others, it will give some insight into the CTE programs that Sauk has to offer. If our students are interested in this opportunity they can receive information, referrals, and even a stipend for the day!

We have been working closely with other organizations to provide services that are often overlooked by the young adult community. Many students are experiencing pregnancy/parenting for the first time, witnessing or involved in an abusive relationship, and experiencing mental health challenges. Being able to connect some of the services that we see as needed but are often underserved at this pivotal age is so important for our communities. Allowing our students to educate and prepare themselves while in our program is something we are proud of!

## **McKinney Vento Homeless Program**

Monitoring and support to our school districts is keeping things very busy. Federal laws are making some changes that will affect our overall program and the students that we are currently serving. November is our National McKinney Vento Conference. It is always so enjoyable and eye opening to hear from other States as to what and how they best serve their McKinney Vento students. Upcoming cooler weather will affect the needs that our students will be facing. Community resources are continually sought for support in these areas.

## **Center For Change**

### November

As we move forward into November, the Center for Change is proud to report continued growth and success in academics, social skills, and emotional development among our students. The support from our dedicated staff and the commitment of our students are creating a positive and resilient learning environment. Each milestone achieved is a testament to the collective efforts of everyone involved, from students and staff to families and community partners.

This month, we are focusing on the theme of "Thankfulness", placing a spotlight on gratitude for the opportunities we are afforded. Through daily reflections, class discussions, and activities,

students and staff alike are encouraged to recognize and appreciate the support systems around them. Emphasizing gratitude in this way helps build a positive outlook and strengthens interpersonal connections within the school community.

In celebration of this theme, we are excited to announce our Thanksgiving Feast scheduled for November 25th. This event will bring students and staff together to share a meal and reflect on what we are thankful for. Our sincere thanks go out to the local restaurants and stores for their generous donations, making this feast a reality for our students.

Additionally, the Center for Change continues to foster strong relationships with external resources, enriching our students' educational and personal experiences. These partnerships provide invaluable resources and support, empowering students to grow both inside and outside the classroom.

As we reflect on the progress made and look forward to future accomplishments, we remain committed to supporting our students in all aspects of their growth, academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you to all who contribute to the success of the Center for Change.

**Regional Office of Education General Operations – FY24**

	July-Sept.	Oct. – Dec.	Jan. – Mar.	Apr. – June
❖ Employees .....	55	55	57	57
❖ Grant Programs .....	23	23	23	23
❖ Walk-Ins Assisted .....	499	349	345	357
❖ Phone Calls Taken.....	3908	3850	3894	3801
❖ Criminal Background Checks .....	462	282	341	361
❖ Truant Referrals .....	133	88	150	0
❖ Regional Safe School Referrals.....	8	5	6	0
❖ Alternative Learning Options Program Referrals.....	9	4	8	2
❖ PAT/First Years Newsletters Published.....	3	3	3	3
❖ Reg. Board of School Trustees Meetings.....	0	1	0	0
❖ Treasurers' Bonds Approved .....	28	0	0	0
❖ Annual School Audits Reviewed.....	0	25	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	9	9

**Number of School Visits**

❖ Public .....	63	98	64	45
❖ Non-Public .....	4	5	4	9

**Funds Received**

❖ Federal.....	136,569.00	32,988.00	79,753.00	98,965.00
❖ State.....	589,758.61	540,618.06	632,273.09	432,982.15
❖ Local.....	3,048,919.31	2,802,576.53	3,257,017.46	2,042,248.93

**Funds Distributed**

❖ Federal.....	158,544.04	65,209.56	77,482.20	97,183.00
❖ State.....	337,336.72	693,181.00	493,561.22	600,332.00
❖ Local.....	2,131,852.29	2,640,855.73	3,046,184.80	2,664,211.21

**Teaching/Paraprofessional Certificates**

❖ Educators Registered .....	356	178	123	160
❖ Licenses Registered .....	374	184	127	162
❖ Licenses Issued .....	1558	134	83	102
❖ Endorsements Issued .....	103	32	33	61
❖ Paraprofessional Issued .....	337	20	10	9
❖ Substitute Teachers added to Sub List.....	27	32	15	9
❖ School Administrators Employed .....	134	134	134	134
❖ School Teachers Employed .....	1896	1896	1896	1896
❖ School Service/Support Personnel Employed .....	1391	1391	1391	1391

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

### School Buildings

❖ Life Safety Inspections.....	35.....	50.....	4.....	2.....
❖ Plans/Specifications Reviewed.....	6.....	9.....	16.....	18.....
❖ Health/Life Safety Funds Approved.....	1.....	8.....	3.....	1.....

### Professional Development

❖ Administrator Academies.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	6.....
❖ Administrators Served.....	15.....	11.....	13.....	51.....
❖ Teacher Workshops.....	34.....	33.....	36.....	43.....
❖ Teachers Served.....	591.....	480.....	527.....	628.....
❖ Administrator Meetings.....	1.....	2.....	2.....	2.....
❖ Administrators Served.....	14.....	29.....	22.....	19.....

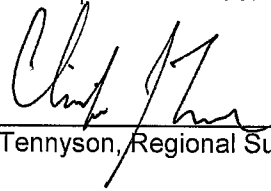
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❖ Diplomas Issued .....	12.....	20.....	7.....	30.....
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### Bus Drivers

❖ Initial Courses.....	3.....	2.....	2.....	1.....
❖ Initial Course Participants.....	14.....	16.....	22.....	3.....
❖ Refresher Courses.....	7.....	1.....	2.....	2.....
❖ Refresher Course Participants.....	243.....	22.....	37.....	36.....

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, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as Lee/Ogle/Whiteside County Regional Superintendent of Schools.



Christopher Tennyson, Regional Superintendent of Schools

**Regional Office of Education General Operations – FY25**

	July-Sept.	Oct. – Dec.	Jan. – Mar.	Apr. – June
❖ Employees .....	58			
❖ Grant Programs .....	11			
❖ Walk-Ins Assisted .....	501			
❖ Phone Calls Taken.....	3998			
❖ Criminal Background Checks .....	490			
❖ Truant Referrals .....	11			
❖ Truancy Caseload.....	67			
❖ Regional Safe School Referrals.....	9			
❖ Alternative Learning Options Program Referrals.....	27			
❖ PAT/First Years Newsletters Published.....	3			
❖ Reg. Board of School Trustees Meetings.....	1			
❖ Treasurers' Bonds Approved .....	28			
❖ Annual School Audits Reviewed .....	0			
❖ Substitute Teacher Lists Prepared .....	2			
❖ Reorganization Hearings .....	0			
❖ Special Education Board of Control Meetings Attended....	9			

**Number of School Visits**

❖ Public .....	71
❖ Non-Public .....	7

**Funds Received**

❖ Federal.....	188,894.00
❖ State.....	285,787.00
❖ Local.....	1,982,136.00

**Funds Distributed**

❖ Federal.....	245,843.00
❖ State.....	396,397.00
❖ Local.....	1,873,709.00

**Teaching/Paraprofessional Certificates**

❖ Educators Registered .....	269
❖ Licenses Registered .....	279
❖ Licenses Issued .....	954
❖ Endorsements Issued .....	70
❖ Paraprofessional Issued .....	147
❖ Substitute Teachers added to Sub List.....	53
❖ School Administrators Employed.....	129
❖ School Teachers Employed .....	1896
❖ School Service/Support Personnel Employed.....	1378

# Report of Official Acts – FY25 (Continued)

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

## School Buildings

❖ Life Safety Inspections.....	51.....
❖ Plans/Specifications Reviewed.....	5.....
❖ Health/Life Safety Funds Approved.....	0.....

## Professional Development

❖ Administrator Academies.....	0.....
❖ Administrators Served.....	0.....
❖ Teacher Workshops.....	29.....
❖ Teachers Served.....	591.....
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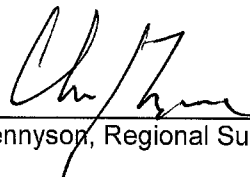
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## Bus Drivers

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❖ Refresher Courses.....	7.....
❖ Refresher Course Participants.....	234.....

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Christopher Tennyson, Regional Superintendent of Schools

## **MONTHLY ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT**

November 12, 2024 – County Services Committee

### **ACTIONS COMING FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS –**

1. Petition No. 24-P-1631 by Sanjay Desai, who is in process of purchasing a portion of certain real property currently identified as PIN 11-16-31-100-015 and commonly known as 670 U.S. Route 52, Amboy, Illinois, located on the north side of U.S. Route 52, approximately 750 feet east of Searls Road and approximately 215 feet west of LaMoille Road, in Lee Center Township, Lee County, Illinois, filed a Petition for Map Amendment with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that the zoning map for property be amended from Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District, to C-3, General Business District for the purpose of constructing and operating a restaurant/tearoom, with indoor/outdoor amusement including, but not limited to an electric go kart track, arcade, mini golf and/or golf simulation, bowling and/or laser tag.

This petition was heard on November 7, 2024. Following the public hearing, **the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend approval of this petition to the County Board.**

2. Petition No. 24-P-1633 by Anthony and Lisa Winstead as owners of certain real property identified as PIN 12-14-17-300-001 and commonly known as 741 Sterling Road, Dixon, Illinois, located on the south side of Sterling Road, approximately one-third of a mile east of Pump Factory Road and one-half mile west of Dutch Road, in Marion Township, Lee County, Illinois, filed a Petition for Map Amendment with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that the zoning map for the property be amended from R-2, Single Family Residential District, to Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District for the purpose of raising, harvesting, consuming and selling chickens, eggs, hogs and vegetables. The parcel is 2 acres in size.

This petition was heard on November 7, 2024. Following the public hearing, **the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend approval of this petition to the County Board (ZBA Member Luke Phalen left before the vote on this petition).**

**ACTIONS GOING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – None**

**ACTIONS COMING FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None**

**ACTIONS GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None**



## **OTHER ACTIONS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE**

Wiggins Solar, LLC, a 2 MW community solar project to be sited on approximately 19 acres, was granted its building permit on October 21, 2021, and construction has commenced. The project location is north of US Route 52 on Burkett Road.

The Zoning Office continues to work with the Maples Road Solar, LLC project for its application for building permit. I anticipate its issuance within the next month.

The Zoning Office is also working with Ameresco Lee County RNG, LLC who has applied for a building permit for the installation of approximately 4.4 miles of pipeline in Lee County. This pipeline will carry renewable natural gas from the biogas facility located on Corregidor Road to a Kinder Morgan interconnection site located on Dutch Road. This permit is expected to be issued within the next week.

During the month of October 2024, the Zoning Office processed fifty-four (54) building permits. Permit fees in the amount of \$121,142.59 were collected.