



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

143 W. Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** John Snethen, General Counsel  
**Date:** October 7, 2014  
**RE:** Amended Governing Body Selection Plan: Elwood Community School Corporation

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Elwood Community School Corporation has submitted the attached materials to amend its governing body selection plan. The materials include a certification from the Madison County Clerk indicating no protests or counter-petitions have been filed, as well as a publisher's affidavit indicating satisfaction of the publishing requirements of I.C. 20-23-8-14.

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



Elwood Community School Corporation

Unit V

The name of the school corporation for the part of Madison County included in Unit V shall be the Elwood Community School Corporation and shall consist of all the territory within Madison County that is within the Civil City of Elwood: Sections 9N, 10N, 11N, 12N, 13, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 14, 15, 16, 21W, 22, 23, 28W, 27, and 33W in Pipe Creek Civil Township, and Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Duck Creek Civil Township.

The Elwood Community School Corporation shall be governed by a board of school trustees consisting of five (5) members; each of whom shall have been, at the time of the election, a resident within the corporation's territory for at least two (2) years preceding such election, shall be at least thirty (30) years of age, and shall be a resident voter in the school board member district he would represent.

Each candidate for membership on the board of school trustees shall be nominated and elected according to the provisions of Section Nine (9), Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1959, as amended in 1961 and 1963. The terms of all elected members of the board of school trustees shall begin on July 1 following the election. The Elwood Community School Corporation shall have an elected board consisting of five (5) members. The proposed Elwood Community School Corporation shall be divided into four (4) residence districts. School board residence district one (1) shall consist of Elwood Civil City laying west of the Pennsylvania Railroad. School board residence district one shall have one (1) board member who may reside on the west side of the Pennsylvania Railroad within school board residence district one (1). School board residence district two (2) shall consist of that part of Elwood Civil City laying east of the Pennsylvania Railroad. School board residence district two (2) shall have one (1) board member who may reside anywhere within district two (2). School board residence district three (3) shall consist of all the area inside the Civil City of Elwood. School board residence district three (3) shall have one (1) board member who may reside anywhere within district three (3). School board residence district four (4) shall consist of the area in the Elwood Community School Corporation laying outside the Civil City of Elwood. School board district four (4) shall have two (2) board members who may reside anywhere within district four (4). Candidates for membership on the board of school trustees shall compete against one another for election on a school board member residence basis, as specified in the section on limitation on residence, term of office and other qualifications required of the members of such board of school trustees; but they shall be voted upon by the voters residing within the boundaries of the proposed Elwood Community School Corporation.

At the first primary election following the creation of the Elwood Community School Corporation, the three (3) elected members receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The two (2) other elected members shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. All board members shall take office and assume their duties on the first day of July after their election. Thereafter, all members shall be elected for four (4) year terms of office; said election to be held at the primary election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office in question, to take office at the expiration of said term.

The interim board of school trustees shall be appointed by the Judge of the Madison County Circuit Court, according to Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1959 of the Indiana General Assembly, as amended in 1961 and 1963.

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Shepard - Batcher 4  
Parker - west of Penn RR - 1  
Shaw - East of Penn RR - 2  
Noble - District 3 (inside City) - 3

Dist 1 - in city west of Penn RR one member Charles Parker  
Dist 2 - in city East of Penn RR one member William Shaw  
Dist 3 - (it 2) inside city one member Matt Noble  
Dist 4 - outside civil city two members Lou Elbert  
William Shaw

The four members of the board of school trustees shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected to the respective positions at the first meeting of the interim board of school trustees and thereafter who shall be elected annually to the respective positions at the first meeting of the board of school trustees after July 1. The compensation for each board member shall be \$400 per annum and travel expenses actually incurred, including mileage for the use of his personally-owned automobile at the standard legal rate.

The Elwood Community School Corporation and its board of school trustees shall have all the rights, power and duties of a school city of the fourth class.

The Elwood Community School Corporation shall assume the obligations of current teacher contracts, including permanent teacher contracts, accumulated teacher sick leave, the obligation of school bus contracts, general obligation bonds, temporary school loans, school holding corporation bonds from former school corporations coming into the Elwood Community School Corporation in their entirety (Elwood City.)

The Elwood Community School Corporation shall assume the obligations following school buildings and lands coming with those sections listed above from Pipe Creek Township. Also, current teacher contracts, accumulated sick leave, the obligation of school bus contracts following the Red Corner Elementary building and South Elwood Elementary building with approximately 485 students, shall be assumed by the Elwood Community School Corporation at the time the Elwood Community School Corporation is officially created. The students shall be divided according to their residence in the proposed Elwood Community School Corporation.

The Elwood Community School Corporation shall receive all assets including lands, buildings, investments, working cash balances, cumulative fund balances, and monies in process of collection during the current budget period of the former school corporation absorbed in entirety (Elwood City) by the Elwood Community School Corporation.

The Elwood Community School Corporation shall receive assets including lands and buildings in the above listed sections of Pipe Creek Township, and in the above listed sections of Duck Creek Township and the following assets including investments, working cash balances, cumulative fund balances, and monies in process of collection during the current budget period of the former school corporations on a student per capita basis according to the division of enrollment at the time the Elwood Community School Corporation is officially created. The resident students in the above sections of Pipe Creek and Duck Creek Townships shall attend schools in the Elwood Community School Corporation.

The sections listed above in Pipe Creek Township became a part of the Central Metropolitan School Corporation of Madison County on July 1, 1964, and the sections of Duck Creek Township listed above became a part of the Madison-Grant Metropolitan School Corporation on July 1, 1964; therefore, the Madison County School Reorganization Committee recommends that assets, liabilities, and enrollments shall be transferred to the Elwood Community School Corporation according to the recommendation stated in the above paragraphs at the time the Elwood Community School Corporation is officially created.

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of the Elwood Community School Corporation met in Regular session in the Administration office at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014. All members were present. President Mrs. Hoel called the meeting to order.

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting – Mr. Savage moved to approve the Regular School Board minutes for March 13, 2014, Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Minutes of Special Public School Board Meeting – Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the Special Public School Board Meeting minutes for April 13, 2014; Mr. Savage seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Approval of Executive Minutes – Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the Executive Session minutes for February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 13, 2014; Mr. Savage seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Approval of Agenda – Mrs. Ratliff made a motion to approve the agenda for the Thursday, April 10, 2014 Regular Session School Board meeting; Mr. Abernathy seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Amendments to Agenda – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, reported there were 2 (two) amendments to add to the agenda; 1. Approval for the Annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C. trip and 2. Consulting Services recommendation. Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the 2 (two) additional items to be added to the agenda; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

At this point in the meeting Ms. Amy Matthews, from Church Church Hittle and Antrim, swore in new Board Member, Mr. Matt Todd. Mr. Todd was selected at the March 13, 2014 Regular Board meeting as the District I appointee replacing Mr. Richard Herndon whose resignation was announced at the February 27, 2014 Regular meeting of the Board.

Financial Report – Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the claim vouchers in the amount of \$485,747.82; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Comments from Patrons – Board President, Mrs. Hoel, opened the floor for comments from patrons. No patrons addressed the governing body.

Good News From Around The District - Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith introduced the recipients of the April Student of the Month Awards.



## New Business

Technology Proposal for 2014-2015 – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, presented a two part technology proposal for the 2014-2015 school year to the governing body.

- Contracting the services of 5 Star Technology for Technology Managing Services (TMS) involving comprehensive technology support and personnel, 2 full time on site techs, full monitoring services of our entire infrastructure. The monthly cost of the TMS service is \$12,700.00 and the contract is a month to month contract.

Board of School Trustees Secretary, Mr. Abernathy, questioned many sections of the 5 Star Technology contract and requested specific details be added before bringing to the governing body for formal approval. Secretary, Mr. Abernathy, expressed concern due to wording contradiction through-out the contract proposed and certain fees are not specified.

Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith requested permission to move forward with 5 Star Technology to resolve the contract issues to be able to formally present at the next Regular Meeting of Board in May.

Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the Superintendent to continue working with 5 Star Technology to include more detail into a contract proposal; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried.

- Technology Integration Services (TIS) supporting successful technology implementation for the school district by creating a strategic plan, developing leadership capacity with existing staff, providing unlimited professional learning, and enabling educator support in the classroom. The monthly fee for TIS service is \$7,500.00 per month and is a binding one year contract beginning July 1, 2014. Special Services Director, Mrs. Kelly Wilder reported to the Board of School Trustees she will encumber \$30,000.00 from the new Title II Federal Grant once it is approved by the State. The remaining payments will come from a Professional Services line. Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the monthly TIS services of 5 Star Technology; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Savage voted nay.

Criminal Justice Course Offering and Health Career Course Expansion – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith and John H. Hinds Career Center Director, Mr. James Pearson presented to the Board of School Trustees a new course offering and expansion of a current course. As of April 9, 2014, there are 37 students interested in a Criminal Justice course which does not include students from Hamilton Heights or Tri-Central Schools. Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith reported a potential earnings after all expenditures to be an estimated \$33,084.00.

Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith requested Board approval to expand the current Health Career course due to the number of interested students in this field.

Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as received; Mr. Savage seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Counselor Position – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, recommended to the Board of School Trustees to hire a Guidance Counselor to bring down the Student/Guidance ratio reporting poor ratio limits the amount of small group and social skill programming that can be done to assist students. Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the hiring of a Guidance Counselor; Mr. Savage seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Rainy Day Fund – Superintendent Dr. Timothy Smith requested approval from the Board to use the Rainy Day Fund to take the \$50,000.00 to meet the requirements of the Department of Homeland Security Grant. Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, reported the grant will be used to update the camera system to digital and help fund the school's Resource Officer.

Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, reported it is his plan after taking the \$50,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund to repay the fund back before the end of the year and to continue to increase the balance of the Rainy Day Fund over time.

Mr. Abernathy, Secretary of the Board, commented the Rainy Day Fund was created to be used for emergencies and this type of expenditure should come from the Capital Projects Fund or the General Fund.

Mr. Savage moved to approve the recommendation as received; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Abernathy voted nay.

Board Boundary Proposal – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith and Ms. Amy Matthews with Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim, Attorneys At Law, presented to the Board of School Trustees information on the reorganization of boundaries in compliance with I.C. 20-23-8. Several items needing updated are; 5 (five) at large members, being eligible at age 21 and compensation to be what is applicable by law.

Mr. Abernathy, Board Secretary, read the "Notice Of Adoption By Elwood Community School Corporation Of Resolution Initiating An Amended And Restated Plan Of Organization" in accordance with I.C. 20-23-8-14(a).

Mrs. Ratliff moved to approve the Resolution as presented; Mr. Todd seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Annual Washington D.C. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, requested approval for the annual 8<sup>th</sup> (eighth) grade Washington D.C. trip. Students will leave the evening of Wednesday, October 22, 2014 and return early morning of Sunday, October 26, 2014 for this three day/ two night tour of Washington, D.C. The price of the trip is \$650.00 per student and parents wishing to go as participants will pay \$790.00 for a private hotel room or \$720.00 each for double hotel occupancy.

Mr. Abernathy moved to approve the annual Washington D.C. trip as presented; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Consulting Services – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, requested approval to work with Consultant, Dr. Steven Benjamin. Dr. Steven Benjamin has great success in bringing lower graded schools up to a higher graded school and will work with the Superintendent after assessing current procedures at the school levels. The cost for Dr. Steven Benjamin is \$1,400.00 plus travel expenses per day. Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith asked to be allocated \$10,000.00 for Dr. Steven Benjamin consulting services. Mr. Abernathy made the motion to approve; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Donations – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, asked the governing body to approve the following donations:

- A check in the amount of \$400.00 to Elwood High School for softball equipment and supplies from Cops for Kids of Indiana, Inc.
- \$600.00 to Elwood High School for softball equipment and uniforms from Taylor Rental Properties LLC.
- A heavy duty 14 by 70 indoor cage net to Elwood High School for softball and baseball indoor hitting practices from Taylor Rental Properties LLC.
- Coats to Elwood Elementary for children in need from Dr. Tom and Becky Moser.
- \$1,062.15 to Elwood High School for purchase of girls track uniforms from Angela Molt, Ken and Pam Lehman, Mark and Rebecca Crim, Roby's Grill, Kane Enterprises, Pizza King, Class of 1977 and anonymous.
- \$1,000.00 to Elwood Elementary School for PTO special account fund to be used at Principal, Mrs. Groovers discretion from In Memory of Jack Miller.

Mr. Abernathy moved to approve all donations as received; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Personnel – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith, requested the following personnel items be approved;

- The retirement of Karl Gregg, Director of Maintenance, effective at the end of the work day on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.
- The retirement of Ronda K. Smuck, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith requested permission to post this position.
- The resignation of Spanish Teacher, Alejandra Davila-Lopez, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
- Volunteer baseball coaches, Drew Wells and Allen Hinrichsen for the 2013-2014 school year
- Amanda Wingrove as a volunteer middle school track coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Abernathy moved to approve all personnel items as received; Mrs. Ratliff seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Updates and Announcements – Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith made the following announcements:

- Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith is in the process of getting quotes for the project of securing our entrances.
- Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith reported the Administration team meets each Friday on the re-configuration process.
- Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith reported as of April 10, 2014 the 4 (four) closed days from the winter months have been made up in compliance with the Indiana Department of Education.
- Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith announced the next regular meeting of the board was scheduled for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Due to attending the Annual IASBP Conference from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 this meeting will need to be changed and requested May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 as the first replacement date. Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Smith recommended a second board meeting in May be scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014.

Mrs. Ratliff moved to approve the May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> dates for the May 2014 Regular meeting of the Board. Mr. Abernathy seconded. Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Mrs. Ratliff moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Abernathy seconded, Motion carried. There were no nay votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Stephan L. Hoel PRESIDENT

Sandra Ratliff VICE PRESIDENT

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[Signature] MEMBER

Max [Signature] MEMBER



# *Elwood Community Schools*

## RESOLUTION-01-2014

### A RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN OF ORGANIZATION CHANGING GOVERNING BODY COMPOSITION AND MANNER OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (hereinafter "Board") of Elwood Community Schools currently consists of a five-member non-partisan elected Board with five members thereof elected as residents from within one of four geographically defined areas within the school corporation by all voters living within the entire geographic boundaries of the school corporation; and

WHEREAS, the current Board has concluded that there should be initiated a proposed plan to change the composition and method of electing the Board; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Indiana Code ("I.C.") 20-23-8, et. seq., provide the Board with the authority and designated process by which such a proposed plan to change the composition and method of electing a governing body of a public school corporation might be initiated, advertised and ultimately adopted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 20-23-8-10(a)(2), it hereby adopts the following changes in the Elwood Community Schools Organization Plan by which members of the Board are to be elected following the Effective Date hereof, as set forth below.

(End of Recitals – Here Follows Plan Change)

## Plan for Governing Body Composition Change

### A. Board of School Trustees

1. Number & At-Large Members – The governance of Elwood Community Schools shall be vested in a non-partisan Board composed of five (5) members elected at a November general election in accordance with the provisions of I.C. 20-23-4-29.1. There shall be five (5) at large members who might reside anywhere within the geographic boundaries of the school corporation and are voted by all voters living within the school corporation. It is the intent of the Board that this manner of election be that option set forth in I.C. 20-23-4-27(c)(1).
2. Term of Office – Membership on the Board 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. Members shall be elected to a term of office of four (4) years commencing as of January 1 of the year following the year of their election, except as otherwise herein provided.
3. Organization and Appointment of Officers – The Board shall annually organize within fifteen (15) days after the commencement date of the members’ terms of office, or within such time as might otherwise be required by applicable law. The Board shall elect from among its membership a president, vice president, and secretary, each of whom shall be a different member of the Board. The Board may make such other appointments as permitted by, and in accordance with, applicable law.
4. 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 this Board.
5. Eligibility for Membership on Board – To be eligible to serve on the Board, a candidate for election to the Board must have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years prior to the date that the candidate’s term of office would begin. Candidates running for election to the Board must have been a continuous resident residing anywhere within the

geographic boundaries of the school corporation 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 to the Board. Property ownership shall not be an eligibility requirement for a candidate seeking election to the Board.

6. Vacancies on Board – Vacancies on the Board existing because of the death of a school board member shall be filled in the manner provided by I.C. 20-26-4-4.5, as from time to time amended. Vacancies on the Board existing for any reason other than the death of an elected, qualified, and acting school board member shall be filled in the manner provided by I.C. 20-26-4-4(c), as from time to time amended.

B. Transition Plan Pending Board Elections

1. Schedule of Current Board Terms – The terms of office of the current members of the Board, the end of their current term, and their seat's next election date all as set forth by the law and the Elwood Community Schools governing body selection plan then in effect at the time of their election are as follows:

Member	Term Ends	Next Election (under current law)
David Abernathy	12/31/14	November 2014
Stephanie Hoel	12/31/16	November 2016
Sandy Ratliff	12/31/16	November 2016
Bob Savage	12/31/16	November 2016
Matt Todd	12/31/14	November 2014

2. Transition of Residential District to At Large Representation – The representation of the existing board members and their current terms shall be transitioned under this proposed plan change in the following manner:

Each member currently resides in one of the four residential districts ("District #1 - #4"). From the Effective Date of this proposed plan until the end of their current terms, as herein extended, each member shall serve as a member residing in the "at-large" district, consisting of the entire boundaries of the school

corporation, under this proposed plan. Thereafter, members of the Board will be elected in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>New District</b>	<b>Current Member</b>	<b>Next Election</b>	<b>Next Seating</b>
At large	Abernathy	Nov 2014	01/01/15
At large	Hoel	Nov 2016	01/01/17
At large	Ratliff	Nov 2016	01/01/17
At large	Savage	Nov 2016	01/01/17
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C. 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 Elwood Community Schools shall remain fully effective after the Effective Date hereof.

D. Effective Date

This proposed plan change shall become effective as of the adoption of this plan and 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.

E. Incorporation of Relevant Law

The intent of this Plan is to comply with all relevant provisions of Indiana law, and therefore, all relevant provisions of Indiana law not otherwise explicitly addressed herein are incorporated herein.

(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 Madison 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 this governing body as hereinabove set forth.

(End of Resolution)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of Elwood Community Schools, Madison County, Indiana, that the foregoing be approved and adopted.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Secretary, Board of School Trustees

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Board of School Trustees

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_







**NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY ELWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
OF RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN OF  
ORGANIZATION**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Indiana Code ("I.C.") 20-23-8-14(a) that the Board of Trustees of Elwood Community School Corporation approved on April 10, 2014, Resolution 01-2014 ("Resolution"), which initiated an amended and restated plan of organization changing governing body composition and manner of election ("Plan"). The Resolution, which includes therein the initiated Plan change, is stated as follows:

(here follows text of Resolution)

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDED AND  
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WHEREAS, the current Board has concluded that there should be initiated a proposed plan to change the composition and method of electing the Board; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Indiana Code ("I.C.") 20-23-8, et. seq., provide the Board with the authority and designated process by which such a proposed plan to change the composition and method of electing a governing body of a public school corporation might be initiated, advertised and ultimately adopted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 20-23-8-10(a)(2), it hereby adopts the following changes in the Elwood Community Schools Organization Plan by which members of the Board are to be elected following the Effective Date hereof, as set forth below.

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

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

(End of Resolution)

Pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-14(b), any voter residing within the boundaries of Elwood Community School Corporation has the right to file a petition with the clerk of the circuit court in the voter's county for alternative plans or a petition protesting the adoption of the Plan set forth above. More information concerning how a voter may file such a petition and about plan changes in general may be found at I.C. 20-23-8.

ELWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
(insert publication date)





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**CERTIFICATE OF MADISON COUNTY CLERK**

I, Darlene Likens, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of Madison County Circuit Courts, Anderson Indiana.

I certify that I have completed a search for Petitions protesting the plan approved by the governing body of Elwood Community Schools pursuant to Indiana Code 20-23-8-14, and have found none.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 2014.

*Darlene Likens*

DARLENE LIKENS, Clerk of  
Madison County Courts, Indiana

