



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—M.S.D. Washington Township

MEMORANDUM

Recommendation: approve governing body change.

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8-10(a)(2), the M.S.D. of Washington Township (“School Corp”) adopted a resolution to initiate a plan to change its governing body on December 9, 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 (“SBOE”) review and consideration. The materials included 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 new 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. Board member terms are staggered, with three (3) board members elected during the primary election in presidential election years, and two (2) board members elected during the primary election in the congressional mid-terms;
- b. Within the School Corp, there were three (3) geographically defined residence districts, with no more than two (2) board members being elected from any one (1) residence district.

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

- a. The number of board members remains five (5), all serving four (4) year terms;
- b. There will continue to be three (3) geographically defined residence districts, additionally, the boundaries of these districts will remain unaltered from the previous governing plan;
- c. **Requires that three (3) of the five (5) board members must reside within and run for a board position from each of the three (3) geographically limited residence districts with one (1) member elected from each such residence district.**

- d. **The other two (2) board member positions will be elected from the at-large corporation comprising of the entire territory of the School Corp, however the at-large board members may not reside within the same geographically limited residence district;**
- e. Board members must satisfy all applicable requirements and qualifications as set forth under State law;
- f. Candidates running for election for one of the three (3) residence districts must have been a continuous resident in the respective residence district for a period in excess of one (1) year prior to the election, while candidates running for one of the at-large positions must have been a continuous resident in the School Corp for a period in excess of one (1) year prior to the election;
- g. Board members shall be elected by popular vote by any registered voters residing within the School Corp's boundaries, **with the elections occurring during general elections;**
- h. **Three (3) board members shall be elected during the general election in presidential election years, and two (2) members shall be elected during the general election in congressional mid-term election years.**

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.

15-11-2

CERTIFICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARION COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR THE
REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CORPORATIONS

The undersigned, Robert F. Gladden, hereby certifies as follows:

1. He is the Marion County Superintendent of Schools and is the Secretary of the Marion County Committee for the Reorganization of School Corporations (herein referred to as the "Committee"), created under The School Corporation Act of 1959, as amended (Chapter 202, Indiana Acts 1959, as amended).

2. Attached to this certification is a document entitled "A Comprehensive Plan for the Reorganization of School Corporations of Marion County, Indiana 1959-61". This document is a true copy of the comprehensive plan submitted by the Committee to the Indiana State Commission for the Reorganization of School Corporations in accordance with such act and contains a copy of all the proceedings of the Committee incident to the preparation and submission of such plan.

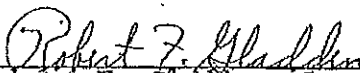
3. The copy of the publisher's affidavit and legal notice set out on the first page of the Appendices to such comprehensive plan document is a true copy of the proof of publication and notice showing the publication of such notice in Indianapolis Newspapers, Inc., on May 6, 1961. A substantially identical proof of publication showing publication of

such notice on the same date in the Indianapolis News and the Indianapolis Times is in the Committee's files. The notice was published as asserted in such proofs of publication.

4. The proposed school reorganization plan which is Chapter V and is a part of such comprehensive plan document has not been amended or rescinded and was approved by the Indiana State Commission for the Reorganization of School Corporations, as evidenced by their letter to the Committee dated January 15, 1962, a copy of which, marked Exhibit B, is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

5. The Committee has no seal.

Witness my hand this 2 day of July, 1962.


Robert F. Gladden, Secretary
Marion County Committee for
the Reorganization of School
Corporations

January 15, 1962.

Mr. Carl Dortch, Chairman,
Marion County Committee for
School Reorganization,
Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Dortch:

This is to inform you that the Comprehensive Plan
for the Reorganization of School Corporations of Marion
County, Indiana, as filed with the State Commission
October 2, 1961, was approved January 9, 1962.

Please refer to Subsection 2, Section 7, Acts 1959,
Chapter 202, S.7 as amended Chapter 302, S1, 1961, for
your next move.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Kohlmeyer, Director,
State Commission for Reorganization
of School Corporations.

JBK/lc

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR THE
REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CORPORATIONS
OF
MARION COUNTY
INDIANA

1959 - 1961

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In order to present a report of this kind it is necessary to gather facts, ideas, suggestions, and philosophies from many sources. These materials must come from many sources and involve many people. The Marion County Committee for School Reorganization is indebted to many persons and would like to express our appreciation to:

- (1) The school administrations of Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Speedway; the administrations of the MSD units of Lawrence, Perry, Pike, Warren and Washington Townships; the trustees of Center, Decatur, Franklin and Wayne Townships.
- (2) The School Board members of the corporations.
- (3) The members of the School Reorganization Committee who have given freely of their time and who have worked with a most cordial spirit of cooperation.
- (4) The members of the Citizens Advisory Committee who have been most helpful in providing community information.
- (5) Ron Wuensch who so diligently collected statistical information from the State Department, County Auditor and others.
- (6) Adele Thomas, League of Women Voters and Mary McKenzie, AAUW, who helped provide much information and moral support during the time the committee worked on details of the plan.
- (7) John L. Niblack, Judge of the Marion County Circuit Court, for his wise choice of committee members who have set aside personal differences in behalf of the boys and girls of Marion County.
- (8) State Department of Public Instruction, County Auditor and the County School Office for their efforts in providing much of the supporting data.

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CHAPTER I

PRESENT SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The tables and charts given in Chapter I will show the various facts of the school corporations as they existed at the time of beginning this study. In as much as the large number of buildings would make a voluminous report, the committee has seen fit to report the findings on a corporation basis. Special features and conditions will be listed when deemed necessary.

In October, 1959, when the study was undertaken, the school organizations within Marion County numbered thirteen. Two of these did not seem to meet the standards set up by the State Commission. We list these corporations and give a brief description of their present organization.

The parts of Center, Decatur, Franklin and Wayne Townships lying outside the corporate limits of Indianapolis, Beech Grove or Speedway has a Township Trustee form of government. These townships are administered by the Trustee along with his elected Advisory Board and with the assistance of the County School Superintendent.

The parts of Lawrence, Perry, Pike, Warren and Washington Townships lying outside the corporate limits of Indianapolis or Beech Grove has adopted a form of school government known as Metropolitan School District. In each of these townships a five member school board is elected during a primary election and represents a district within the school township. This School Board, along with an appointed Superintendent, constitutes the administration.

The Indianapolis Schools are administered by a seven member Board and an appointed Superintendent. The Board members serve a four year staggered term and are elected by the general public without conformity to any special districts.

The Beech Grove and Speedway Schools are administered by a three member Board and an appointed Superintendent. The Board members are appointed by the Town Board in Speedway and by the Town Council in Beech Grove for staggered terms.

Woodruff Place has a three member Board but operates no schools. The pupils are transferred generally to Indianapolis.

Chapter V

The persons serving as the Metropolitan Board of Education at the time the newly organized community school corporation comes into being (or persons previously elected to take office on such board at such time) shall continue the control and management of The Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, Marion County, Indiana until their successors are duly elected and qualified under procedures which conform to, and are not in conflict with, the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 202, of the Acts of 1959, as amended,

The officers of the board, as now, shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

The rights, duties, powers and liabilities of the board shall be those as vested in the Board of School Trustees of fifth class cities - or of any higher class in which the metropolitan school district would fall on the basis of its population according to the last preceding United States decennial census, if it were organized as a school city. Each board member shall have been a resident of The Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, Marion County, Indiana or its predecessor for a period of not less than two years prior to his election. Board members may be re-elected to a second consecutive term.

The assets and liabilities of the present metropolitan school district shall be retained in full by the new metropolitan school district of Warren Township.

Procedures not specifically designated by this chapter and not in conflict with Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1959, as amended, shall be in accordance with Sections 13 to 23, inclusive of Chapter 226, Acts of 1949, as amended.

8. THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

The situation described below is precisely as now prevails in the school corporation of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township and no change in territorial boundaries or in the governing board or in the time and manner of elections and the time such elected board members take office is involved. If this proposed plan is approved by the state commission, the new corporation shall automatically come into being by stipulation (without petition or election) as provided in Section 7 of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1959, as amended.

There shall be created a community school corporation to be called "The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana" and it shall be organized within the present civil boundaries of Washington Township including all areas except that which is within the civil boundaries of the City of Indianapolis, as legally constituted on September 30, 1961.

The control and management of this metropolitan school district shall be vested, as now, in a non-partisan board of school trustees to be called the

Chapter V

"Board of Education" composed of five (5) members with qualifications, term of office and method of selection determined under procedures established in Sections 13 to 23, inclusive, of Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1949, as amended.

The persons serving as the Metropolitan Board of Education at the time the newly organized community school corporation comes into being (or persons previously elected to take office on such board at such time) shall continue the control and management of The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana until their successors are duly elected and qualified under procedures which conform to, and are not in conflict with, the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 202, of the Acts of 1959, as amended.

The officers of the board, as now, shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

The rights, duties, powers and liabilities of the board shall be those as vested in the Board of School Trustees of fifth class cities - or of any higher class in which the metropolitan school district would fall on the basis of its population according to the last preceding United States decennial census, if it were organized as a school city. Each board member shall have been a resident of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana or its predecessor for a period of not less than two years prior to his election. Board members may be re-elected to a second consecutive term.

The assets and liabilities of the present metropolitan school district shall be retained in full by the new metropolitan school district of Washington Township.

Procedures not specifically designated by this chapter and not in conflict with Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1959, as amended, shall be in accordance with Sections 13 to 23, inclusive, of Chapter 226, Acts of 1949, as amended.

9. SCHOOL TOWN OF SPEEDWAY

The situation described below is precisely as now prevails in the school corporation of the School Town of Speedway and no change in territorial boundaries or in the Board of School Trustees or in the time and manner of selection and the time such appointed board members take office if involved? If this proposed plan is approved by the State Commission, the new corporation shall automatically come into being by stipulation (without petition or election) as provided in Section 7 of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1959, as amended.

There shall be created a community school corporation to be known, as now, as the "School Town of Speedway" and it shall be organized within the civil boundaries of the Town of Speedway as legally constituted as of September 30, 1961 or within school town boundaries as thereafter modified in accordance with Chapter 186, Acts of 1961.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED
PLAN OF ORGANIZATION CHANGING THE TIME AND
MANNER OF THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS
OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township ("MSDWT") was initially formed in 1955 under the then-statutory provisions of the Metropolitan School District Act as a reorganization of the public schools then operated by the Washington Township Trustee (i.e., those within Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana, not within the jurisdiction of the then School City of Indianapolis);

WHEREAS, the MSDWT was again reorganized in 1962 as a community school corporation - but with the same governing structure and geographical territory - under the School Reorganization Act of 1959, and that plan officially approved by the Indiana State Commission of School Reorganization on January 9, 1962. However, the school corporation retained its current name of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township even though now organized under the Community School Corporation Act;

WHEREAS, in 2006 there was uncertainty as to whether MSDWT was governed by the Metropolitan School District Act or the Community School Corporation Act to determine the term of an appointment to a vacant Board seat and, as a result, the MSDWT Board of Education filed an action for Declaratory Judgment to resolve the question;

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2006, the Marion County Superior Court determined that MSDWT was a Community School Corporation in a Declaratory Judgment in Metropolitan School District of Washington Township v. Marion County Election Board, Cause Number 49D11-0610-PL-043414;

WHEREAS, MSDWT's current Plan of Organization provides for the election of its non-partisan, five (5) member governing body by all voters in MSDWT, that those members may serve an unlimited number of four (4) year terms, that those terms are staggered so that three (3) members are elected at the primary election in presidential election years, two (2) members are selected at the primary election two (2) years later in Congressional mid-term years and finally, to ensure geographic diversity on the Board, that three (3) residence districts are created in MSDWT with no more than two (2) Board Members elected from the same residence district;

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation (IC 20-23-4-29.1(b)) requiring members of the governing body of all public school corporations to be elected at the general election rather than the primary election;

WHEREAS, state law governs the election of public school board members, it is in the best interest of the school community that the MSDWT amend its Plan of Organization so as to avoid any confusion that it complies with state law regarding the election of the members of its governing body;

WHEREAS, the Marion County Election Board ("MCEB") has also asked that MSDWT consider modifying its current Plan of Organization to address the manner in which members of its governing body are elected because the current method does not allow for the use of available automated tabulating technology and, under certain limited circumstances, can lead to unnecessarily complicated ballot instructions, voter confusion, erroneously completed and possibly discarded ballots, delayed results and perceptions of unfairness;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of MSDWT has developed a Restated Plan of Organization which slightly modifies the election structure for Board Members to address the two (2) issues above but also preserves the current and historical practice of board members elected by and representing all MSDWT voters without concentration of a majority of the Board from just one geographical area (residence district);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of MSDWT to restructure its Plan of Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, pursuant to the provisions of IC 20-23-8-10(a)(2), hereby adopts and restates the following MSDWT Plan of Organization:

(End of Recitals -- Here Follows Restated Plan of Organization)

Metropolitan School District of Washington Township Plan of Organization

I. Definitions.

- a) The School Corporation shall continue to be called the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township ("MSDWT") even though it will continue as a community school corporation organized pursuant to the Community School Corporation Act.
- b) The governing body of MSDWT shall be called the Board of Education.

II. Effective of Law

This Organizational Plan will be interpreted consistent with Indiana state law and to the extent that any existing or future statute will be inconsistent with this Organizational Plan, this plan will be considered amended to be consistent with state law.

III. Effective Date

This Organizational Plan will be effective the date the Organizational Plan is approved by the Indiana State Board of Education.

IV. Governing Body Qualification Requirements and Manner of Election

A. Number and Residence Districts

The governance of MSDWT shall be vested in a non-partisan Board of Education composed of five (5) board members elected by all of the registered voters residing within MSDWT.

There shall continue to be three (3) geographically defined residence districts. This MSDWT Plan of Organization does not change the boundaries of the current residence districts. These geographical districts are defined in Attachment A.

Three (3) of the five (5) Board Members must reside within and run for a board position from those three geographically limited residence districts with one member elected from each such residence district. The other two (2) Board Member positions will be elected from the at-large district comprising of the entire territory of MSDWT, provided, however, both of the at-large seat Board Members may not reside within the same geographically limited residence district.

B. Eligibility for Membership on Board

To be eligible to serve on the Board a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- i) requirement or qualifications as provided by state law;
- ii) candidates running for election to the Board of Education from one of the three (3) geographical limited residence districts must have been a continuous resident of that district for a period of time in excess of one (1) year prior to the date

of the general election on which the candidate's name appears on the ballot for election;

- iii) Candidates running for election to the Board of Education from the at-large district must have been a continuous resident of the MSDWT geographical area for a period of time in excess of one (1) year prior to the date of the general election on which the at-large candidate's name appears on the ballot for election; and (2) does not reside within the same geographically limited residence district as the other incumbent at-large Board Member at the time of the election.

C. Election Date

The Board Members shall be elected by popular vote by voters residing within the entire geographical territory of the School District, which election shall be at the general elections during which the county officials are on the ballot. Three (3) members shall be elected in presidential election years. Two (2) members shall be elected two (2) years later in Congressional mid-term election years.

D. Term of Office

The term of office shall be four (4) years commencing as of January 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Board Member's election occurred. There shall be no limit on the number of terms to which a member may be elected or appointed. Membership of the Board of Education shall constitute the holding of a "lucrative office" as said term is used in Article 2, §9, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

E. Transition Plan Implementing New Election Organization of Three (3) Geographically Limited Residence Districts and Two (2) Board Seats from the At-Large District.

i. Schedule of Current Board Terms

Seat #	District	Current Term Began	Current Term Ends	Next Election Date Under Current Law
Seat 1	One	January 1, 2013	December 31, 2016	November 2016
Seat 2	One	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2018	November 2018
Seat 3	Two	January 1, 2013	December 31, 2016	November 2016
Seat 4	Two	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2018	November 2018
Seat 5	Three	January 1, 2013	December 31, 2016	November 2016

ii. Schedule for Next Election of Geographically Limited Residence Districts and the two at-large District Board Members

2016 Election

Three (3) seats up for election at the 2016 general election

- One (1) seat for the at-large district
 - Given a current sitting Board member from District 1 (term expiring in 2018), only candidates from District 2 or 3 may be placed on the ballot for the at-large seat in 2016
- One (1) seat for District 1
- One (1) seat for District 3

2018 Election

Two (2) seats up for election at the 2018 general election

- One (1) seat for the at-large district
 - Commencing with the 2018 election the restriction that the candidate for the "at-large" district seat cannot be from the same geographical limited residence district as the other at-large Board Member is applicable
- One (1) seat for District 2

F. Vacancies on the Board of Education

Vacancies on the Board of Education before the end of the term of office occur as described by state statute governing community school corporations. The procedure for filling a vacancy will be governed by those same statutory provisions.

G. Compensation

Members shall be entitled to compensation for the performance of their duties on the Board, as limited by applicable law and as determined, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.

(End of Restated Plan of Organization)

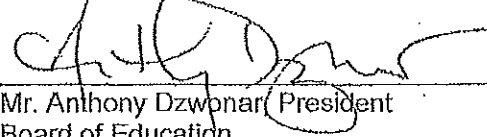
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MSDWT's legal counsel is directed to cause notice of this Board's adoption of the foregoing plan to be published, as required by the provision of I.C. 20-23-8-14, in newspapers of general circulation published in Marion County, Indiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the superintendent, school administration, 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 this governing body as hereinabove set forth.

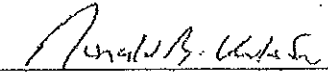
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana, that the foregoing be approved and adopted.

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED this 9th day of December, 2015.

MSD of Washington Township



Mr. Anthony Dzwonar President
Board of Education

Attest: 

Mr. Donald Kite;
Secretary Board of Education

ATTACHMENT A

Metropolitan School District of Washington Township
Geographically Defined Residence Districts
for use in the
Election of the Board of Education

District One (1)

BOUNDARY LINES: Beginning at 86th St. and Township Line Rd. East on 86th to Harcourt Rd., South on Harcourt to 79th St., East on 79th to Spring Mill Rd., South on Spring Mill to 75th St., East on 75th to College Ave., South on College to 71st, West on 71st to Central Ave., South on Central to Washington Blvd., Northwest on Washington Blvd. to 71st St., West on 71st to Pennsylvania, South on Pennsylvania to the North Shore of White River, Southwest along the shore to a line which is the projection North of Boulevard Place, South from there to the Water Company Canal, Southwest along the North Shore of the canal to 38th St., West to Township Line Rd., North along the Western Township line to 86th.

District Two (2)

BOUNDARY LINES: Beginning at 96th St., and Township Line Road, South to 86th St., West on 86th to Harcourt Rd. South on Harcourt to 79th St., East on 79th to Spring Mill Rd., South on Spring Mill to 75th St., East on 75th to College Ave., South on College to 71st St., Southeast along the old City of Indianapolis boundary line to Westfield Blvd., South on Westfield to the White River, along the North Shore of White River to 64th St., projected West, along that projected line to 64th St., continuing to Evanston, South on Evanston to Broad Ripple Ave., East on Broad Ripple to Burlington, North on Burlington to McKinley St., West to Keystone Ave., North on Keystone to 71st St., East on 71st to Dean Rd., North on Dean Rd. to 82nd St., and continuing Northwest as 82nd becomes 86th St., to Manderly, North on Manderly to 91st St., West on 91st to Kerwood, North on Kerwood (extended) to 96th St., West on 96th to Township Line Rd.

District Three (3)

BOUNDARY LINES: Beginning at Kerwood (extended) and 96th St., South on Kerwood to 91st., East on 91st to Manderly, South on Manderly to 86th St., East on 86th and Southeast as it becomes 82nd to Dean Rd., South on Dean Rd., to 71st St., West on 71st to Keystone Ave., South on Keystone to McKinley St., (extended east), along that line to Tacoma Ave., South on Tacoma to 62nd St., East on 62nd to Rural St., South on Rural to Kessler Blvd., East on Kessler to the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks, Southwest along the tracks to Keystone Ave., South on Keystone to 46th St., East on 46th to Penwood Dr., North on Penwood to Willowbrook Pkwy., East on Willowbrook as it becomes 47th St., to Fall Creek Pkwy. N. Dr. Southwest on Fall Creek to 46th St., East on the old City of Indianapolis boundary line and East on 46th to Sherman, South on Sherman to 42nd St., East on 42nd to Berkshire Dr., North on Berkshire to Devon Dr., East on Devon to Emerson Ave., North on Emerson to Emerson Way, North on Emerson Way to Fall Creek Pkwy. N. Dr., East on Fall Creek to the East Township line, along the Township line to 62nd St., East on 62nd (extended) to the East line of the Township, North on that line to 96th St., West on the North Line of the Township to the beginning.

**Metropolitan School District of Washington Township - 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46240 (Wednesday, December 9, 2015)**

Generated by Cheryl L Sutton on Monday, December 28, 2015

Members present: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy
Others: Dr. Woodson, Mrs. Sutton, Dr. Milleman, Ms. Britain-Smith, Mr. Doss, Mr. Kneebone,
Mr. Licata, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Piper, Mr. Oestreich, Mrs. Wright-Browner, Allyson Smith, Matt
Kaiser, Tom Gayda, Andy Elkins, Sandra Brown, Mike Pomerence, Kari Fritz, Sabra Gage,
Camela Manning, North Central Competition Cheer Squad

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

A. Regular Meeting - Board of Education - Wednesday, December 9, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. -
Community and Education Center

Mr. Dzwonar called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Oestreich to lead those in attendance
with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Spann Roddy read the Mission Statement
aloud.

B. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Resolution: Approval of the Consent Agenda containing the Minutes of the November 11, 2015
Regular Meeting, the Memoranda of the November 11, 2015, and the December 1, 2015
Special/Study Sessions; a Payroll Calculation Summary, a Claims Docket in the amount of
\$809,185.15; a Human Resources Report containing Certified Personnel - Two Leaves (20),
(21), Three Resignations (12), (13), (14), and One Retirement (5), and Classified Personnel - Ten
New Appointments (143), (144), (145), (146), (147), (148), (149), (150), (151), (152), and Nine
Resignations (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53). There were no non-competitive grants, gifts or
donations presented for the Board's approval.

Motion by Mr. Kite, second by Dr. Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy

C. December Board Recognitions

Recognition: 1. December Recognitions

The Board recognized the following individuals at the December 9th School Board Meeting:

Nick Chelales and Camelia Manning, North Central High School Students, for receiving the 2015
Indiana Outstanding High School Student of Spanish Award.

The North Central Competition Cheer Squad – At their very first Cheer Competition the
squad took first place in their division and also pocketed the coveted 'spirit award.'

The Cheer Squad includes Nia Anyike, Andrel Bridges, Arianna Dyson, Je Leah Cheesborough, Morgan Hughey, Mauriah Lanier, Kyla Mahomes, Elizabeth Martin, Emily McGrath, Grace McIntyre, Becca Myers, Hannah Pack, Gerrick Reese, Cameron Ross, Chynna Rowe, Sophia Schadewald, LaNel Scott, Chynna Smith, Gabby Stowers, and Renejha Williams.

Sandra Brown – Teacher Allisonville Elementary School - The 2015 recipient of the Indiana Council for the Social Studies Distinguished Teacher Award.

Tom Gayda – Teacher North Central High School – The 2015 recipient of the S'Park Media Mentor Award.

Matt Kaiser, Principal Northview Middle School – Paula Silver Case Award Recipient.

D. Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Woodson provided the Board with the following announcements and documents:

1. IB Grant Awards: Each Elementary School received a grant from IB
2. The Advance Center Bash - MSDWT stakeholders netted over \$100,000!
3. The Secured School Safety Board has awarded MSD Washington Township a FY16 Secured School Safety Grant, in the amount of \$50,000.00. These funds will be used to continue the services of the 2nd SRO Officer at the High School.
4. Steve Auslander Teacher at Allisonville Elementary recently received a 3-D Printer.
5. Information on the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Process.
6. Letter from author Jeffrey Cohen mentioning Eastwood Middle School.
7. North Central High School QAR.
8. IAPSS Op-Ed.
9. J. Everett Light Career Center QAR.
10. Draft 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule.
11. Dr. Woodson just graduated Hoosier Fellows Graduate.
12. Washington Township School Improvement Plan Timeline.
13. J. Everett Light Career Center Soft Skills.
14. Spring Mill Elementary School's Cultural Open House Invite where students work of their studies around the world is showcased.
15. CEC Annual Open House will be held on December 10, 2015.

E. Academic Focus

Information: 1. Academic Achievement Review: ISTEP, ECA & Graduation Rate Analysis - Dr. Milleman & Teaching & Learning Division Team

Dr. Milleman, Dr. Michalek and Mr. Doss provided the Board with a comprehensive report on ISTEP, ECA and Graduation Rate Analysis. The Board had questions. Discussion took place. The full report and discussion can heard on the District's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/in/mwtin/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>

F. Comments From the Public (not to exceed a total of 20 minutes)

Information: 1. The public is cordially invited to make comments at this time. Information about communicating special concerns may be found at the back of the room or in the booklet titled A District Handbook & Student Parent Guide

There were no comments from the public.

G. Action Items

Action: 1. Approval of the 2016-2019 Washington Township District Strategic Plan - Dr. Woodson

The Board attended the open Public Forums where information was gathered for input into the Strategic Planning Document and has provided input regarding several drafts of the District's Strategic Plan. Dr. Woodson thanked the Board and her Cabinet for their input and for attending the Community Input Meetings and for the long hours everyone put into the Strategic Plan Document.

Motion by Mr. Kite, second by Dr. Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy

Action: 2. Approval of PPACA Indemnification Resolution – Mr. Licata

Mr. Licata explained that the Resolution is an indemnification resolution. Its aim is to eliminate personal liability for the Board of Education and other District employees who were involved in the process of making a business decision which may result in the District being required to pay a penalty for those individuals that were offered health insurance that is affordable or for some of our employees whose insurance offering is considered unaffordable.

Motion by Mr. Kite, second by Mr. Turner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy

Action: 3. Approval of 2016-17 School Calendar Modifications - Dr. Milleman

Dr. Milleman discussed with the Board the rationale for modifying the 2016-2017 School Calendar, the rationale being that providing a professional development day will allow staff to engage in extended discussion with colleagues regarding the implementation of instructional strategies, and it will allow the staff to review student achievement data, to work collaboratively, and to meet IB requirements. Additionally, it will allow the District to pilot student online home learning activities. Dr. Milleman asked for the Board's approval of the suggested calendar modifications.

Motion by Mr. Turner, second by Dr. Spann-Roddy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy

Action: 4. Approval of First Reading of Policies - Policy 5461-Credit for Courses Completed Before Students Enter Grade 9; Policy 9810 - Washington Township Schools Advancement Center and Policy 7235 - Grants, Awards, and Other Financial Incentives - Dr. Milleman

The Board approved First Reading of the referenced policies with the changes suggested by Board members.

Motion by Mr. Kite, second by Dr. Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy

Action: 5. Board Election Resolution - Mr. Rubright

The Board previously met with members of the Marion County Election Board and conducted a Study Session to review and discuss information presented to the Board by the Election Board regarding Board Elections. The Election Board met with the Board to request that the Board make changes to the election structure making the process less complicated for voters and prospective candidates. Mr. Rubright explained that Washington Township presently has a five member Board which is elected at-large with no more than two seats being elected from the same district. In the future, while one Board member will be elected at-large each election, the Board's geographic diversity will be maintained.

Motion by Dr. Hill, second by Dr. Spann-Roddy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill, Dr. Spann-Roddy

H. Information Items/Board Discussion

Information, Report: 1. Master Facility Planning Update - Ms. Britain-Smith

Ms. Britain-Smith gave the Board an update on the Master Facility Planning. The full report can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/in/mwtin/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>

Information: 2. MYP Criterion to Letter Grades and Assessment Development Update - Mrs. Smith

Ms. Smith gave the Board a report on the Middle Years Program five year Strategic Plan. The full report can be accessed on the District's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/in/mwtin/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>

Discussion, Information, Report: 3. Board Discussion and Liaison Reports

Dr. Spann Roddy has attended several school visits during the last month. She has also attended the United Negro College Fund Masked Ball with Dr. Woodson.

Dr. Hill attended the musical at North Central High School. He also participated in the Hilltop School visit, the Spring Mill food drive, and the Safety and Wellness Committee Meeting.

Mr. Kite attended the GED Graduation, the Policy Committee Meeting, the IB Heads Council Meeting, Greenbriar's Thanksgiving Celebration, the Parent Council Meeting, the John Strange tour, and the Master Facilities Meeting.

Mr. Turner attended the Master Facilities Meeting and the GED Graduation.

Mr. Dzwonar attended the Northview, Eastwood and Fox Hill school visits and the musical at North Central High School.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business Dr. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Turner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

A Study Session was held immediately following the Regular Meeting.


Attending: Mr. Dzwonar, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kite, Dr. Hill and Dr. Spann Roddy, Dr. Woodson, Dr. Milleman, Mr. Doss, Mrs. Piper, Mrs. Lowe

J. Special/Study Session: Final Quality Assurance Review (QAR) for 2012-2015 Strategic Plan: Teaching and Learning Division

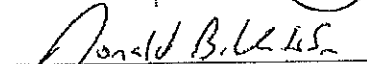
Information, Report: 1. Teaching & Learning Final QAR for 2012-15 Strategic Plan

The Study Session was adjourned 9:55 p.m.

We hereby certify that the foregoing constitute the minutes of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township for the Board's Regular Meeting occurring on December 9, 2015 as approved by the Board on January 13, 2016.



Anthony Dzwonar, President



Donald B. Kite, Sr., Secretary

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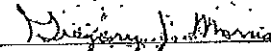
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Karen Aruta

My Commission Expires: January 22, 2016.
County of Residence: Hamilton

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, this 14th day of December 2015

Notary Public


Gregory J. Morris

NOTICE THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HAS INITIATED A PLAN TO CHANGE THE MANNER AND TIMING TO WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY IS ELECTED

On December 9, 2015, the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township ("MSDWT") initiated a change in the Plan of Organization pursuant to I.C. 20-23-9-10 concerning the timing and method of election of the members of the governing body of the School District.

Voters residing within the geographical boundaries of the MSDWT have the right to file a petition pursuant to IC 20-23-9-14 for an alternative plan or petition protesting the plan set forth in this legal advertisement with the Marion County Circuit Court Clerk. Any such petition must have the requisite number of unaffiliated voters signing the petition as required by IC 20-23-9-14(d) and be led no later than the one hundred twentieth (120th) calendar day following the date this legal ad was published.

RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN OF ORGANIZATION CHANGING THE TIME AND MANNER OF THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township ("MSDWT") was initially formed in 1955 under the then-statuatory provisions of the Metropolitan School District Act as a reorganization of the public schools then operated by the Washington Township Trustees (i.e., those within Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana, not within the jurisdiction of the other school district of Indiana);

WHEREAS, the MSDWT was again reorganized in 1982 as a community school corporation - but with the same governing structure and geographical territory - under the School Reorganization Act of 1969, and that plan officially approved by the Indiana State Commission of School Reorganization on January 9, 1982. However, the school corporation retained its current name of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township even though now organized under the Community School Corporation Act;

WHEREAS, in 2008 there was uncertainty as to whether MSDWT was governed by the Metropolitan School District Act or the Community School Corporation Act to determine the term of an appointment to a vacant Board seat and, as a result, the MSDWT Board of Education filed an action for declaratory judgment to resolve the question;

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2008, the Marion County Superior Court determined that MSDWT was a Community School Corporation and a Declaratory Judgment in Metropolitan School District of Washington Township v. Marion County Election Board, Cause Number 49D11-0610-16-04344;

WHEREAS, MSDWT's current Plan of Organization provides for the election of its non-partisan, five (5) member governing body by all voters in MSDWT, that those members may serve an unlimited number of four (4) year terms, that those terms are staggered so that three (3) members are elected at the primary election in presidential election years, two (2) members are elected at the primary election two (2) years later in Congressional mid-term years and finally, to ensure geographic diversity on the Board, that three (3) at-large districts are created in MSDWT with no more than two (2) Board members elected from the same residence district;

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation (IC 20-23-4-28.1b) requiring members of the governing body of all public school corporations to be elected at the general election rather than the primary election;

WHEREAS, state law governs the election of public school board members, it is in the best interest of the school community that the MSDWT amend its Plan of Organization so as to avoid any confusion that it complies with state law regarding the election of the members of its governing body;

WHEREAS, the Marion County Election Board ("MC EB") has also asked that MSDWT consider modifying its current Plan of Organization to address the manner in which members of its governing body are elected because its current method does not allow for the use of available automated tabulating technology and, under certain limited circumstances, can lead to unnecessarily complicated ballot instructions, voter confusion, erroneously completed and possibly discarded ballots, delayed results and perceptions of unfairness;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of MSDWT has developed a Restated Plan of Organization which slightly modifies the election structure for Board members to address the two (2) issues above but also preserves the current and historical practice of board members elected by and representing all MSDWT voters without concentration of a majority of the Board from just one geographical area or residence district;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of MSDWT to restructure its Plan of Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, pursuant to the provisions of IC 20-23-9-10(a)(2), hereby adopts and restates the following MSDWT Plan of Organization:

(End of Restate - Here Follows Restated Plan of Organization)
Metropolitan School District of Washington Township
Plan of Organization

- I. Definitions.
 - a) The School Corporation shall continue to be called the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township ("MSDWT") even though it will continue as a community school corporation organized pursuant to the Community School Corporation Act.
 - b) The governing body of MSDWT shall be called the Board of Education.
- II. Effectivity of Law.

This Organizational Plan will be interpreted consistent with Indiana state law and to the extent that any existing or future statute will be inconsistent with this Organizational Plan, this plan will be considered amended to be consistent with state law.
- III. Effective Date.

This Organizational Plan will be effective the date the Organizational Plan is approved by the Indiana State Board of Education.
- IV. Governing Body Qualification Requirements and Manner of Election.
 - A. Number and Residence Districts.

The governance of MSDWT shall be vested in a non-partisan Board of Education composed of five (5) board members elected by all of the registered voters residing within MSDWT.

There shall continue to be three (3) geographically defined residence districts. This MSDWT Plan of Organization does not change the boundaries of the current residence districts. These geographical districts are defined in Attachment A.

Three (3) of the five (5) Board Members must reside within and run for a Board position from those three geographically limited residence districts with one member elected from each such residence district. The other two (2) Board Member positions will be elected from the at-large district comprising of the entire territory of MSDWT, provided, however, both of the at-large seat Board Members may not reside within the same geographically limited residence district.
 - B. Eligibility for Membership on Board.

To be eligible to serve on the Board a candidate must meet the following requirements:

 - i) requirement or qualifications as provided by state law;
 - ii) candidates running for election to the Board of Education from one of the three (3) geographically limited residence districts must have been a continuous resident of that district for a period of time in excess of one (1) year prior to the date of the general election on which the candidate's name appears on the ballot for election;

- ii) Candidates running for election to the Board of Education from the at-large district must have been a continuous resident of the MSDWT geographical area for a period of time in excess of one (1) year prior to the date of the general election on which the at-large candidate's name appears on the ballot for election; and (2) does not reside within the same geographically limited residence district as the other incumbent at-large Board Member at the time of the election.
- C. Election Date.

The Board Members shall be elected by popular vote by voters residing within the entire geographical territory of the School District, which election shall be at the general elections during which the county officials are on the ballot. Three (3) members shall be elected in presidential election years. Two (2) members shall be elected two (2) years later in Congressional mid-term election years.
- D. Term of Office.

The term of office shall be four (4) years commencing as of January 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Board Member's election occurred. There shall be no limitation on the number of terms to which a member may be elected or reappointed. Membership of the Board of Education shall constitute the holding of a "lucrative office" as said term is used in Article 2, §9, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.
- E. Transition Plan Implementing New Election Organization of Three (3) Geographically Limited Residence Districts and Two (2) Board Seats from the At-Large District.
 - i. Schedule of Current Board Terms.

Seat #	District	Current Term Began	Current Term Ends	Next Election Date Under Current Law
Seat 1	One	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2018	November 2016
Seat 2	One	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2018	November 2016
Seat 3	Two	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2016	November 2016
Seat 4	Two	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2018	November 2016
Seat 5	Three	January 1, 2013	December 31, 2016	November 2016
 - ii. Schedule for Next Election of Geographically Limited Residence Districts and the Two At-Large District Board Members.

2016 Election

 - Three (3) seats up for election at the 2016 general election
 - One (1) seat for the at-large district
 - Given a current sitting Board member from District 1 (term expiring in 2018), only candidates from District 2 or 3 may be placed on the ballot for the at-large seat in 2016
 - One (1) seat for District 1
 - One (1) seat for District 3
 - 2018 Election
 - Two (2) seats up for election at the 2018 general election
 - One (1) seat for the at-large district
 - Commencing with the 2018 election the restriction that the candidate for the "at-large" district seat cannot be from the same geographical limited residence district as the other at-large Board Member is applicable
 - One (1) seat for District 2
- F. Vacancies on the Board of Education.

Vacancies on the Board of Education before the end of the term of office occur as described by state statute governing community school corporations. The procedure for filling a vacancy will be governed by those same statutory provisions.
- G. Compensation.

Members shall be entitled to compensation for the performance of their duties on the Board, as limited by applicable law and as determined, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.

(End of Restated Plan of Organization)

**ATTACHMENT A FOLLOWS:
Metropolitan School District of Washington Township
Geographically Defined Residence Districts
for use in the
Election of the Board of Education**

- District One (1)

BOUNDARY LINES: Beginning at 86th St. and Township Line Rd. East on 86th to Harcourt Rd., South on Harcourt to 76th St., East on 76th to Spring Hill Rd., South on Spring Hill to 76th St., East on 76th to College Ave., South on College to 71st St., West on 71st to Central Ave., South on Central to Washington Blvd., Northwest on Washington Blvd. to 71st St., West on 71st to Pennsylvania, South on Pennsylvania to the North Shore of White River, Southwest along the shore to a line which is the projection North of Boulevard Place, South from there to the Water Company Canal, Southwest along the North Shore of the canal to 36th St., West to Township Line Rd., North along the Western Township line to 86th.
- District Two (2)

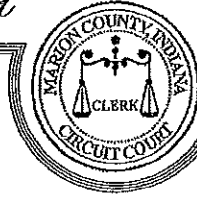
BOUNDARY LINES: Beginning at 96th St. and Township Line Road, South on 96th St. West on 96th to Harcourt Rd., South on Harcourt to 79th St., East on 79th to Spring Hill Rd., South on Spring Hill to 76th St., East on 76th to College Ave., South on College to 71st St., Southeast along the old City of Indianapolis boundary line to Westfield Blvd., South on Westfield to the White River, along the North Shore of White River to 84th St., projected West, along that projected line to 84th St., continuing to Evanson, South on Evanson to Broad Ripple Ave., East on Broad Ripple to Burlington, North on Burlington to McKinley St., West to Keystone Ave., North on Keystone to 71st St., East on 71st to Dean Rd., North on Dean Rd. to 62nd St., and continuing Northwest as 82nd becomes 80th St., to Mandery, North on Mandery to 81st St., West on 81st to Kerwood, North on Kerwood (extended) to 96th St., West on 96th to Township Line Rd.
- District Three (3)

BOUNDARY LINES: Beginning at Kerwood (extended) and 96th St., South on Kerwood to 81st St., East on 81st to Mandery, South on Mandery to 86th St., East on 86th and Southeast as it becomes 82nd to Dean Rd., South on Dean Rd., to 71st St., West on 71st to Keystone Ave., South on Keystone to McKinley St., (extended east), along that line to Tacoma Ave., South on Tacoma to 82nd St., East on 82nd to Rural St., South on Rural to Kessler Blvd., East on Kessler to the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks, Southwest along the tracks to Keystone Ave., South on Keystone to 46th St., East on 46th to Penwood Dr., North on Penwood to Whitebrook Pkwy., East on Whitebrook as it becomes 47th St., to Fall Creek Pkwy. N. Dr. Southwest on Fall Creek to 46th St., East on 46th to Sherman, South on Sherman to 42nd St., East on 42nd to Berkshire Dr., North on Berkshire to Devon Dr., East on Devon to Emerson Ave., North on Emerson to Emerson Way, North on Emerson Way to Fall Creek Pkwy. N. Dr., East on Fall Creek to the East Township line, along the Township line to 62nd St., East on 62nd (extended) to the East line of the Township, North on that line to 88th St., West on the North Line of the Township to the beginning.

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April 13, 2016

Mr. Anthony Dzwonar
President
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8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.
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Re: M.S.D. of Washington Township Restatement of Plan of Organization

Mr. Dzwonar:

The Marion County Clerk's office did not receive any protest petitions or any petitions submitting an alternative plan during the time period from December 14, 2015 up to and including April 12, 2016 in accordance with Indiana Code § 20-23-8 regarding the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township's Restatement of Plan of Organization.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Russell Hollis in cursive.

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Cc: Jonathan L. Mayes

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