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The **Regional Board of School Trustees (RBST)** is a 7 member board that is elected during Consolidated Elections held in April of odd numbered years. This unpaid group consists of at least one resident of each of the three counties. They meet quarterly in January, April, July and October. If there is no business to conduct, the meetings are cancelled.

The current Lee/Ogle/Whiteside Regional Board of School Trustees consists of Jerry Norman from Whiteside County who serves of President, Connie Shannon and Kelly Zitelman from Lee County, Thomas Brooks and Dennis Osterloo from Ogle County, and Kyran Wagenecht and Jim Ferris from Whiteside County.

The Regional Superintendent of Schools serves as *ex-officio* Secretary of the RBST. He coordinates the scheduling and the paperwork. The Regional Superintendent is not a voting member of the RBST.

The power to make decisions regarding school district reorganization by accepting or rejecting proposals for school district boundary changes is held by the RBST. They are granted this duty in Article 7 of the Illinois School Code, a part of state law that deals with public education issues.

#### **Detachment / Annexation Process**

How can an owner transfer their property from one school district to another in Lee/Ogle/Whiteside Regional Office of Education #47 territory in Northwest Illinois? It takes a petition to and a hearing by the RBST.