

RESOLUTION REFERENCE
TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS TO AVOID A SERIOUS SAFETY
HAZARD

WHEREAS, there exists within Sangamon Valley Community Unit SD #9 a residential area known as Kelsan Heights Subdivision, which is located less than one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the attendance centers of Sangamon Valley Community Unit SD #9; Camp Wilson, which is located less than one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the attendance center of Sangamon Valley Community Unit SD #9; and the residential area North of the railroad tracks in the Village of Illiopolis, which is located less than one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the attendance center of Sangamon Valley Community Unit SD #9.

WHEREAS, Kelsan Heights Subdivision, Camp Wilson, and the residential area North of the railroad tracks in Illiopolis are separated from the attendance centers of Sangamon Valley Community Unit SD#9, by U.S. Highway 36 and/or by railroad tracks running east and west through the village; and WHEREAS, a substantial number of students, to include young children, reside in Kelsan Heights Subdivision, Camp Wilson and North of the railroad tracks in Illiopolis and must cross U.S. Highway 36; and, the railroad tracks;

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 36 carries a great number of vehicles which travel past Kelsan Heights Subdivision and Camp Wilson at a high speed; and, the danger of children crossing the railroad tracks in Illiopolis without proper sidewalks to use;

WHEREAS, traffic is increased at times when students cross U.S. Highway 36 due to the proximity of large private businesses which employ a substantial number of persons who use U.S. Highway to travel to and from work; and,

WHEREAS, during the winter season plowed snow accumulates on the shoulders of U.S. Highway 36, obscuring the view of traffic and also creating a hazard in that drivers may not see children approaching the highway; and,

WHEREAS, there is no public transportation available to students residing in Kelsan Heights Subdivision; Camp Wilson; and the residential area North of the railroad tracks in Illiopolis;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Sangamon Valley Community Unit SD#9 as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are made a part of this paragraph as if set for verbatim.

Section 2. The presence of high speed and heavy traffic along U.S. Highway 36 at times when students must cross the highway to attend school constitutes a serious hazard to the safety of pupils within the meaning of Section 29-3 of the Illinois School Code.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that transportation services should be provided to students residing in the Kelsan Heights Subdivision and Camp Wilson so as to reduce the hazard to children in crossing U.S. Highway 36 to attend school.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that transportation services should be provided to students residing North of the railroad tracks in the village of Illiopolis so as to reduce the hazard to children in crossing the railroad tracks to attend school.

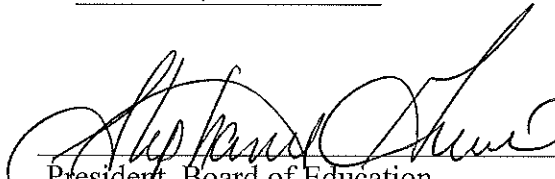
Section 5. The Superintendent, or his designee, is authorized and directed to provide and maintain transportation for students within the Kelsan Heights Subdivision, Camp Wilson, and North of the railroad tracks in the Village of Illiopolis; to seek reimbursement therefore in accordance with Section 29-3 of the Illinois School Code.

ADOPTED this 21st day of June 2023, by the following roll-call vote.

AYES: 6

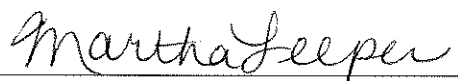
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1



President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Education