In-Place Executive Committee

James Carius Community Room
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
During County Board Meeting

I. Roll Call

II. New Business

E-26-88 A. Recommend to approve Bond Amount for the Regional Superintendent of Schools

III. Recess

Members: Chairman Brett Grimm, Vice Chairman Michael Harris, Russ Crawford, Jay Hall, Kim Joesting, Greg Menold, Dave Mingus, Nancy Proehl, Greg Sinn, Max Schneider, Eric Stahl

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Tazewell County Board:

Your Executive Committee has considered the following RESOLUTION and recommends that it be adopted by the Board:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County's Executive Committee recommends to the County Board to approve the Bond Amount for the Regional Superintendent of Schools as required by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board sets the amount of the Bond for the Regional Superintendent of Schools as $100,000; and

WHEREAS, the requirements outlined by the Secretary of State Qualifications of County Officers will be followed by the County Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Bond set by the County Board will be in effect for the Regional Superintendent of Schools elected in the 2026 General Election and shall remain in effect for future elected/appointed Regional Superintendent of Schools until rescinded by the Tazewell County Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approve this recommendation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notifies the County Board Office, the Regional Superintendent of Schools and the Auditor of this action.

PASSED THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

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Tazewell County Clerk Tazewell County Board Chairman

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Western Surety Company

GENERAL OFFICIAL BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: Bond No. 67540974

That we, Jeffrey Shane Ekena, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the people of the State of Illinois, in the penal sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($100,000.00), current money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves and our legal representatives, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed and sealed this 30th day of June, 2025.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the said Principal has been duly Appointed, Regional Superintendent in and for the County of Tazewell in the County of Tazewell.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Principal shall justly and fairly account for and pay over all moneys that may come into his hands, by virtue of his said office, and shall well and truly perform all and every act and duty enjoined upon him by the laws of this State, to the best of his skill and ability, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Effective Date: July 1st, 2025

Expiration Date: July 1st, 2027

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Laura Varichak

LAURA L VARICHAK
OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public - State of Illinois
Commission No. 804907
My Commission Expires September 11, 2027

Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Larry Kasten

Larry Kasten, Vice President

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OATH OF OFFICE

State of Illinois
County of Tazewell } ss

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Regional Superintendent in and for the Mason-Tazewell-Woodford in said County, according to the best of my ability.

Principal

Taken and subscribed before me this 18 day of July, 2025.

My commission expires

September 11, 2027

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

LAURA L VARICHAK
OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public - State of Illinois
Commission No. 804907
My Commission Expires September 11, 2027

State of Illinois
County of Tazewell } ss

I, Laura Varichak, hereby certify that Jeffrey Shane Ekena, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as Principal, appeared before me this day and personally acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the use and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal this 18 day of July, 2025.

My commission expires

September 11, 2027

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

LAURA L VARICHAK
OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public - State of Illinois
Commission No. 804907
My Commission Expires September 11, 2027

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 30th day of June, 2025, before me, a notary public, personally appeared Larry Kasten, Vice President, and who was first duly sworn by me, acknowledged that he signed the foregoing document in the capacity therein set forth, and declared that the statements therein contained are true.

J. GORDON
SEAL NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL
SOUTH DAKOTA

Notary Public, Minnehaha County, South Dakota

My Commission Expires: May 27, 2029

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Regional Superintendent County of Tazewell

bond with bond number 67540974

for Jeffrey Shane Ekena
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: $ 100,000.00.

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 30th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Larry Kasten, Vice President

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY CORPORATE SEAL SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA } ss
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA }

On this 30th day of June, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.

S. GREEN
NOTARY PUBLIC
SOUTH DAKOTA
SEAL SEAL

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

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