

Grinnell Reorganization

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NO. 39

Hearing Asked

Sixty Percent of Eligible Voters Sign Petitions; 116 Sections Total

GRINNELL REORGANIZATION PETITION				
Area	No. Sections	Voters	Signers	Percent
Chester Twp.	28	168	100	59.5
Grant Twp.	32 $\frac{1}{4}$	380	205	53.9
Washington	32	245	152	62.0
Sheridan No. 3	4	28	27	96.4
Sheridan No. 4	4	25	21	84.0
Sheridan No. 9	4	25	17	68.0
Sub Dist. No. 4 Malcom	4	30	20	66.7
Poweshiek Total	108$\frac{1}{4}$	901	542	60.2
Richland (Jasper)	8$\frac{1}{2}$	68	45	66.2
	116$\frac{3}{4}$	969	587	60.6

Grinnell Reorganization Committee has filed petitions with the Poweshiek County Board of Education asking hearing on the proposed merger.

Petitions were filed with County Supt. Stanley Sanders Thursday. Sanders explained that a date of hearing will be set within the next week for sometime late in September.

Petitions carried signatures of 60.6 percent of the eligible voters in all or parts of five Poweshiek county townships and one Jasper county township.

The proposal involves 116 $\frac{3}{4}$ sections of land in which 969 eligible voters reside. Sanders said 587 voters signed the petitions.

Included in the proposed new district are all of Chester township except that area in Newburg Consolidated district; all of Grant township; all of Washington township exclusive of Searsboro consolidated district; districts 3, 4 and 9 of Sheridan township and sub-district No. 4 of Malcom township in Poweshiek county. Eight and one-half sections of land in Richland township, Jasper county, are also included.

Petitions have been circulated throughout the district for the last month. Each district had more than 50 percent signers with the lowest percentage being in Grant township with 53.9 percent. Sheridan No. 3 had 96.4 percent signers.

Under the procedure, the Poweshiek and Jasper county boards of education will set date for hearing objections to the proposed district. If no objections are filed and the district reorganization plan is adopted, a date for voting on the proposal will be set.

Sanders said the two county boards must determine a date for the hearing by August 21st, or within ten days after the petitions are filed.

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