



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

143 W. Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** Michelle McKeown, General Counsel  
**Date:** May 7, 2014  
**RE:** Amended Governing Body Selection Plan: Northeastern Wayne School Corporation

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Northeastern Wayne School Corporation has submitted the attached materials to change its governing body selection plan. The materials include a certification from the Wayne County Circuit Clerk indicating no protests or counter-petitions have been filed, as well as a publisher's affidavit indicating satisfaction of the publishing requirements of I.C. 20-23-8-14.

The plan as submitted satisfied the requirements on I.C. 20-23-8 and is recommended for approval by the Board pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-15.

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 22, 2014  
TO: Michelle McKeown  
FROM: Brian Murphy  
RE: Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Amended Body Selection Plan

**PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation on September 2, 2013 within 10 days of the approval of the resolution on August 28, 2013 in accordance with IC 20-23-8-14(a). The notice includes the new proposed resolution and a statement that voters can file a petition protesting the plan or petition for alternative plans as mandated by IC 20-23-8-14(b). Moreover, Northeastern Wayne has waited the 120 days required by IC 20-23-8-14(d) and provided a certification from the clerk that no petitions were filed.

**SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES**

The new plan only differs slightly from the old plan, which was adopted in 1961. The first change is that in the old plan if a member took up residence in a new district other than the one in which they were elected they could finish out their term; the new plan makes that member immediately ineligible to continue serving on the board. Another change is method by which board member elections are staggered. Under the old plan, at least one board member would be elected in May and instead of taking office July 1 of that same year they had to wait an entire year to the following July 1. The new plan does away with that and has two school board members elected in one general election cycle and then the other three elected the next general election cycle two years later. This staggers the terms by two years. Lastly, the new plan lists specific actions that, if committed by members, render them disqualified to serve.<sup>1</sup>

The new Northeastern plan divides the corporation into 5 districts: (1) District A – Greene Township; (2) District B – New Garden Township; (3) District C – Franklin Township, (4) District D – Webster Township, and (5) District E – an “at-large” member. The candidates from each of the first 4 districts must reside in those districts and the at-large member must reside anywhere in the school corporation. Further, all registered voters may vote for all members. This is the same setup as the old plan.

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<sup>1</sup> The list includes conviction of a felony, removal by court order and intoxication during business hours for example.

## **CONCLUSION**

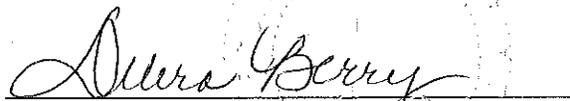
Northeastern Wayne's resolution meets the requirements of I.C. 20-23-8.

## CERTIFICATION OF DEBRA BERRY

Comes now Debra Berry, and after being first duly sworn upon her oath, states as follows:

1. I am Debra Berry, the Clerk of Court for Wayne County, Indiana.
2. I have reviewed the Publisher's Claim and the Notice of Publication of the publication on September 2, 2013 in the Richmond (Indiana) Palladium-Item as to the legal ad regarding the Notice of the Plan of Reorganization for Northeastern Wayne School Corporation. A copy of said Publisher's Claim and Notice of Publication is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".
3. More than one hundred twenty (120) days have passed since publication of the Notice of the Plan of Reorganization for the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation was published in the Richmond (Indiana) Palladium-Item on September 2, 2013.
4. I have searched the records and files of the Wayne County Clerk's office and hereby certify that no Petition of Protest or Petition Submitting an Alternate Plan was filed with the Wayne County Clerk's office with respect to Northeastern Wayne School Corporation's Plan of Reorganization.

Date: February 4, 2014

  
Debra Berry, Clerk of Court for Wayne  
County, Indiana

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF WAYNE, SS:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Debra Berry, who, after being duly sworn upon her oath, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Certification to be her voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS, my hand and notarial seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
Walter S. Chidester, Notary Public  
residing in Wayne County, IN

My Commission Expires:  
July 30, 2017

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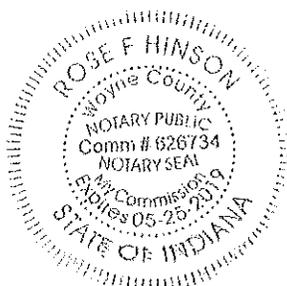
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Newspaper has a website and this public notice was posted in the same day as it was published in the newspaper.

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Jucie M. Chapman

Title: Accounting Clerk

Rose F Hinson

Rose F Hinson Notary Public residing in Wayne County, Indiana

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day Monday, September 09, 2013

My Commission expires May 25, 2019.

## NOTICE OF PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

The Plan of Reorganization for Northeastern Wayne School Corporation as set forth below was approved by the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Board of School Trustees at a regularly scheduled school board meeting on August 28, 2013. A voter has a right, as set forth in Indiana Code 20-23-8-14, to file a petition for alternative plans or a petition protesting the adoption of a plan or plan to which the notice relates.

### Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Bylaws & Policies

#### 0140 – MEMBERSHIP

##### 0141 Number

**The Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Board of School Trustees shall consist of five (5) members.**

##### 0142 Election/Appointment of Members and Eligibility to Serve

School board members shall be elected from five (5) districts. These five (5) school board member residence districts as follows:

1. District A Greene Township
2. District B New Garden Township
3. District C Franklin Township
4. District D Webster Township
5. District E An "At large" member

School board members shall be elected at general elections.

The school board members elected from New Garden Township and Franklin Township shall be elected in the 2016 general elections and every four (4) years thereafter. Those school board members elected from New Garden Township and Franklin Township shall then take office the next January following their election.

The school board members elected from Greene Township and Webster Township, along with the "At large" school board member, shall be elected in the 2014 general elections and every four (4) years thereafter. Those school board members elected from Greene Township and Webster Township, and the school board member elected "At large", shall then take office the next January following their election.

A school board member or candidate for election must be a resident of the township from which he or she is seeking to be elected or, if appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board, a resident of the township from which he or she is appointed. The

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##### 0142.1 Term

The term of each elected Northeastern Wayne School Board Member shall be for four (4) years, beginning January 1 on the year immediately following the Member's election and ending on December 31st four (4) years later. If a person is appointed to the Board as the result of a vacancy of an elected member's term, the term of the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall be for the duration of the elected Member's term, specifically through December 31st of the end of the four (4) year term to which the School Board Member had been elected.

##### 0142.2 Oath

Each newly elected, re-elected, appointed or re-appointed Board member shall take an oath of office administered by a notary public or other qualified person not later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the term of office to which he or she was elected or appointed, as well as other oaths which may be required for transactions connected with or related to the educational program of the Corporation.

The oath must be signed by the Board member and the person who administers it and filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court Clerk's office not later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the term of office. (I.C. 20-26-4-2; IC. 5-4-1-4)

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##### 0142.3 Vacancies

The position of a Board member shall become vacant upon the occurrence of any (1) of the following events:

- A. Death of the member is certified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court (I.C. 5-8-6 and I.C. 20-26-4-4.5(c))
- B. Failure of a sufficient number of petitions for candidates for Board membership being filed for an election (I.C. 20-26-4-4(c))
- C. A member submits a written resignation from the Board to the Clerk of the Circuit Court pursuant to I.C. 5-8-3.5-1(a)(4)
- D. A member is convicted of a felony (I.C. 5-8-1-38)
- E. A member's election or appointment is declared void by a competent tribunal
- F. The winner of an election fails to take the oath of office required by I.C. 20-26-4-2
- G. A member ceases to possess the legal qualifications for continuing to hold office
- H. A member ceases to be a resident of the corporation (I.C. 20-23-4-30(d) (applicable to community school corporations only))

"at large" school board member or candidate or appointed member must live in Greene, New Garden, Franklin or Webster Township.

A school board member who changes his or her residence to a residence outside of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation District during the school board member's term is ineligible to continue serving on the Northeastern Wayne School Board. It is the school board member's duty to promptly notify the Board President and Superintendent of a change of residence outside the District. The Northeastern Wayne School Board shall take action, within thirty (30) days of the change in a Board member's residence to a residence outside the school District, to nominate and elect a person to serve out the remainder of that former school board member's term of office.

No person otherwise eligible to assume office as a member of the Northeastern Wayne School Board shall be disqualified on the basis of age if he or she is at least twenty-one (21) years of age (I.C. 20-26-4-9).

Ownership of property ownership shall not be required to be eligible to serve as a Board member (I.C. 20-26-4-10).

A candidate for election to the Northwestern Wayne School Corporation Board of School Trustees must have resided in the school corporation for at least one (1) year before the election. (I.C. 3-8-1-34).

In accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-11, if a teacher or a non-certified employee (as defined in I.C. 20-29-2-11) is elected or appointed to the Board, the employee must resign from employment by the Board before serving on the Board.

Before August 1st of each year, the Superintendent shall file with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction a listing of the:

- A. Names and addresses of members of the Board;
- B. Names and addresses of the Board's officers;
- C. Expiration dates of the terms of the Board members and officers.

Should a change occur in Board membership during the term of one or more members of the Board, the School Corporation shall file the change with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction not later than thirty (30) days after the change occurs. (I.C. 20-23-8-22).

I. A member is removed from office by action of the Circuit Court pursuant to I.C. 5-8-1-35

J. A Court enters an order removing a member from office based upon a conviction for bribery or official misconduct under I.C. 35-50-5-1.1

K. A member is convicted of any crime against the laws of the United States where the sentence imposed exceeds six (6) months, engaging in conspiracy or an attempt to defraud the government of the United States, or seditious utterances in violation of the laws of the United States I.C. 5-8-3-1)

L. A member voluntarily became intoxicated within the business hours of the Board, or is in the habit of becoming intoxicated by the use of intoxicating liquors and is removed from office under I.C. 34-17 (I.C. 5-8-2-1)

I.C. 5-8-1-35, 5-8-3-5-1

I.C. 20-23-4-30

#### Filling a Board Vacancy

A vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board within thirty (30) days of when the vacancy occurs. (I.C. 20-23-4-30)

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This plan of reorganization of the Bylaws and Policies of Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall be effective following its adoption as set forth below.

A plan shall be adopted in the following circumstances:

(1) At the expiration of one hundred twenty (120) days after the publication of notice by the governing body if:

(A) The governing body has initiated or approved the plan;

(B) A petition has not been filed either protesting the plan or setting forth an alternative plan; and

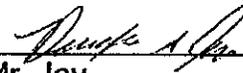
(C) The state board has reviewed and certified the plan.

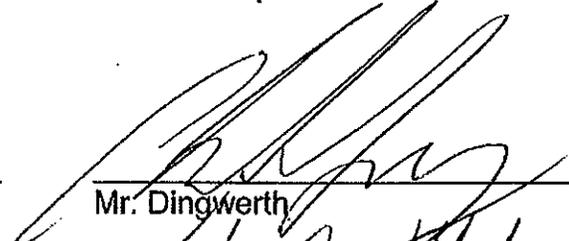
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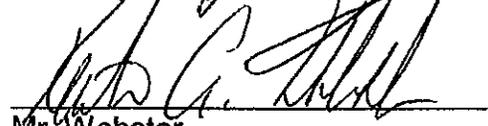
**Budget Work Session, August 28, 2013 6:00 p.m.**

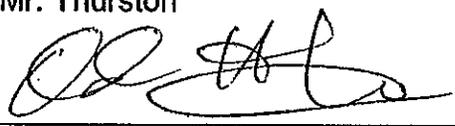
**Present:** Mr. Jay, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Hester, Mr. Dingwerth, and Mr. Webster.  
Dr. Edsell, Mrs. Blessing, and Mrs. Webb were also present.

  
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Mr. Jay

  
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Mr. Dingwerth

  
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Mr. Thurston

  
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Mr. Webster

  
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Mr. Hester

**Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees, August 28, 2013; 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Thurston opened the meeting with prayer.

**Present:** Mr. Jay, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Hester, Mr. Dingwerth, and Mr. Webster were present.  
Dr. Edsell, Mr. Chidester, Mrs. Blessing, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Sonsini,  
and Mrs. Webb were also present.  
Others: Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Roll, Krisann Hittle, Amanda Martin, Mrs. Hittle, and  
Mr. Fisher.

**Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the August 14, 2013, Board Meeting.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Hester. Vote 5-0

The Board approved the minutes of the August 21, 2013, Special Board Meeting.  
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Thurston. Vote 5-0

**Claims:** The Board approved payment of claims #262 through #309.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Thurston. Vote 5-0

**Administrative  
Reports:**

Superintendent - Dr. Edsell welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. He informed the Board that traffic flow at the buildings was being monitored very closely. Additional assistance from staff providing good supervision is keeping everyone safe as our students are being dropped off and picked up at the elementary and jr/sr high school buildings.

Elementary Principal – Mr. Pritchard told the Board that the school year has begun very smoothly. Last Friday's "Back-to-School Bash", sponsored by the P.T.O, was a success. More events are being planned by the P.T.O. The kickoff for "Road to Success" will be Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a reading incentive program for our students sponsored by Richmond Toyota.

Jr/Sr High Principal – The jr./sr. high school has also begun this school year well. A Senior Parent Night was held this evening by Mrs. Nocton. Information about scholarships, graduation, and things that seniors need to know during their last year of school at Northeastern. Staff development time today was focused on the School Improvement Plan.

**Unfinished  
Business:** None

**New  
Business:**

**Personnel** Dr. Edsell recommended that the Board approve the following personnel:

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| Cindy Huffman – | The Board accepted Mrs. Huffman's letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year with appreciation for her 37 years of teaching at Northeastern.<br>Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Dingwerth. | Vote 5-0 |
| Jennifer Hill – | The Board accepted the resignation of Jennifer Hill as Varsity Softball Coach.<br>Motion Mr. Thurston. Second Mr. Dingwerth.   | Vote 5-0 |
| Karen Ball -    | The Board accepted the resignation of Karen Ball as English Academic Team Coach.<br>Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Dingwerth.   | Vote 5-0 |

- Heidi Thurston - The Board hired Heidi Thurston as regular full time assistant band director for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0-1  
Mr. Thurston abstained.
- Justin Orrill - The Board hired Justin Orrill as temporary part time Library/Media Center Technology Assistant for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Thurston. Vote 5-0
- Susan Pointis - The Board hired Susan Pointis as Spirit Committee sponsor for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Amy Gard - The Board hired Amy Gard as Science Fair sponsor for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Angelina Breitenbach - The Board hired Angelina Breitenbach as Elementary Media Fair Sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Kristi Johnting - The Board hired Kristi Johnting as Elementary Media Fair Sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Laura Van Pelt - The Board hired Laura Van Pelt as Elementary Media Fair sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Julie Richmond - The Board hired Julie Richmond as Spell Bowl sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Sarah Moore - The Board hired Sarah Moore as Spell Bowl sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Laura Van Pelt - The Board hired Laura Van Pelt as Academic Olympiad sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

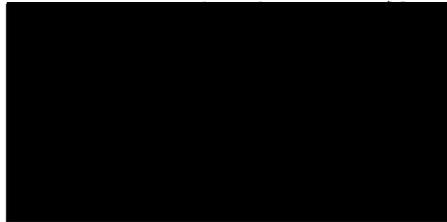
- Heather DuBach - The Board hired Heather DuBach as Academic Olympiad sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Jackie Breitenbach The Board hired Jackie Breitenbach as Academic Olympiad sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Vanessa Curtis - The Board hired Vanessa Curtis as Elementary Athletic Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Amy Gard - The Board voted to approve Amy Gard as Volunteer Elementary Cheerleader sponsor for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0
- Dan Merkamp - The Board voted to hire Dan Merkamp as extra-curricular Band Director for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0-1  
Mr. Thurston abstained
- Heidi Thurston - The Board voted to hire Heidi Thurston as extra-curricular Assistant Band Director for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Hester. Vote 4-0-1  
Mr. Thurston abstained
- Heidi Thurston - The Board voted to hire Heidi Thurston as extra-curricular Elementary Band Director for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0-1  
Mr. Thurston abstained
- Kate Wogoman - The Board voted to hire Kate Wogoman as extra-curricular Choir Director for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0-1  
Mr. Thurston abstained
- Traci Ross - The Board voted to hire Traci Ross as extra-curricular Damsel Director for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0-1  
Mr. Thurston abstained
- Jason Roll - The Board voted to hire Jason Roll as extra-curricular F.F.A. sponsor for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

- Karen Ball - The Board voted to hire Karen Ball as Model Legislature sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Julie Coryea - The Board voted to hire Julie Coryea as Social Studies Academic Team coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Melissa Lawson - The Board voted to hire Melissa Lawson as English Academic Team coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Ashley Tice - The Board voted to hire Ashley Tice as Junior Class Sponsor #1 for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Jason Roll - The Board voted to hire Jason Roll as Model Legislature sponsor (shared position) for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Laura Van Pelt - The Board voted to hire Laura Van Pelt as Junior High Drama Coach/Sponsor for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Jim Bolin - The Board voted to hire Jim Bolin as Assistant Varsity/JV Girls Basketball coach for the 2013-2014 regular season. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Tyler Moore - The Board voted to hire Tyler Moore as 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball coach for the 2013-2014 regular season. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Don Beatty - The Board voted to approve Don Beatty as Volunteer Assistant Varsity/JV Boys Basketball coach for the 2013-2014 regular season. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0
- Melissa Ruble - The Board voted to accept the resignation of Melissa Ruble as regular full time custodian effective August 16, 2013. Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Thurston. Vote 5-0
- Don Pardo - The Board voted to grant Don Pardo a medical leave of absence of up to 12 weeks. Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Arden Clark - The Board voted to hire Arden Clark as LatchKey Assistant for the 2013-2014 school year.  
Motion Mr. Hester. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

Publication of 2014 Budget The Board granted Dr. Edsell permission to advertise the 2014 Budget.  
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Thurton. Vote 5-0

Transfer Tuition The Board approved the following transfer tuition students:



Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Thurston. Vote 5-0

Overnight Field Trips The Board approved the FFA's request to take overnight field trips on October 25-26 to State Soils Competition and to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October 30 through November 2, 2013  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Hester. Vote 5-0

Reorganization Plan Mr. Chidester explained the changes to Board Policy regarding the election of Board members and residency requirements.

Resolution 10-2013 The Board voted to approve Resolution #10-2013 to Adopt Plan of Reorganization.  
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Hester. Vote 5-0

Surplus Items The Board voted to declare a volleyball machine and other items as from the Athletic Department surplus.  
Motion Mr. Thurston. Second Mr. Hester. Vote 5-0

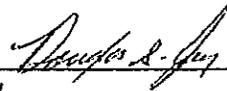
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**Comments:** None

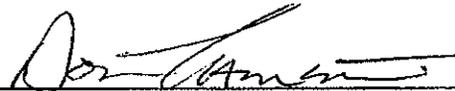
**Board**  
**Comments:** Mr. Roll recited the FFA creed for the Board.

**Adjournment**

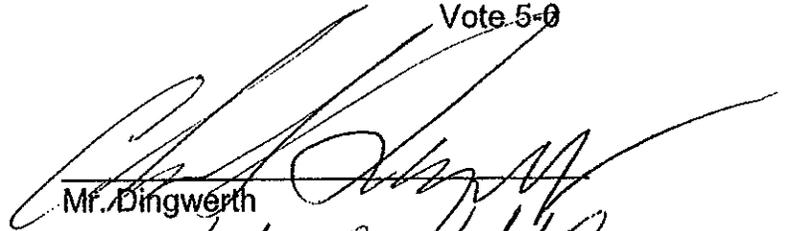
7:45 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Thurston and second by Mr. Hester, the Board voted to adjourn.

Vote 5-0

  
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Mr. Jay

  
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Mr. Thurston

  
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Mr. Hester

  
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Mr. Dingwerth

  
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Mr. Webster

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE  
REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL CORPORATIONS  
OF  
WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

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SUBMITTED BY THE  
WAYNE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR THE REORGANIZATION  
OF SCHOOL CORPORATIONS

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Mr. Richard Williams  
Mrs. Richard V. Mikesell  
Mr. Clarence Carlson  
Mr. Donald Dickey  
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Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer

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July, 1961

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## V. NORTHEASTERN WAYNE SCHOOL CORPORATION

A. Boundaries - The boundaries of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall include the existing boundaries of Greene, New Garden, Franklin, and Webster Townships.

B. Board of School Trustees

1. Number - The control of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall be vested in a board of school trustees composed of five (5) members elected on a non-political ticket according to the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 202, of the Acts of 1959.

a. There shall be created five (5) school board member residence districts as follows:

1. District A - Greene Township,
2. District B - New Garden Township,
3. District C - Franklin Township,
4. District D - Webster Township,
5. District E - An "at large" district including all of Greene, New Garden, Franklin and Webster Townships.

C. Method of Selection and Term of Office

The Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall have an elected board of five (5) members as follows:

- One (1) member shall be a resident of District A,
- One (1) member shall be a resident of District B,
- One (1) member shall be a resident of District C,
- One (1) member shall be a resident of District D,
- One (1) member shall be a resident of District E.

Candidates for membership on the board of school trustees shall compete against one another for election on a school board member residence district basis as specified in the sections on limitation on residence, term of office and other

qualifications required of the members of such board of school trustees, but they shall be voted upon by the voters residing within the boundaries of the school corporation.

At the first general election following the creation of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation, the three (3) elected members receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The two (2) other elected members shall be elected for a term of two years. All board members shall take office and assume their duties on the first day of July after their election except the term of the elected member receiving the highest number of votes at the first election shall be extended for one (1) year. Thereafter, all members shall be elected for four (4) year terms of office, said election to be held at the primary election immediately preceding the expiration of the terms of office in question, to take office at the expiration of said term.

D. Interim Board of School Trustees

The interim board of school trustees shall be selected in the manner described below without regard to political party affiliation. The interim board shall serve until their successors are duly elected at the general election as described above.

The Township Trustee and Advisory Board of Greene Township shall appoint one (1) member of the interim board from District A, Greene Township.

The Township Trustee and Advisory Board of New Garden Township shall appoint one (1) member of the interim board from District B, New Garden Township.

The Township Trustee and Advisory Board of Franklin Township shall appoint one (1) member of the interim board from District C, Franklin Township.

The Township Trustee and Advisory Board of Webster Township shall appoint one (1) member of the interim board from District D, Webster Township.

The four (4) township trustees and the members of the four (4) advisory boards of Greene, New Garden, Franklin and Webster Townships shall jointly appoint one (1) member of the interim board from District E, which includes the entire community school corporation.

No later than thirty (30) days prior to the creation of the community school corporation it shall be the duty and responsibility of the Wayne County Superintendent of Schools to notify the Township Trustees and Advisory Board members of Greene, New Garden, Franklin and Webster Townships of their respective responsibilities in the appointment of school board of trustee member(s) as provided above to serve on the interim board for the new community school corporation. It shall be a further duty of the Wayne County Superintendent of Schools to notify the Township Trustees and Advisory Board members of Greene, New Garden, Franklin and Webster Townships of the joint responsibility of the combined group of township trustees and advisory board members to appoint one (1) "at-large" member of the interim school board of trustees from within the boundaries of the community school corporation (District E) as described above. The County Superintendent shall preside at the meeting at which the "at-large" member is appointed.

If, for any reason, members of the interim board of school trustees have not been appointed in accordance with the procedures described above ten (10) days prior to the date on which the community school corporation shall legally come into being, then it shall be the duty and responsibility of the Judge of the Circuit Court to make such appointments as are necessary to complete the membership of the board of school trustees from the school board residence districts as described.

E. Officers

Officers of the board of school trustees shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The board shall organize annually within three (3) days after July 1.

F. Rights, Powers, and Duties of the Board of School Trustees

The control and administration of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall be vested in a board of school trustees whose rights, powers, and duties shall be those of a board of school trustees of a city of the fifth (5th) class.

G. Qualifications of School Board Members

To be eligible to be elected to serve on the board of school trustees of Northeastern Wayne School Corporation, the candidate must be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age and a resident of the school board member residence district from which he is to be elected for a period of three (3) years prior to his election. If after being elected to serve on the board of school trustees, a member moves to another school board member residence district within the community school corporation, he may be permitted to serve out his elected term of office. Should a member move his residence outside the boundaries of the community school corporation, he ceases to be a member of the board of school trustees and a vacancy on the board shall be declared.

H. Vacancies on the Board of School Trustees

If at any time there should occur a vacancy on the board of school trustees for any reason, the remaining members of the board of school trustees, whether or not a majority of the board, shall by a majority vote, fill such vacancies by appointing a person or persons to serve for the term or balance of terms respectively. In the event of a tie vote among the remaining members of

the board of school trustees, or their failure to act within thirty (30) days after any such vacancy occurs, it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Circuit Court to make such appointment.

I. Compensation for Member of the Board of School Trustees

Board members shall receive compensation not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year.

J. Disposition of Assets and Liabilities

At the time it comes into being, the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation will assume all of the assets and all the liabilities of the school corporations preceding it, namely: Greene School Township, New Garden School Township, Franklin School Township and Webster School Township.

The Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall assume, at the time it comes into being, the financial obligations for all school aid bonds outstanding and existing obligations, if any, of Greene Township, New Garden Township, Franklin Township and Webster Township in accordance with Chapter 202, Acts of 1959 of the General Assembly as amended by Chapter 322 of the Acts of 1961. The proposed community school corporation shall make payments to the civil governmental units, if any, that have, heretofore, issued school aid bonds in an amount sufficient to make interest payments and to retire principal according to schedule. However, the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation shall not assume the financial obligations of the various civil governmental units for school aid bonds issued after July 1, 1961.

Supporting  
Data

The County Committee does not anticipate any special costs involved that could be charged directly against the implementation of the reorganization plan. On the other hand, it is expected that some savings will result from utilization of facilities and personnel, transportation and general costs of operation.

E. Northeastern Wayne School Corporation

The proposed Northeastern Wayne School Corporation will include all of Greene Township, New Garden Township, Franklin Township, and Webster Township. The proposed district includes 95 square miles of territory. At the present time all four school townships are operating schools for pupils in grades 1-12 inclusive. The school serving the pupils of Greene Township is located at Williamsburg, the school for the pupils of New Garden Township is located at Fountain City. Whitewater is the location for the school serving Franklin Township while the children of Webster Township attend the school at Webster.

An examination of Table 6.1 reveals that during the period from 1956-57 to 1959-60 both Greene School Township and Webster School Township decreased slightly in enrollment. Franklin gained very slightly while New Garden gained by some 10%. As has been stated earlier, it is not expected that the northern section of Wayne County will increase much in total population in the years ahead. Only as the Richmond area expands and new homes are constructed within the area of the proposed community school corporation nearest to Richmond, can much of an increase be expected. As of 1959-60 the proposed corporation had an enrollment of 1,058. It is predicted that the enrollment will grow very very slowly during the foreseeable future. Within five years an enrollment of approximately 1,200 pupils is predicted.

The proposed community school corporation as of 1959-60 had an adjusted assessed valuation of \$7,939,965. The amount of taxable wealth per resident pupil was approximately \$7,500. This district is both the smallest in terms of numbers of pupils and also poorest in terms of adjusted assessed valuation per pupil of all the proposed districts for Wayne County.

It is expected that the schools currently in operation in the various townships will continue to operate for some time after reorganization since facilities are not now available to permit bringing together all pupils of various levels to one location. It is expected therefore that for a time the new corporation will continue to operate the schools in much the same manner as they currently are being operated.

It seems likely that in the near future a new junior-senior high school building will need to be constructed. The County Committee strongly urges that the board of school trustees contract the services of a survey team from one of the state colleges to make an intensive study of population trends, transportation, site possibilities and financing plans preliminary to the making of decisions as to where new facilities should be constructed and what kind of facilities are needed.

Since all school units in the proposed district now provide transportation services there should be no major problems relative to transportation after reorganization. In view of the fact that schools will probably be continued as they are for some time it would not appear that widespread changes in routes and scheduling would be immediately necessary. After the construction of a new high school a different kind of transportation problem will arise. In view of the rather extensive bus service provided in the four townships at present it seems that all necessary transporting of pupils can be provided with little difficulty.

The County Committee does not anticipate any special costs involved that could be charged against the implementation of the reorganization plan.

F. Education Program Envisioned

The County Committee is of the opinion that the five proposals for the reorganization of the school corporations of Wayne County are sound and will make it possible for educational programs of significant worth to be made available to the youth of Wayne County. The Committee recommends that continuous study be made of the curriculum in order to keep the schools sensitive and receptive to the needs of youth.

It is envisioned that the elementary schools will provide an enriched program of learning experiences to the pupils. Time allotments should follow in general the recommendations of the State Department of Public Instruction, while giving special emphasis to special services for the gifted, the retarded, and the handicapped as well as the normal average student. It is hoped that kindergarten programs can be made available to all.

It is to be hoped that special supervisors can be made available to work with teachers and pupils in such areas as reading, guidance, testing, speech and hearing therapy and special education. Teachers should be hired on the bases of professional competency and should be assigned in terms of interest and capability. It would seem that a pupil teacher ratio of less than 1:30 could be maintained.

It is expected that in all but one district separate junior high schools will be operated. The junior high schools should provide a wide range of educational opportunities that are psychologically and physiologically in keeping with the characteristics of students of this age. The program should provide subjects in both the constant and variable areas of exploration. The school should provide adequate guidance, testing, and counseling in order to aid students toward greater achievement in high school and fuller development of individual abilities and skills.

The proposed reorganized high schools will be of sufficient size so that each teacher on the staff should be able to teach in the area of his major interest and preparation. It should not be necessary for any teacher to be teaching on a permit. No teacher should be teaching in more than a major and minor field.

The high school program should be broad and comprehensive with many opportunities for pupils to pursue special interests over a period of years. It is expected that the high schools will be able to provide the kinds of programs described by Dr. James B. Conant in his report on "The American High School Today." The Committee recommends that such reports and other standards and guides as may be pertinent be utilized in the development of curricular patterns for the new schools.

It is expected that in most of the school districts it will be found necessary to employ a business manager and/or Director of Buildings and Grounds and/or other administrative assistants.

Attention should be given to see that adequate libraries are established and that full time librarians are employed for each high school and perhaps for each junior high school.

The services of a full time nurse should be provided.

An adequate audio visual program should be developed and be under the direction of a professionally prepared audio visual aids director.

The County Committee recommends that attention be given to summer school work provided either as enrichment or for make up work.

It is recommended that each district establish classes for the mentally retarded, the educable and/or for the physically handicapped.

The possibilities of an adult education program should be explored and night classes established if there appears to be a need for such programs.

Each administrator in the system should be provided adequate secretarial assistance.

A broad program of student activities should be developed which makes possible the well rounded development of students through participation in music, dramatics, intramurals, clubs, student government, interest groups and social activities.

It would seem that defensible programs of education can be developed in each of the five districts proposed in this study. The quality and quantity of such programs can do much to equalize the educational opportunities available to school pupils of Wayne County.

**Northeastern Wayne School Corporation  
Bylaws & Policies**

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**0140 - MEMBERSHIP**

**0141 Number**

The School Board shall consist of five (5) members.

**0142 Election/Appointment of Members and Eligibility to Serve**

Members of the Board shall be qualified and elected in accordance with the Corporation's organization plan on file with the State Board of Education. In accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-11, if a teacher or a noncertified employee (as defined in I.C. 20-29-2-11) of the Board is elected or appointed to the Board, the employee must resign from employment by the Board before serving on the Board.

No person otherwise eligible to assume office as a member of the Board shall be disqualified on the basis of age if s/he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age (I.C. 20-26-4-9); and ownership of property shall not be a qualification to serve as a Board member (I.C. 20-26-4-11).

Before August 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year (July 1 to June 30), the Superintendent shall file with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction a listing of the:

- A. names and addresses of members of the Board;
- B. names and addresses of the Board's officers;
- C. expiration dates of the terms of the Board members and officers.

Should a change occur in Board membership during the term of one or more members of the Board, the School Corporation shall file the change with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within thirty (30) days after the change occurs. (I.C. 20-23-8-22)

Revised 4/23/03

Revised 4/11/12

There shall be five (5) school board member residence districts as follows:

1. District A            Greene Township
2. District B            New Garden Township
3. District C            Franklin Township
4. District D            Webster Township
5. District E            An "At large" member

Effective January 1, 2013, school board members shall be elected in the November general elections and shall take office the following January 1.

All registered voters in the four (4) townships of Northeastern Wayne School Corporation (Greene, New Garden, Franklin & Webster) may vote for all candidates from all townships for membership on the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation school board, regardless of whether or not the candidate lives in a voter's township.

Upon being elected to the Board of School Trustees of Northeastern Wayne School Corporation school board members elected from Franklin Township and New Garden Township shall take office January 1, 2013, and ever four (4) years thereafter.

Upon being elected to the Board of School Trustees of Northeastern Wayne School Corporation, school board members elected from Greene Township and Webster Township, and the "at large" school board member, shall take office January 1, 2015, and every four (4) years thereafter.

A school board member or candidate for election must be a resident of the township from which he or she is elected or, if appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board, appointed. The "at large" school board member or candidate must live in Greene, New Garden, Franklin or Webster Township.

If a school board member, once elected or while serving on the Northeastern Wayne School Board, changes his or her residence from the Township District in which he or she was elected or appointed, that board member shall immediately be ineligible to serve on the Northeastern Wayne School Board. It is the school board member's duty to promptly notify the Board President and Superintendent of a change of residence outside the District from which he or she was elected or is serving by appointment. The Northeastern Wayne School Board shall take action, within the latter of thirty (30) days of the change in a member's residence or from learning of a member's change of residence, to nominate and elect a person to serve out the remainder of that former school board member's term of office.

#### 0142.1 Term

The term of each School Board member shall be four (4) years.

#### 0142.2 Oath

Each newly elected, re-elected, appointed or re-appointed Board member shall take an oath of office administered by a notary public or other qualified person not later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the term of office to which s/he was elected or appointed as well as other oaths which may be required for transactions connected with or related to the educational program of the Corporation. (I.C. 33-16-4-1)

The oath must be signed by the Board member and the person who administers it and filed in the circuit court clerk's office of the county containing the greatest percentage of the population of the school corporation. (I.C. 20-26-4-2; I.C. 5-4-1-4)

Revised 4/23/03

#### 0142.3 Vacancies

The position of a Board member shall become vacant upon the occurrence of any (1) of the following events:

- A. death of the member is certified by the clerk of the circuit court (I.C. 5-8-6 and I.C. 20-26-4-4.5(c))
- B. failure of a sufficient number of petitions for candidates for Board membership being filed for an election (I.C. 20-26-4-4(c))
- C. a member submits a written resignation from the Board to the clerk of the circuit court pursuant to I.C. 5-8-3.5-1(a)(4)
- D. a member is convicted of a felony (I.C. 5-8-1-38)
- E. a member's election or appointment is declared void by a competent tribunal
- F. the winner of an election fails to take the oath of office required by I.C. 20-26-4-3-2
- G. a member ceases to possess the legal qualifications for continuing to hold office
- H. a member ceases to be a resident of the Corporation (I.C. 20-23-4-30(e)) (applicable to community school corporations only)
- I. a member is removed from office by action of the Circuit Court pursuant to I.C. 5-8-1-35

- J. a court enters an order removing a member from office based upon a conviction for bribery or official misconduct under I.C. 35-50-5-1.1
- K. a member is convicted of any crime against the laws of the United States where the sentence imposed exceeds six (6) months, engaging in conspiracy or an attempt to defraud the government of the United States, or seditious utterances in violation of the laws of the United States (I.C. 5-8-3-1)
- L. a member voluntarily became intoxicated within the business hours of the Board, or is in the habit of becoming intoxicated by the use of intoxicating liquors and is removed from office under I.C. 34-17 (I.C. 5-8-2-1)

I.C. 5-8-1-35, 5-8-3.5-1

I.C. 20-23-4-30

#### **Filling a Board Vacancy**

A vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board within a reasonable time.

Revised 4/23/03

Revised 4/11/12

#### **0142.5 Orientation**

The School Board believes that the preparation of each Board member for the performance of Board duties is essential to the effective functioning of the Board. The Board shall encourage each new Board member to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the Corporation, and learn Board procedures. Accordingly, the Board shall give to each new Board member the following items:

- A. a copy of the Board policy manual
- B. a copy of each current negotiated agreement

Each new Board member shall be invited to meet with the Board President and the Superintendent to discuss Board functions, policies, procedures and may review the current budget statement, audit report, and related fiscal materials.

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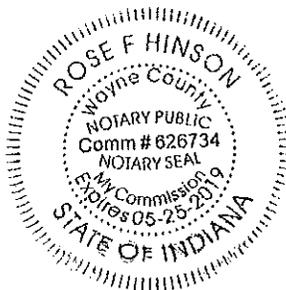
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Rose F Hinson

Notary Public residing in Wayne County, Indiana

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day Monday, September 09, 2013

My Commission expires May 25, 2019.

## **RESOLUTION**

**10-2013**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation (“Northeastern”) is a school corporation organized and existing under the provisions of Indiana I.C. 20-4; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend certain Northeastern Bylaws and Policies, and specifically those Bylaws with regard to the election/appointment of school board members and eligibility; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2013, at a duly held and regularly-scheduled school board meeting of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Board of School Trustees (“Board”), proposed amendments to Northeastern Bylaws and Policies with regard to election/appointment of school board members and eligibility to serve were submitted to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, at the August 28, 2013 meeting, the Board, by a unanimous 5-0 vote, voted to amend Northeastern Bylaws and Policies with regard to election/appointment of members and eligibility to serve, and specifically section 0141 (Member), section 0142 (Election/Appointment of Members and Eligibility to Serve), section 0142.1 (Term), section 0142.2 (Oath), and section 0142.3 (Vacancies) of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Bylaws and Policies, a copy of which said amended Bylaws and Policies are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, Indiana law requires the Board, not more than ten (10) days after the School Board has approved a plan, to publish its notice of plan of reorganization one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in Wayne County, and, following publication, submit the proposed amendments to the Indiana Department of Education.

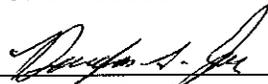
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of School Trustees of Northeastern Wayne School Corporation that, effective immediately, the Board votes unanimously to amend the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Bylaws and Policies with regard to election/appointment of school board members and eligibility to serve on the Board, and specifically section 0141 (Member), section 0142 (Election/Appointment of Members and Eligibility to Serve), section 0142.1 (Term), section 0142.2 (Oath), and section 0142.3 (Vacancies) of the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation Bylaws and Policies, all as set forth in the plan, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent, not more than ten (10) days after the School Board has approved a plan, shall cause a notice of said plan to be published one (1) time in the Richmond Palladium-Item, with the notice to include all requirements set forth in Indiana Code 20-23-8-14.

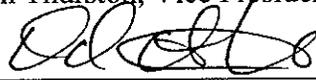
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, following publication of said plan in the Richmond Palladium-Item, the Superintendent shall submit the proposed amendments, along with any other required documents, to the Indiana Department of Education.

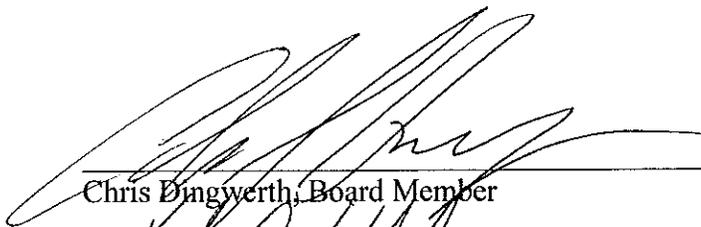
*Approved, Passed and Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.*

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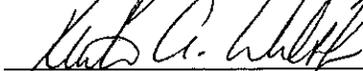
  
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