



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Timothy Schultz, Deputy General Counsel
Date: May 11, 2016
RE: Approval of Governing Body Change—Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation

MEMORANDUM

Recommendation: approve governing body change.

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8-10(a)(2), the Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation (“School Corp”) adopted a resolution to initiate a plan to change its governing body on December 16, 2015. Subsequent to the School Corp adopting the resolution to change its governing body, the School Corp submitted the attached materials for the State Board of Education’s (“Board”) review and consideration. The materials include the prior governing body plan, the resolution adopted by the School Corp and the minutes from the School Corp’s meeting during which the resolution was adopted, the publication information that includes the language of the amended provisions of the governing body plan, and the county clerk’s certification that no protest petitions or alternative plans were submitted to the clerk’s office. The governing body resolution seeks to amend the following provisions:

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

- a. The School Corp’s designation is Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation.
- b. Board member terms are staggered, with four (4) board members elected during the primary election in presidential election years, and three (3) board members elected during the primary election in the congressional mid-term election years;
- c. Board member terms begin July 1 of the year the election is held;
- d. Board members shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive, four (4) year terms as a board member;
- e. A vacancy does not occur when a board member moves from a resident district of the School Corp from which the board member was elected as long as the board member continues to be a resident of the School Corp.

Revised Plan for Approval (revised portions **bolded**)

- a. The number of board members remains seven (7), all serving four (4) year terms;
- b. There will continue to be four (4) geographically defined resident districts, additionally, the boundaries of these districts will remain unaltered from the previous governing plan;
- c. Four (4) of the seven (7) board members must reside within and run for a board position in each of the four (4) geographically limited resident districts with one

- (1) member elected from each such resident district, while the other three (3) board member positions will be elected at-large from the territory comprising the entire School Corp;
- d. Candidates running for election for one of the four (4) resident districts must reside within the resident district at the time of filing an intention to run for a position with the board and must have been a continuous resident in the respective resident district for a period of at least one (1) year before the election;
 - e. Candidates running for one of the at-large positions must reside within the School Corp territory at the time of filing an intention to run for a position with the board and must have been a continuous resident in the School Corp for a period of at least one (1) year before the election;
 - f. Board members shall be elected by popular vote by any registered voters residing within the School Corp's boundaries **during general elections**;
 - g. **Four (4) board members shall be elected during the general election in presidential election years, and three (3) members shall be elected during the general election in congressional mid-term election years.**
 - h. **Board member terms begin January 1 of the year the after the election is held;**
 - i. **There will be no limit to the number of four (4) year terms that a board member may serve;**
 - j. **If a board member is elected to one (1) of the resident district seats on the board, and if the board member subsequently moves out of the resident district, then the board member shall forfeit his/her resident district seat and the board shall fill the seat in the manner provided by IC 20-26-4-4;**
 - k. **The School Corp's designation shall be updated from "Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation" to "Kokomo School Corporation."**

After review of the materials provided by the School Corp, it is evident that 1) the governing body resolution was properly approved by the School Corp, 2) the resolution was properly published in a local newspaper, and 3) that no protest petitions or alternative plans were submitted to the clerk's office. 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, and is recommended for approval by the Board pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-15.

PLAN TO CHANGE METHOD OF SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
TRUSTEES FOR KOKOMO-CENTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board of School Trustees of the Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be elected at-large and all of whom shall be required to reside within the boundaries of the Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation. Board members shall be at least Twenty-one (21) years of age on the date they commence their term of office.

The seven (7) members of the Board of School Trustees shall be elected by all registered voters residing within the Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation and voting at any School Board Member Election. The members of the Board of School Trustees shall be elected at the time of the primary election in even numbered years.

The first election of School Board members will occur at the time of the primary election in May 1992, at which time four (4) members shall be elected. The two (2) candidates receiving the most votes shall take office July 1, 1992, and shall serve four-year terms, and the two (2) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall

EXHIBIT A

take office July 1, 1993, and shall serve three-year terms, with the following exception:

If one or both of the elected members who receive the two highest numbers of votes are members of the appointed Board whose terms expire June 30, 1993, those members shall take office July 1, 1993, for a term of three years. In that case, the elected member receiving the next highest number of votes who would have taken office July 1, 1993, shall begin serving on July 1, 1992, for a four year term. In May 1994, and every four (4) years thereafter, three

(3) members will be elected. In May 1996, and every four (4) years thereafter, four (4) members will be elected. Every member elected in May 1994 and thereafter shall be elected for a four-year term which commences on July 1 following the primary in which the member was elected.

The candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to the available Board member seats. If a tie occurs among any of the candidates for a particular School Board Seat, the Judge of the Circuit Court shall select one of the candidates who shall be declared and certified as elected.

If a vacancy occurs on the Board of School Trustees, or if there is no candidate for a School Board Seat, whether the vacating member is elected or appointed, the remaining members of the School Board shall by majority vote fill the vacancy. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall meet the same residence and other qualifications provided

for a regularly elected or appointed Board member filling the office, and shall serve for the term or balance of the term. If a tie vote occurs among the remaining Board members, or if the Board fails to act within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, the Judge of the Circuit Court shall make the appointment.

No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive, elected four-year terms as a School Board member.

No candidate for School Board member shall be required to declare political party affiliation.

Salaries of the School Board member shall not exceed the maximum allowed under Indiana law.

No School Board member shall hold any other elective office.

CERTIFIED:
A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY
JERRI BOURFF, Clerk
Howard Circuit Court

Date: 11-15-90
by: Jerrri Bourff
Clerk or Deputy

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PLAN TO CHANGE METHOD OF
SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES FOR
KOKOMO-CENTER TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, there is presently in effect a Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "Plan"), a copy of which is attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A"; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation believes it would be in the best interest of the residents of Center Township, Howard County, Indiana and the Board of School Trustees that the Plan be amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plan be and hereby is amended as follows:

1. The number of members of the Board of School Trustees of the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be seven (7), to be elected on a nonpartisan basis.
2. Commencing with the primary election in 1996, and every four (4) years thereafter, four (4) members of the Board of School Trustees shall be considered resident district members to serve a four (4) year term, the initial term commencing July 1, 1996. The school corporation shall be divided into four (4) resident districts as follows:

a. District 1 shall consist of that area in Center Township, Howard County, Indiana lying within the following boundaries: Commencing at the northwest corner of Center Township, thence north and thence east along said township line to the center line of Washington Street, thence south along said center line of Washington Street to the center line of State Road 22, thence west along said center line of State Road 22 to said township line, thence generally north along said township line to the place of beginning, all as shown on the attached map marked "Exhibit B".

b. District 2 shall consist of that area in Center Township, Howard County, Indiana lying within the following boundaries: Commencing at the northeast corner of said township, thence west along said township line to the center line of Washington Street, thence generally south along said center line of Washington Street to the center line of State Road 22,

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thence east along said center line of State Road 22 to said township line, thence north to the place of beginning, all as shown on the attached map marked "Exhibit B".

c. District 3 shall consist of that area in Center Township, Howard County, Indiana lying within the following boundaries: Commencing at the southwest corner of said township, thence north to the center line of State Road 22, thence generally east on said center line of State Road 22 to the center line of Washington Street, thence south on said center line of Washington Street until it becomes Lafountain Street continuing generally south along said center line of Lafountain Street to said township line, thence west to the place of beginning, all as shown on the attached map marked "Exhibit B".

d. District 4 shall consist of that area in Center Township, Howard County, Indiana lying within the following boundaries: Commencing at the southeast corner of said township, thence generally north along said township line to the center line of State Road 22, thence west along said center line of State Road 22, to the center line of Washington Street, thence south along said center line of Washington Street until it becomes Lafountain Street continuing generally south along said center line of Lafountain Street to said township line, thence generally east along said township line to the place of beginning, all as shown on the attached map marked "Exhibit B".

3. The following shall apply whenever an individual runs for one of the residence district positions on the School Board:

a. An individual who runs for one of the residence district positions on the School Board must reside within that district at the time of filing an intention to run for a position on the School Board.

b. Upon filing an intention to run for a position on the School Board, the candidate must specify that the candidate is running for a specific residence district position.

c. All eligible voters residing in the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School

Corporation may vote for candidates for each resident district board position.

d. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes for each residence district board position will win the election for that position. In the event two or more candidates receive the same number of votes for any resident district board position, the Judge of the Howard Circuit Court shall select one of the candidates who shall be designated and certified as elected to such resident district board position.

4. Commencing with the primary election in 1998, and every four (4) years thereafter, three (3) of the members of the Board of School Trustees shall be considered at-large members to serve for a four (4) year term, the initial term commencing July 1, 1998.

5. The following shall apply whenever an individual runs for one of the at-large positions on the School Board:

a. An individual who runs for one of the at-large positions on the School Board must reside within the boundaries of the school corporation.

b. Upon filing an intention to run for a position on the School Board, the candidate must specify that the candidate is running for an at-large position.

c. All eligible voters residing in the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation may vote for candidates for each at-large position.

d. The three (3) candidates for at-large positions who receive the greatest number of votes shall be elected to at-large positions. In the event two or more candidates receive the same number of votes for the third board position, the Judge of the Howard Circuit Court shall select one of the candidates who shall be designated and certified as elected to such at-large board position.

6. A vacancy in the Board of School Trustees occurs if a member ceases to be a resident of the School Corporation. A vacancy does not occur when a member moves from a district of the School Corporation from which the member was elected or appointed as long as the

member continues to be a resident of the School Corporation.

7. Candidates for at-large positions on the School Board must have resided in the School Corporation for at least one (1) year before their election, or for such other period of time as the Indiana General Assembly may in the future require. Candidates for resident district positions on the School Board must have resided in the resident district for at least one (1) year before their election, or for such other period of time as the Indiana General Assembly may in the future require.

8. In all other respects the Plan is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Kokomo School Corporation

RESOLUTION INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO PLAN OF ORGANIZATION TO CHANGE MANNER OF ELECTION AND BOARD MEMBER TERMS TO CONFORM TO INDIANA LAW, UPDATING SCHOOL NAME, AND ELIMINATING TERM LIMITS

The Kokomo School Corporation, by its Board of School Trustees (hereinafter "Board"), on December 16, 2015, pursuant to Ind. Code (hereinafter "I.C.") § 20-23-8-10(a)(2), resolves to initiate an Amended Reorganization Plan (hereinafter "Plan") for the Kokomo School Corporation which revises, amends and clarifies the procedures for electing and seating board members.

WHEREAS, the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation, now known as the Kokomo School Corporation, has in effect a "Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation", which was certified by the Indiana Department of Education on December 6, 1990 (the "1990 Plan"). The 1990 Plan is attached to this Resolution as Attachment A.

WHEREAS, the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation, now known as the Kokomo School Corporation, approved a "Resolution to Amend the Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation", which amended the 1990 Plan and was certified by the Indiana Department of Education on or around December 8, 1994 (the "1994 Plan Amendment Resolution" or "1994 Plan Amendments"). The 1994 Plan Amendment Resolution is attached to this Resolution as Attachment B.

WHEREAS, the Board believes it would be in the best interest of the residents of the Kokomo School Corporation to amend its plan to conform to changes made in Indiana law relating to elections of school board members, to require consistent residency throughout an entire term of office for members serving in residence district seats, and to eliminate term limits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1990 Plan, including the 1994 Plan Amendments, be revised and amended as follows:

Plan for Governing Body Composition Change

(1) **Number & Residential Districts:** The Kokomo School Corporation shall, consistent with the 1994 Plan Amendment Resolution, continue to be governed by a seven (7) member elected nonpartisan board, with one (1) member required to reside in District 1 Northwest Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, one (1) member required to reside in District 2 Northeast Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, one (1) member required to reside in District 3 Southwest Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, one (1) member required to reside in District 4 Southeast Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, and three (3) members at large.

(2) Election Date: In accordance with the 1990 Plan and the 1994 Plan Amendments, school board members shall continue to be elected by popular vote by all registered voters residing within the Kokomo School Corporation, but in accordance with I.C. 20-23-4-29.1(b), school board members shall be elected at the same time as the general election.

(3) Term of Office: Consistent with the 1990 Plan and the 1994 Plan Amendments, school board members shall continue to be elected to a term of office of four (4) years, but the commencement date of their term of office shall be on January 1 of the year following the year of their election.

(4) Transition Plan Pending Change in Time of Board Elections

A. Schedule of Current Board Terms – The following shows the current terms of office for the currently comprised Board under the language of the current Plan. The current terms' election dates, the Board seats' next election dates, and the seating dates of the next terms, all per the terms of the current Plan, are as follows:

Seat #	District	Current Term Began	Current Term Ends (under current plan language)	Next Election (under current plan language)	Seating Date of Next Term (under current plan language)
Seat 1	District 1 (Northwest)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 2	District 2 (northeast)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 3	District 3 (southwest)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 4	District 4 (southeast)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 5	At-large	1/1/2015 (prior member voluntarily vacated seat)	6/30/2018	May 2018	July 1, 2018
Seat 6	At-large	1/1/2015 (prior member voluntarily vacated seat)	6/30/2018	May 2018	July 1, 2018
Seat 7	At-large	1/1/2015 (prior member voluntarily vacated seat)	6/30/2018	May 2018	July 1, 2018

B. Extension of Existing Terms of Office – The existing terms of office of all school board member seats shall be extended for a period of six (6) months through year end of the year in which each member's current term is due to expire.

C. Schedule of Next Election Dates under Proposed Plan Change to Amend Plan to Conform with Current Law – Upon passage of this proposed Plan and its becoming effective upon the Effective Date, all members of the Board will be elected at general elections held in November of the appropriate years. The current Board membership positions will be elected in accordance with the following schedule:

Seat #	Existing District	Current Term Began	Current Term, as Extended Ends	Next Election (Under proposed plan change)	Seating Date of Next Term (under proposed plan change)
Seat 1	District 1 (Northwest)	7/1/2012	12/31/2016	November	01/01/2017
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Seat 3	District 3 (southwest)	7/1/2012	12/31/2016	November	01/01/2017
Seat 4	District 4 (southeast)	7/1/2012	12/31/2016	November	01/01/2017
Seat 5	At-large	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	November	01/01/2019
Seat 6	At-large	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	November	01/01/2019
Seat 7	At-large	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	November	01/01/2019

(5) Elimination of Term Limits: The following language imposing term limits on board members shall be deleted from the current plan: “No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive, elected four-year terms as a School Board member.”

(6) Update School Corporation Name: The name of the school corporation shall be updated and changed from the “Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation” to the “Kokomo School Corporation.”

(7) Residency Requirement: The 1994 Plan Amendments provide that “A vacancy does not occur when a member moves from a district of the School Corporation from which the member was elected or appointed as long as the member continues to be a resident of the School Corporation.” (See Paragraph 6 of Exhibit B). This sentence shall be deleted and shall state: “If a member is elected to one of the residence district seats on the School Board, and if that member subsequently moves out of his/her residence district, then the member shall forfeit his/her residence district seat and the Board shall fill the seat in the manner provided by Indiana Code 20-26-4-4, as from time to time amended.

(8) Retention of Terms of Previously Adopted Plans of Organization: Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of all previously adopted plans of

organization and reorganization of the Kokomo School Corporation shall remain fully effective after the Effective Date hereof.

(9) Effective Date: This proposed Plan shall become effective upon the passage of this resolution, and upon its approval and fulfillment of the terms and requirements of I.C. 20-23-8-10, 20-23-8-14, and I.C. 20-23-8-15.

(End of Plan Change)


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this Board is directed to cause notice of this Board's adoption of the foregoing plan to be published, as required by the provision of I.C. 20-23-8-14, in newspapers of general circulation published in Howard County, Indiana.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent, school corporation legal counsel and the officers of this Board shall take all other actions and execute all other documents as are reasonably convenient or otherwise necessary to affect the change in the plan for the selection of the governing body as hereinabove set forth.

(End of Resolution)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of Kokomo School Corporation, Howard County, Indiana, that the foregoing be approved and adopted.

Adopted this 16 day of December, 2015.


Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Printed: Marsha Bowling


President, Board of School Trustees
Printed: Cristi E. Brewer-Allen



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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
KOKOMO-CENTER TOWNSHIP
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
DECEMBER 16, 2015 11:15 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cristi Brewer-Allen, President
Crystal Sanburn, Vice President
Marsha Bowling, Secretary
Jim Callane, Member
Lisa Ellison, Member
Michael Gault, Member
Stephanie McClelland, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Jeff Hauswald, Superintendent
Dr. Mike Sargent, Assistant Superintendent
Mike Wade, Director of HR / Operations
Michelle Cronk, Director of Business
Karla Dain, Board Secretary
David Barnes, Director of Communications
Lindsey Ziliak, Asst. Director of Communications
Alyx Arnett, Kokomo Perspective
Dwight Cline
Jason Burns
Amanda Landrum
Angela Blessing
Dr. Dorothea Irwin
Dr. Teni Helmberger
Richard Arroyo
Cynthia Evans

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation was held in the Board Room at the Administrative Service Center, 1500 S. Washington Street, Kokomo, Indiana, at the hour of 11:15 a.m. pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the Board in accordance with IC 20-5-3-2, IC 20-5-14-1.5, and the rules of the Board.

President Brewer-Allen called the meeting to order.

In the first and only matter of New Business, on a motion by President Brewer-Allen, seconded by Member Gault, the Board approved the Resolution Initiating Amendments To Plan of Organization To Change Manner Of Election And Board Member Terms To Conform To Indiana Law, Update School Name, and Eliminating Term Limits as presented.

Under Personnel Matters, Dr. Jeff Hauswald, superintendent, brought the following administrative recommendations to the Board for consideration: Mrs. Angela Blessing as principal at Kokomo High School, and Mrs. Amanda Landrum as interim principal at Bon Air Middle School. The recommendations were approved on a motion by Secretary Bowling, seconded by Vice President Sanburn and unanimously carried.

All 2015 Lease Financing claims, were allowed and ordered paid on a motion by Vice President Sanburn, seconded by Member McClelland and unanimously carried.

Thereupon, there being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Cristi E. Brewer-Allen
Cristi Brewer-Allen, President

Crystal Sanburn
Crystal Sanburn, Vice President

Marsha Bowling
Marsha Bowling, Secretary

Jim Callane
Jim Callane, Member

Lisa C. Ellison
Lisa Ellison, Member

Michael A. Gault
Michael Gault, Member

Stephanie McClelland
Stephanie McClelland, Member

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December, 2015, at a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Kokomo School Corporation, a resolution was adopted calling for amendments to the plan of reorganization of the school corporation, including changing the manner of election and board member terms to conform to Indiana law, updating the school corporation's name, and eliminating term limits.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR CHANGE IN SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION TO CHANGE MANNER OF ELECTION AND BOARD MEMBER TERMS

TO CONFORM TO INDIANA LAW, UPDATING SCHOOL NAME, AND ELIMINATING TERM LIMITS

The proposed plan would modify the "Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation" certified by the Indiana Department of Education on December 6, 1990 (the "1990 Plan") and the "Resolution to Amend the Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation" certified by the Indiana Department of Education on December 8, 1994, as follows:

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(2) **Election Date:** In accordance with the 1990 Plan and the 1994 Plan Amendments, school board members shall continue to be elected by popular vote by all registered voters residing within the Kokomo School Corporation, but in accordance with I.C. 20-23-4-29.(b), school board members shall be elected at the same time as the general election.

(3) **Term of Office:** Consistent with the 1990 Plan and the 1994 Plan Amendments, school board members shall continue to be elected to a term of office of four (4) years, but the commencement date of their term of office shall be on January 1 of the year following the year of their election.

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B. **Extension of Existing Terms of Office** - The existing terms of office of all school board member seats shall be extended for a period of six (6) months through year end of the year in which each member's current term is due to expire.

C. **Schedule of Next Election Dates under Proposed Plan Change to Amend Plan to Conform with Current Law** - Upon passage of this proposed Plan and its becoming effective upon the Effective Date, all members of the Board will be elected at general elections held in November of the appropriate years. The current Board membership positions will be elected in accordance with the following schedule:

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(5) **Elimination of Term Limits:** The following language imposing term limits on board members shall be deleted from the current plan: "No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive, elected four-year terms as a School Board member."

(6) **Update School Corporation Name:** The name of the school corporation shall be updated and changed from the "Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation" to the "Kokomo School Corporation."

(7) **Residency Requirement:** The 1994 Plan Amendments provide that "A vacancy does not occur when a member moves from a district of the School Corporation from which the member was elected or appointed as long as the member continues to be a resident of the School Corporation." (See Paragraph 6 of Exhibit B). This sentence shall be deleted and shall state: "If a member is elected to one of the residence district seats on the School Board, and if that member subsequently moves out of his/her residence district, then the member shall forfeit his/her residence district seat and the Board shall fill the seat in the manner provided by Indiana Code 20-28-4-4, as from time to time amended."

(8) **Retention of Terms of Previously Adopted Plans of Organization:** Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of all previously adopted plans of organization and reorganization of the Kokomo School Corporation shall remain fully effective after the Effective Date hereof.

(9) **Effective Date:** This proposed Plan shall become effective upon the passage of this resolution, and upon its approval and fulfillment of the terms and requirements of I.C. 20-23-8-10, 20-23-8-14, and I.C. 20-23-8-16.

Any voter in the school corporation who desires to object to the proposed plan amendments adopted by the Board of School Trustees or to submit an alternative plan of reorganization for consideration by the Board or the voters of the school corporation must do so by submitting a petition. Any parties submitting a petition objecting to the Board's proposed plan or proposing an alternative plan must be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the registered voters of the school corporation or five hundred (500) voters of the school corporation, whichever is less.

Any such petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Howard County Circuit Court not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of publication of this notice.

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IN RE THE MATTER OF:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF
KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION**

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

Shannon Crouch, being duly sworn upon his/her oath, states:

1. I am an authorized representative of the publisher of the Kokomo Herald which maintains its principal place of business 207 North Buckeye Street, Kokomo, Indiana and which circulates its newspapers in Howard County, Indiana.

2. On December 24, 2015, the attached Notice of Proposed Amendments to Plan of Reorganization of Kokomo School Corporation was published in the Kokomo Herald.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

Shannon Crouch
(Signature)

Shannon Crouch
(Printed Name)
Authorized Representative for the Kokomo Herald

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

TO PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December, 2015, at a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Kokomo School Corporation, a resolution was adopted calling for amendments to the plan of reorganization of the school corporation, including changing the manner of election and board member terms to conform to Indiana law, updating the school corporation's name, and eliminating term limits.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR CHANGE IN SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION TO CHANGE MANNER OF ELECTION AND BOARD MEMBER TERMS

TO CONFORM TO INDIANA LAW, UPDATING SCHOOL NAME, AND ELIMINATING TERM LIMITS

The proposed plan would modify the "Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation" certified by the Indiana Department of Education on December 6, 1990 (the "1990 Plan") and the "Resolution to Amend the Plan to Change Method of Selection of the Board of School Trustees for Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation" certified by the Indiana Department of Education on December 8, 1994, as follows:

Plan for Governing Body Composition Change

- (1) **Number & Residential Districts:** The Kokomo School Corporation shall, consistent with the 1994 Plan Amendment Resolution, continue to be governed by a seven (7) member elected nonpartisan board, with one (1) member required to reside in District 1 Northwest Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, one (1) member required to reside in District 2 Northeast Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, one (1) member required to reside in District 3 Southwest Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, one (1) member required to reside in District 4 Southeast Quadrant, Howard County, Indiana, and three (3) members at large.
- (2) **Election Date:** In accordance with the 1990 Plan and the 1994 Plan Amendments, school board members shall continue to be elected by popular vote by all registered voters residing within the Kokomo School Corporation, but in accordance with I.C. 20-23-4-29.(b), school board members shall be elected at the same time as the general election.
- (3) **Term of Office:** Consistent with the 1990 Plan and the 1994 Plan Amendments, school board members shall continue to be elected to a term of office of four (4) years, but the commencement date of their term of office shall be on January 1 of the year following the year of their election.
- (4) **Transition Plan Pending Change in Time of Board Elections**

A. Schedule of Current Board Terms - The following shows the current terms of office for the currently comprised Board under the language of the current Plan. The current terms' election dates, the Board seats' next election dates, and the seating dates of the next terms, all per the terms of the current Plan, are as follows:

Seat #	District	Current Term Began	Current Term Ends (under current plan language)	Next Election (under current plan language)	Seating Date of Next Term (under current plan language)
Seat 1	District 1 (Northwest)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 2	District 2 (northeast)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 3	District 3 (southwest)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 4	District 4 (southeast)	7/1/2012	6/30/2016	May 2016	July 1, 2016
Seat 5	At-large	1/1/2015	6/30/2018	May 2018	July 1, 2018
	(prior member voluntarily vacated seat)				
Seat 6	At-large	1/1/2015	6/30/2018	May 2018	July 1, 2018
	(prior member voluntarily vacated seat)				
Seat 7	At-large	1/1/2015	6/30/2018	May 2018	July 1, 2018
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B. Extension of Existing Terms of Office - The existing terms of office of all school board member seats shall be extended for a period of six (6) months through year end of the year in which each member's current term is due to expire.

C. Schedule of Next Election Dates under Proposed Plan Change to Amend Plan to Conform with Current Law - Upon passage of this proposed Plan and its becoming effective upon the Effective Date, all members of the Board will be elected at general elections held in November of the appropriate years. The current Board membership positions will be elected in accordance with the following schedule:

Seat #	Existing District	Current Term Began	Current Term, as Extended Ends	Next Election (under proposed plan change)	Seating Date of Next Term (under proposed plan change)
Seat 1	District 1 (Northwest)	7/1/2012	12/31/2016	November	01/01/2017
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- (5) **Elimination of Term Limits:** The following language imposing term limits on board members shall be deleted from the current plan: "No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive, elected four-year terms as a School Board member."
- (6) **Update School Corporation Name:** The name of the school corporation shall be updated and changed from the "Kokomo-Center Township School Corporation" to the "Kokomo School Corporation."
- (7) **Residency Requirement:** The 1994 Plan Amendments provide that "A vacancy does not occur when a member moves from a district of the School Corporation from which the member was elected or appointed as long as the member continues to be a resident of the School Corporation." (See Paragraph 6 of Exhibit B). This sentence shall be deleted and shall state: "If a member is elected to one of the residence district seats on the School Board, and if that member subsequently moves out of his/her residence district, then the member shall forfeit his/her residence district seat and the Board shall fill the seat in the manner provided by Indiana Code 20-26-4-4, as from time to time amended."
- (8) **Retention of Terms of Previously Adopted Plans of Organization:** Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of all previously adopted plans of organization and reorganization of the Kokomo School Corporation shall remain fully effective after the Effective Date hereof.
- (9) **Effective Date:** This proposed Plan shall become effective upon the passage of this resolution, and upon its approval and fulfillment of the terms and requirements of I.C. 20-23-8-10, 20-23-8-14, and I.C. 20-23-8-15.

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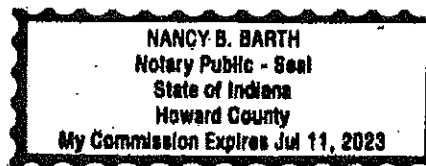
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FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

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Nancy B Barth
(Printed Name)

Authorized Representative for the Kokomo Tribune



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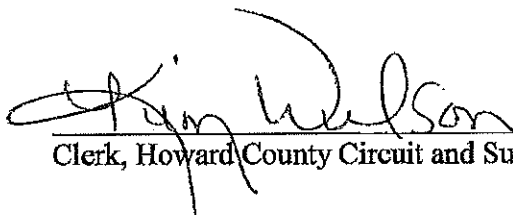
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CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

The undersigned Clerk of the Circuit and Superior Courts of Howard County, Indiana, hereby certifies:

Between December 24, 2015 and April 22, 2016, no objections or proposed alternative plans were filed with the Howard County Clerk's Office in response to the Notice of Proposed Amendments to Plan of Reorganization of Kokomo School Corporation.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 25 day of April, 2016.


Clerk, Howard County Circuit and Superior Courts