



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Dana L. Long, Legal Counsel

Re: Amended Governing Body Selection Plan:
Board of School Trustees, Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District

DATE: August 1, 2012

The Board of School Trustees, Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District, has submitted the attached Resolution to amend its governing body selection plan to provide for the transition in electoral districts to reflect the population change outlined in the 2010 decennial census.

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

cc. File

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RESOLUTION _____

**A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF THE BLUFFTON-HARRISON
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Michelle Runkle
CLERK OF THE
WELLS CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, on November 9, 1978, pursuant to a special school referendum, the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District adopted a "Governing Body Selection Plan" which called for school board members to be elected according to established electoral districts of approximately equal population; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body Selection Plan that was adopted established three electoral districts defined as follows:

1. Precincts 1, 2 and 3 of the City of Bluffton as District 1;
2. Precincts 4, 5 and 6 of the City of Bluffton; as District 2; and
3. Harrison East precinct and Harrison West precinct, all in Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana as District 3

and further provided that the small portion of qualified voters who live outside of these three districts, but who reside within the School District shall be included as part of District 1; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with IC 20-23-8-8(a)(4), the governing board of the district is required to review and, if necessary to preserve population equality, reapportion said electoral districts prior to the election next following the effective of the subsequent decennial census; and

WHEREAS, a review of the population figures as set forth in the 2010 decennial census shows the populations of the electoral districts to be as follows:

District 1	2,814
District 2	3,782
District 3	1,935

such that population changes in the defined electoral districts have resulted in an unequal population distribution; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton Precinct 4, which is presently a part of Electoral District 2, but is also contiguous to Electoral District 3 has a population of 1,208 as shown by the 2010 decennial census;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1: The Electoral Districts of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District shall changed and reapportioned such that they shall now be defined as follows:

1. District 1 shall be defined as being those portions of Precincts 1, 2 and 3 of

the City of Bluffton which are within the corporate limits of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District. According to the 2010 census, the population of District 1 after the reapportionment is determined to be 2,814; and

2. District 2 shall be defined as being those portions of Precincts 5 and 6 of the City of Bluffton which are within the corporate limits of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District. According to the 2010 census, the population of District 2 after the reapportionment is determined to be 2,574; and

3. District 3 shall be defined as being those portions of Precinct 4 of the city of Bluffton and Harrison East Precinct, and Harrison West Precinct of Harrison Township, Wells County, Indiana which are within the corporate limits of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District. According to the 2010 census, the population of District 3 after the reapportionment is determined to be 3,143.

See attached maps.

Section 2: The change of district boundaries as set forth herein shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to the election to occur in November 2012 and each election thereafter.

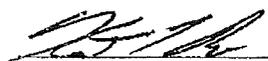
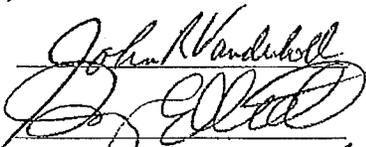
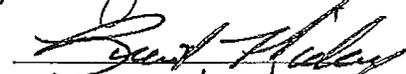
Section 3: All other provisions of the Bluffton -Harrison M.S.D. Governing Body Selection Plan as adopted by the Board of School Trustees, Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D. on November 9, 1978 and certified by the Commission on General Education, Indiana State Board of Education on March 7, 1979, shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District this 27th day of February, 2012, by the following vote.

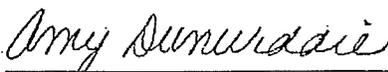
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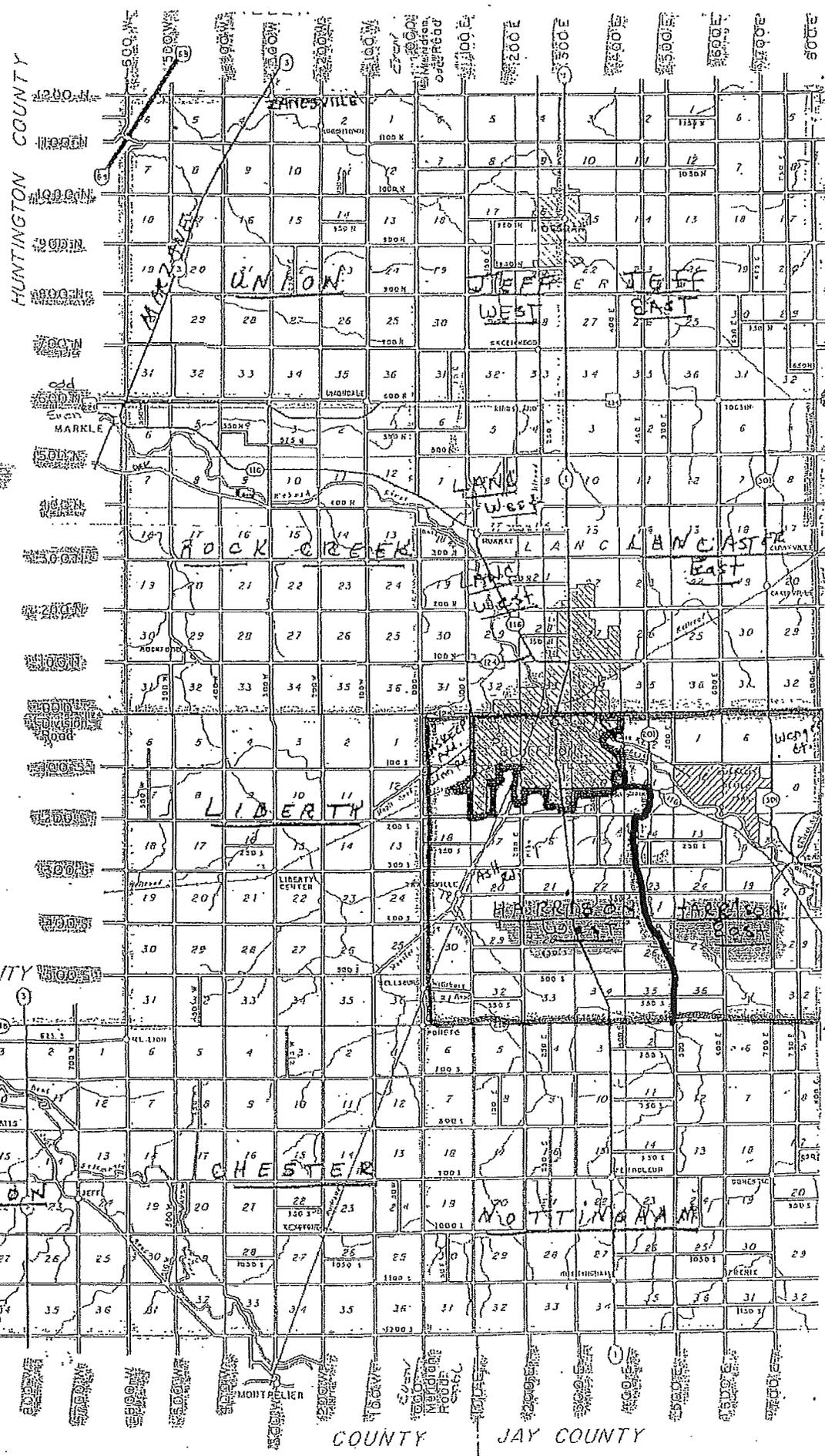
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**NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
BLUFFTON-HARRISON M.S.D. REAPPORTIONING ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-23-8-14 notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Bluffton-Harrison met on February 27, 2012, and passed ^a Resolution No. ~~1111~~ which purports to change the boundaries of and reapportion the electoral districts for the Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D.. The reapportionment will cause those voters residing in Bluffton Precinct 4 to be removed from School Electoral District 2 and be come part of School Electoral District 3 commencing with the election to take place November 2012. The entire text of said Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Any voter of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District may, in accordance with IC 20-23-8-11 and 20-23-8-14, file a petition for an alternative plan or a petition protesting the adoption of the plan as set forth in ^{the} Resolution ~~1111~~. Said petition must be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters of the school corporation or five hundred (500) voters of the school corporation, which ever is less, and shall be filed with the Clerk of the Wells Circuit Court within one hundred twenty (120) days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2012.



Secretary, Board of Education
Metropolitan School District of Bluffton-Harrison

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