




MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Dana L. Long, Legal Counsel 

Re: Amended Governing Body Selection Plan:
Board of School Trustees, Goshen Community Schools

DATE: May 30, 2012

The Board of School Trustees, Goshen Community Schools, has submitted the attached Resolution to amend its governing body selection plan to change the boundaries of its electoral districts after the last decennial census as well as to move the election of school board members from the primary election to the general election.

The plan as submitted satisfies the requirements of I.C. 20-23-8 and is recommended for approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-15.

Enclosures

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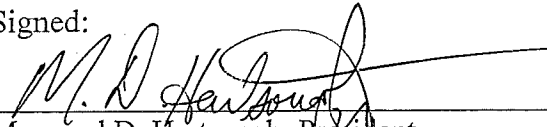
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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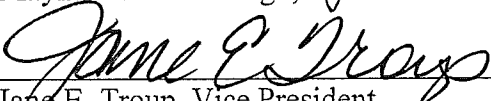
Be, and it is hereby, RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools that the following plan for the constitution for the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools be published, referred to the State Board of Education for review and adopted, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 8 of Article 23, Title 20 of the Indiana Code.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2012.

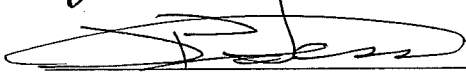
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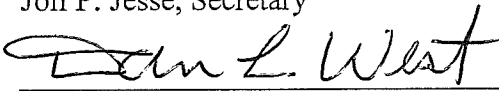
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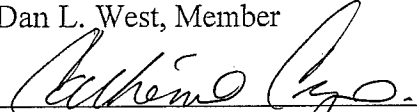
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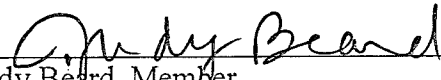
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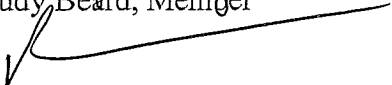
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CONSTITUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
OF
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS,
ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA

The following plan shall determine the manner in which the Board of School Trustees of the Goshen Community Schools shall be constituted:

I. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

A. The number of members of the Board of School Trustees, as the Governing Body of Goshen Community Schools, shall be seven (7), elected on a nonpartisan basis.

B. Three (3) of the members shall be at-large members, elected by all the voters of the school corporation, and four (4) of the members shall be electoral district members, each residing in an electoral district from which he or she is elected by voters residing in that same electoral district. The four (4) electoral districts of the Community School District shall be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

District 1 shall consist of Elkhart Township precincts numbered 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 9 as the same shall have been established prior to the 2012 general election in accord with Ind. Code § 3-11-1.5-38 and Ordinance Number 2011-372 of The Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana.

District 2 shall consist of Elkhart Township precincts numbered 3, 8, 10, 11 and 12 as the same have been so established.

District 3 shall consist of Elkhart Township precincts numbered 4, 13, 15, 20 and 21 as the same have been so established.

District 4 shall consist of Elkhart Township precincts numbered 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 as the same have been so established.

II. CANDIDATES FOR ELECTORAL DISTRICT POSITIONS ON SCHOOL BOARD;
ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Whenever a candidate runs for one of the electoral district positions on the school board, the following applies:

A. An individual who runs for one of the electoral district positions on the school board must reside within that electoral district.

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 electoral district position.

C. Only eligible voters residing in the candidate's electoral district may vote for the candidate.

D. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes in the candidate's electoral district will win the election in that district.

III. CANDIDATES FOR AT-LARGE POSITIONS; ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Whenever a candidate runs for one of the at-large positions on the school board, the following applies:

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. Eligible voters from all districts may vote for the candidate.

D. The candidates who receive the greatest number of votes win the available at-large positions.

IV. ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TERMS

A. One (1) at-large member of the school board shall be elected at the general elections held in November, 2012, and in November of every fourth year thereafter.

B. Two (2) at-large members of the school board shall be elected at the general elections held in November, 2014, and in November of every fourth year thereafter.

C. The District 2 and District 4 electoral district members of the school board shall be elected at the general elections held in November, 2012, and in November of every fourth year thereafter.

D. The District 1 and District 3 electoral district members of the school board shall be elected at the general elections held in November, 2014, and in November of every fourth year thereafter.

E. The terms of members of the school board shall run from January 1 in the year following election to December 31 of the fourth year thereafter.

F. School board elections shall be held at each general election and shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Indiana general election law and school board election law; however, in the event of a conflict, the school board member election law shall prevail.

V. BOARD MEMBERS

A. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled temporarily by the Board. A member chosen to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. A board member chosen by the Board to fill an electoral district vacancy shall reside in the District of the school corporation for which he or she is chosen to represent. A board member chosen to fill an at-large vacancy may reside anywhere in the school corporation. If there is a tie vote, or the Board fails to fill the vacancy in thirty (30) days, then the judge of the Elkhart Circuit Court shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

B. Board members shall have resided in the school corporation for at least one (1) year prior to taking office. Board members must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of taking office. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-26-4-11, an individual who is employed as a teacher, as defined in Ind. Code § 20-18-2-22, or as a noncertificated employee, as defined in Ind. Code § 20-29-2-11, of the school corporation may not be a member of the governing body of the school corporation.

C. Board members shall be compensated in an amount determined by the Board but not in an amount exceeding that set by the Indiana General Assembly at Ind. Code § 20-26-4-7.

VI. TRANSITIONAL MEASURES.

In order to facilitate the transition from the present plan to the plan described in this Constitution, pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-23-4-22(c) and Ind. Code § 20-23-8-8(a)(1), the terms of all current board members shall be extended one-half year from June 30 of the fourth year of each board member's current term to the next December 31.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This plan shall be effective on January 9, 2012.