



To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Brian Murphy, General Counsel
Date: February 16, 2016
RE: Approval of Governing Body Change - M.S.D. of Steuben County

Recommendation: Approve Governing Body Change

The M.S.D. of Steuben County submitted the attached materials to amend its governing body selection plan. The materials included the resolution establishing the prior governing body selection plan, the resolution establishing the new plan for approval, and publication information.

Prior Governing Body

- a. The plan had 5 trustees elected to four-year terms.
- b. There were 3 subdistricts; at least 1 trustee had to reside in each subdistrict, with 2 at-large trustees that could reside anywhere.
- c. Anyone living within the M.S.D. of Steuben County could vote for any of the trustee candidates.

New Plan for Approval

- a. Increases the number of board trustees from 5 to 7, all serving 4 year terms.
- b. Requires at least 2 trustees reside in each of 3 the subdistricts within the M.S.D. of Steuben County.
- c. Allows 1 at-large trustee from any of the 3 subdistricts.
- d. All candidates are voted on by any registered voter in the M.S.D. of Steuben County.
- e. Trustees, to be eligible as candidates, must have resided with the M.S.D. of Steuben County for at least 2 years prior to the date of election, and for more than 1 year in the subdistrict in which they are a candidate (if not at-large).

The plan as submitted satisfies the requirements of I.C. 20-23-8, IC 20-23-4-27, IC 20-23-7-5, and IC 3-8-1-34, and is recommended for approval by the Board pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-15.

M.S.D. OF STEUBEN COUNTY
500 S. Martha St.
Angola, Ind.
June 10, 1975

The Metropolitan School District of Steuben County was organized on May 21, 1963, under Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1949.

The Board Members are elected as quoted from Section 18 of Chapter 226, "At the first primary election wherein members of the metropolitan board of education shall be elected hereunder, the three candidates who receive the highest number of votes in each of the respective board member districts shall be elected for four-year terms and the two candidates from different districts receiving the next highest number of votes respectively shall be elected for two-year terms. All candidates for membership on the metropolitan board of education shall be voted upon by the voters of the entire district and shall be elected for four-year terms after the first election provided herein and shall take office and assume their duties one week after their election."

J. K. McCutcher, Supt

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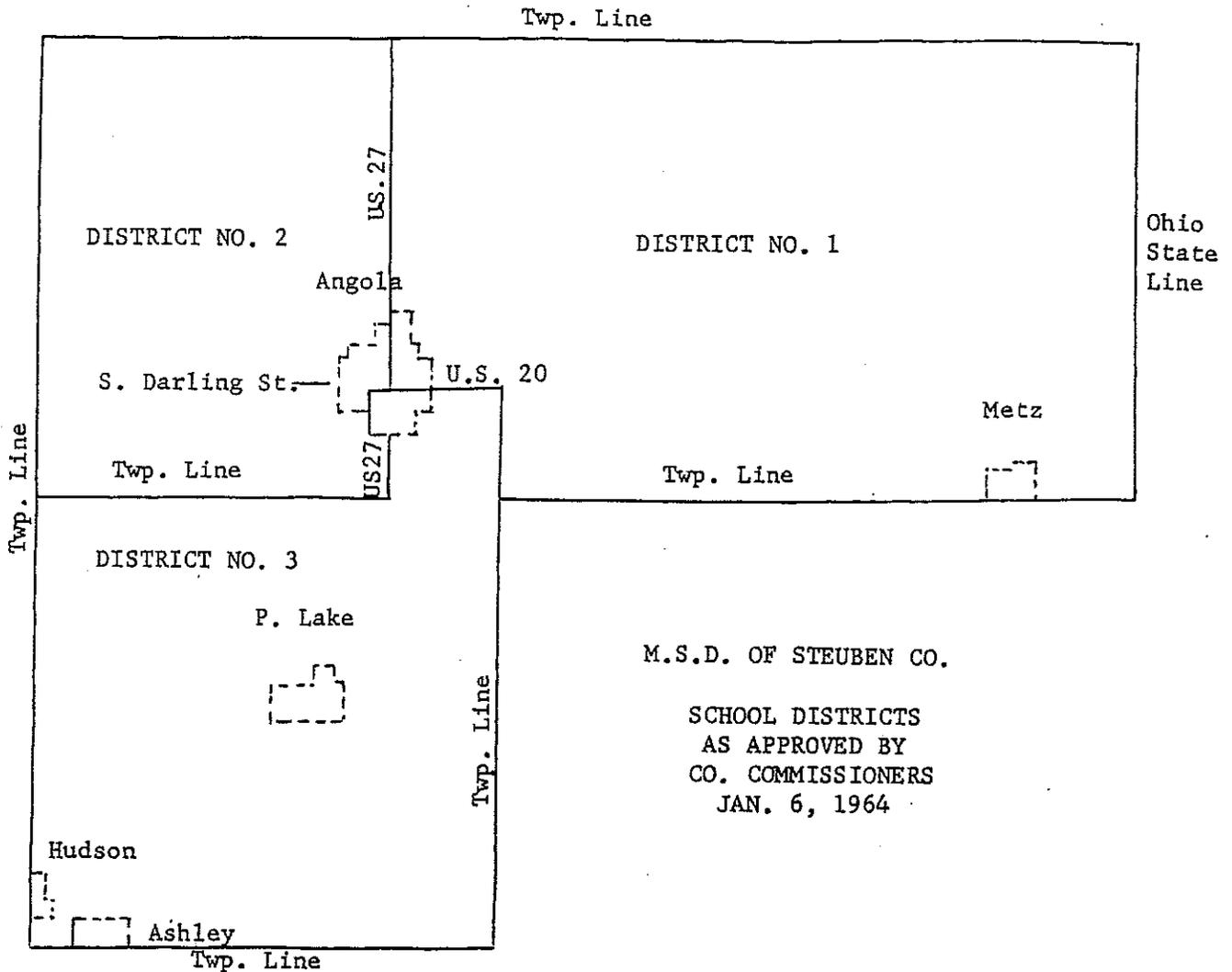
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
PAUL E. SCHOCK

The following resolution was adopted by the School Board of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County at its regular meeting on June 10, 1975.

"It is hereby resolved that the School Board of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County requests that the School District be considered as a reorganized school district since it meets all the standards as established by the General Commission on Education of the Indiana State Board of Education."



F. K. McCutchan,
Superintendent



District No. 1:

All of York Township, all of Scott Township, that part of Pleasant Township and that part of the City of Angola East of U.S. Highway 27 and North of U.S. Highway 20.

District No. 2:

That part of Pleasant Township West of U.S. Highway 27, and that part of the City of Angola West of U.S. 27 and North of U.S. 20 and that part of the City of Angola West of Darling St. and South of U.S. 20.

District No. 3:

That part of the City of Angola East of Darling St. and South of U.S. 20, that part of Pleasant Township East of U.S. 27 and South of U.S. 20 and all of Steuben Township.

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING CHANGES TO THE PLAN OF
BOARD ORGANIZATION TO CREATE A SEVEN PERSON
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

Be it resolved by the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, that:

WHEREAS, State law allows the Plan of Board Organization to be changed from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees believes it would be in the best interests of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County to change from a five person Board of School Trustees to a seven person Board of School Trustees;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

A change in the Plan of Board Organization of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County is hereby proposed to change from a five person Board of School Trustees to a seven person Board of School Trustees, and with certain other minor changes, as set forth in the PLAN OF BOARD ORGANIZATION which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and further

Said Plan of Board Organization shall be published according to law and all other steps required by law to enact said Plan of School Board Organization shall be undertaken.

Passed and adopted by the Board of School Trustees for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County this 15th day of September, 2015.



Brad Gardner, President

ATTEST:


Trishia Sites,
Secretary

Plan of Board Organization

The Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, by its Board of School Trustees, sets forth the following Change to the Plan of Board Organization concerning the manner in which the governing body of the school corporation is constituted, including the number, qualifications, length of terms, manner, and time of election of the members of the governing body.

The governing body shall continue to be known as the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

The existing three Board Districts shall remain, to wit:

Board District No. 1: All of York Township, all of Scott Township, that part of Pleasant Township and that part of the City of Angola East of U.S. Highway (Old) 27 and North of U.S. Highway 20.

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The number of School Trustees constituting the Board of School Trustees shall be seven (7). The term of office shall be four years. Trustees shall be elected in a general election. No fewer than two (2) Trustees shall be from each of the three districts. One Trustee shall be from any of the three Board Districts. The resulting seven (7) member Board of School Trustees will consist of the six (6) district Trustees and the one (1) at-large Trustee. Each Trustee shall be voted on by voters of the entire Metropolitan School District.

A candidate for Trustee must be a legal, qualified, and registered voter of Steuben County, and a resident of the Board District in which he or she is a candidate. Candidates must have resided in the Metropolitan School District continuously for more than two (2) years prior to the date of the election and for more than one (1) year in the Board District in which they are a candidate.

In the General Election of 2016, two existing Trustee positions are up for election: one in Board District No. 1, and one in Board District No. 2. At the same election, two new Trustee positions shall be elected: one in Board District Number 3 and one at large. This will create a seven (7) person Board of School Trustees.

NOTICE OF PLAN OF BOARD
ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO
INDIANA CODE 20-23-8-14

Notice is hereby given that the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, by its Board of School Trustees, adopted by Resolution at a public meeting of the Board of School Trustees on September 15, 2015 for the following Change to the Plan of Board Organization concerning the manner in which the governing body of the school corporation is constituted, including the number, qualifications, length of terms, manner, and time of election of the members of the governing body.

TEXT OF PLAN:

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END OF TEXT OF PLAN

A voter in the Metropolitan School District has the right to file a petition for alternative plans or a petition protesting the adoption of this plan.

Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the publication of this notice voters of the school corporation may file with the Clerk of the Steuben Circuit Court a petition protesting the plan or submitting an alternative plan as follows:

(1) A petition protesting this plan shall 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.

(2) A petition submitting an alternative plan shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters of the school corporation.

A petition protesting the plan or submitting an alternative plan shall be certified by the Clerk of the Steuben Circuit Court and shall be filed with the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County all in the same manner as provided by Indiana Code 20-23-8-11.

This notice is given pursuant to Indiana Code 20-23-8-14 by the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, Brad Gardner, President.

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