



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Chad E. Ranney, Deputy General Counsel
Date: July 11, 2018
RE: Approval of Governing Body Reorganization – Warsaw Community School Corporation

MEMORANDUM

Recommendation: approve governing body reorganization.

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8, the Warsaw Community School Corporation (the “Corporation”), by its Board of School Trustees on December 13, 2017, adopted a resolution to initiate a plan to change the composition of its governing body. Subsequent to the Corporation adopting the resolution to reorganize its governing body, the Corporation submitted the attached materials for the State Board of Education’s (“Board”) review and consideration. The materials include the resolution adopted by the Corporation and the publication information that includes the language of the amended provisions of the governing body plan. A protest petition was filed with the Kosciusko County Clerk’s Office; however, the petition included 154 signatures, well short of the 500 signatures required by IC 20-23-8-14(d)(1). The governing body resolution seeks to amend the following provisions:

Portions of the Current Governing Body Plan that the Resolution Seeks to Amend

- Term limits – members of the Board of School Trustees limited to two (2) consecutive terms

Revised Plan for Approval

- Term limits – members of the Board of School Trustees limited to four (4) consecutive terms

After review of the materials provided by the Corporation, it is evident that 1) the governing body resolution was properly approved by the Corporation, 2) the resolution was properly published in a local newspaper, and 3) a protest petition was submitted to the clerk’s office, but it did not include the minimum number of signatures required by law. Furthermore, the new governing plan satisfies the requirements of I.C. 20-23-8, IC 20-23-4-27, IC 20-23-4-29.1, and IC 3-8-1-34. As such, the new governing body plan is recommended for approval by the Board pursuant to IC 20-23-8-15.