



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Katie M. Williams-Briles, Legal Counsel

Re: Amended Governing Body Selection Plan:
Board of School Trustees, Southeast Dubois County School Corporation

DATE: September 4, 2013

The Board of School Trustees, Southeast Dubois County School Corporation, has submitted the attached Resolution to amend its governing body selection plan. The new plan provides for a change in residential districts, distinguishing Ferdinand Township and Town of Ferdinand as two separate residential districts for election purposes. The Board will consist of five (5) members, with one (1) member residing from each residential district, and one (1) at-large member residing anywhere in the school corporation. Elections for two (2) board members will be held during the General Election for 2014, with the remaining three (3) board members to be elected during the General Election for 2016. The Board has tendered the certificate from the Dubois County Circuit Clerk indicating no protests or counter-petitions have been filed as well as a publisher's affidavit indicating satisfaction of the publishing requirement of I.C. 20-23-8-14.

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



**Indiana
Department of Education**

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

The Indiana State Board of Education hereby certifies, pursuant to I.C. §20-23-8-15, the amended governing body selection plan for the Board of School Trustees of Southeast Dubois County School Corporation. This action follows a review of the Plan on September 4, 2013, to ensure its compliance with the limitations set out in I.C. §20-23-8-8.

CERTIFICATION

I, Glenda Ritz, as chair of the Indiana State Board of Education, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, correct, and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education on September 4, 2013, and do further certify that the attached is a true, correct, and complete copy of the Plan certified by the Indiana State Board of Education on the above date.

DATE: _____

Glenda Ritz, Chairman
Indiana State Board of Education

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
AMENDED PLAN

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation, with offices in Ferdinand, Dubois County, Indiana.

WHEREAS, This Board has hereto formulated and adopted an Amended Plan for the election and organization of this Board, which Amended Plan was discussed in public meetings of the Board, described in media coverage, and subsequently published on March 13, 2013, as part of legal notice in the Ferdinand News and in The Herald, both being newspapers published in Dubois County, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Subsequent to such public discussion and notice publication, no Petition, Plan, Alternate Plan, or Objection has been filed with the School Corporation or with the Clerk of the Dubois Circuit Court; and,

WHEREAS, This Board desires to reaffirm its belief that adoption and implementation of the following Amended Plan is in the best interest of the residents of the District comprising the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation, of Dubois County, Indiana, does hereby approve and adopt the following Amended Plan, as defined in IC 20-23-8-4, for implementation in the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation:

AMENDED PLAN

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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"8. This Plan shall take effect on January 1, 2014."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent shall submit a copy of this Resolution, with proof of publication of Notice and Certificate of Clerk, to the State Board of Education of the State of Indiana for its review and certification.

Adopted this 7th day of August, 2013.

<u>Kent Uebelhoer</u>	<u>Elaine Miller</u>
<u>Ben Portakemmer</u>	<u>Cecelia Hamilton</u>
<u>Matt Eckert</u>	

ATTEST:

Elaine Miller
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2013, adopted a resolution to amend its Plan of Organization, the text of which amended Plan is as follows:

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SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY
SCHOOL CORPORATION
KENT UEBELHOR,
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SCHOOL
TRUSTEES

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Date March 13, 2013

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OF
DUBOIS CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Board of School Trustees
Southeast Dubois County School Corporation
Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

TO: Indiana Board of Education
State of Indiana
151 W. Ohio Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

This is to certify that as of the 7th day of August, 2013,
no Petition, Plan, Alternate Plan or Objection has been filed
with this Office relating to an "Amended Plan" for election to
and organization of the Board of Trustees of the Southeast Dubois
County School Corporation.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Clerk of the Dubois
Circuit Court this 7th day of August, 2013.

(SEAL)


Clerk, Dubois Circuit Court

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 6, 2013

The Board of School Trustees held a Regular Meeting in the Superintendent's Office Building on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

Kent Uebelhor, President, officially and properly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting:

- A. Kent Uebelhor, Elaine Miller, Cecelia Hamilton, Brian Partenheimer, and Matt Eckert, Board Members
- B. Richard D. Allen, Superintendent
- C. Jeff Jessee, Forest Park Principal
- D. Jim Mehling, Forest Park Assistant Principal
- E. Lee Begle, Ferdinand Elementary Principal
- F. Ryan Haas, Pine Ridge Elementary Principal
- G. Lisa Hoppenjans, Ferdinand News
- H. Bradford Raths, WJTS/WBDC News
- I. Julia Nathan, WJTS/WBDC News
- J. Raven Blessinger, Student, with her parents Eric & Vickie Blessinger
- K. Brandon Luebbehusen, Student, with his parents Chris & Angie Luebbehusen
- L. Kyle Greulich and Tami Hochgesang from Five-Star Technology
- M. Amanda Lange, Miles Ingle, Logan Welp, Weston Hasenour, Peyton Smith, Danielle Fromme, Kyle Schlachter, Andi Kempf, Katie Fischer, Austin Kempf, Cole Anderson, and Justin Haas, Student(s)

Kent Uebelhor introduced the Poetry Out Loud Champion for Forest Park Raven Blessinger. Raven recited her poem she used in the competition. She was presented a certificate and congratulated on her achievement. A certificate was also prepared for the runner up Brandon Luebbehusen. Brandon recited his poem as well, and was presented a certificate.

Brian Partenheimer made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2013; Executive Board Meeting of February 6, 2013.
- B. Approval of Claims #2246 - #2360 for \$1,031,593.60.
- C. Approval of Purchase Requests with a total of \$30,060.91 (attached)
- D. Approval of Professional Leave & Field Trip Requests (attached)
- E. Approval of Facility Use Requests
 - 1. St. Meinrad Archabbey for April 19th and 20th two plays at the Auditorium at Forest Park
 - 2. Forest Park Baccalaureate Committee to use Buechler Arena at Forest Park on May 19, 2013 for the Baccalaureate Service.
 - 3. Forest Park band boosters to use FP parking lot for food booth during the Ferdinand Town Wide Yard Sale April 5 & 6th

Elaine Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer reports the following is the financial statement for the month of February 2013:

Balance on Hand, February 1, 2013	\$4,886,206.59
Receipts for Period	\$666,467.12
Total Receipts and Balances	\$5,552,673.71
Disbursements	\$753,712.88
Balance on Hand, February 28, 2013	\$4,798,960.83

The Attorney report – None

No one from the public had any comments or requests.

Matt Eckert made a motion to approve the purchase from Ohio Valley Communications of a new bell/sound/intercom system for Forest Park at a cost of \$16,000. Cecelia Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen then presented an update to the board on Forest Park High School's planning for the 1:1 technology initiative being planned with Chromebooks. Students Weston Hasenour and Andi Kempf shared with the board their experiences using Google apps in school now, and how beneficial the Chromebook would be to their learning. Technology representatives Tami Hochgesang and Kyle Greulich were present to answer any questions from the board.

The board members then discussed the comments received from various residents of the school district since the subject of the boundaries of the Ferdinand Township Board representation were raised at the time of the last board election. A number of district residents and also former board members had expressed surprise and concern when it was determined that residents of the Town of Ferdinand would be eligible to serve as both the Town and Township school board members. This was in view of the fact that it had been previously believed that each were totally separate residential districts. It had been recognized that the at-large board member could be a resident of any location within the School Corporation. After discussing the comments received and the prior belief of the residents of the School District, on motion by Brian Partenheimer, seconded by Matt Eckert, the School Board, by a vote of 5 for and 0 against adopted the following resolution and gave permission to advertise in both local newspapers (attached).

Cecelia Hamilton made a motion to approve the list of equipment that is surplus and of no value. The motion was seconded by Elaine Miller and the motion carried unanimously.

Kent Uebelhor made a motion to approve LEASE agreement with the Ferdinand Park Board in the amount of \$3,301. The motion was seconded by Brian Partenheimer and the motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the agreement is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.)

Elaine Miller made a motion to accept the donations:

- A. Ferdinand Elementary received \$60 in cash donations during magazine sale.
- B. Ferdinand Kiwanis donation of \$300 each to Ferdinand & Pine Ridge Elementary for Summer Reading.
- C. Eric Hempfling Memorial Scholarship received \$170 from Larry Hempfling
- D. Forest Park FFA from Schnell Farms - \$50.00, and Keith Fritz Fine Furniture -- \$25.00.

Matt Eckert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Brian Partenheimer made a motion to accept the updates and new policies from NEOLA. The motion was seconded by Cecelia Hamilton which carried unanimously.

In other business and concerns:

Matt Eckert made a motion to have the board visit the schools on April 3rd during the day, and to also change the time of the regular board meeting to 4:00 pm instead of the normal 7:00 pm time. The motion was seconded by Elaine Miller and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen announced to the board that May 20th will be the Spring ISBA region meeting in Huntingburg. Elaine Miller then made a motion to approve the board and Mr. Allen to attend the meeting, seconded by Brian Partenheimer which carried unanimously.

Kent Uebelhor made a motion to approve the purchase of \$1,840 from the Cedar Crest Extra-Curricular account (\$840), and the Welborn Grant (\$1,000) for an obstacle course. Cecelia Hamilton seconded the motion which carried unanimously

Brian Partenheimer made motion to accept Lisa Knust, as Forest Park Junior High Cheerleading coach, and Kathy Hopf as junior high track coach at Forest Park. The motion was seconded by Matt Eckert and carried unanimously.

Cecelia Hamilton made a motion for a special meeting on April 2nd @ 5:30 p.m. for board training. The motion was seconded by Elaine Miller and carried unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Matt Eckert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Elaine Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

Kent Uebelhor, President, officially and properly adjourned the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL
CORPORATION
Board of School Trustees

Kent Uebelhor
Kent Uebelhor, President

Elaine Miller
Elaine Miller, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' EXECUTIVE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 6, 2013

The Board of School Trustees held an Executive Session in the Superintendent's Office Building on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

Kent Uebelhor, President, officially and properly called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting:

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- C. Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr., Attorney
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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation that this Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation that the Plan of Organization for said Board should be amended or changed, pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-9, solely for purpose of 1) changing the time of election of Board Members from the Primary Election to the General Election and 2) revising the Residence District for Ferdinand Township, as set forth in paragraph 3(a) of said Plan so as to read:

"(a) Ferdinand Township, excluding area inside the Town of Ferdinand" and revising the times of elections of the various Districts and of the member-at-large to reflect the schedule of elections utilized since 1976; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board of Trustees that said Board does hereby approve and initiate change of said Plan of Operation of the Southeast Dubois County School Corporation as follows:

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Passed and adopted this 6th day of March, 2013.

Print March 13

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