EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY AREA SCHOOLS

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Michigan City Area Schools was held at the in the Administration Building located at 408 South Carroll Avenue, Michigan City, Indiana 46360, on June 30, 2026, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance INDIANA CODE 20-26-4-3 and INDIANA CODE 5-14-1.5, and the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Marty Corley, Thomas Dombkowski, Jenilee Peterson, Jacqueline Allison, Vera Gaston, Michael Gresham, and James Stewart

Absent:

(among other proceedings had and action taken were the following:)

The Board considered a resolution authorizing an operating referendum (Motion made by Trustee M. Gresham to adopt the resolution attached as Exhibit A. Seconded by Trustee J. Stewart) and adopted the Operating Referendum Authorizing Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A by a vote of 7 - 0.

Motion made by Trustee ________ to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee ________. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Michigan City Area Schools

APPROVED:

President, Board of School Trustees
Michigan City Area Schools

EXHIBIT A

OPERATING REFERENDUM AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Operating Referendum Authorizing Resolution

Whereas, Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended (the "Act"), provides that a school corporation may adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot for the purpose of imposing a referendum tax levy as needed in order to carry out its public educational duty; and

Whereas, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Michigan City Area Schools (the "School Corporation") has determined that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2027 through and including 2034, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy in accordance with the Act;

Whereas, a copy of the proposed Revenue Spending Plan was prepared pursuant to the Act and presented to the Board in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Revenue Spending Plan");

Whereas, based on the forgoing, the Board now desires to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot pursuant to the Act;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of School Trustees of the Michigan City Area Schools that this Board hereby determines that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2027 through and including 2034, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy up to, but not to exceed \$0.2998 per \$100 assessed valuation per year and a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$10,000,000 starting in year 2027 through and including 2034, and that the School Corporation does not plan to distribute any revenue from the referendum levy to a charter school all in accordance with the Act.

Be It Further Resolved that the School Corporation shall request that the referendum be placed on the ballot at an election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Be It Further Resolved that the question to be submitted to the voters in the referendum shall read as follows: "Shall the Michigan City Area Schools increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years to support the Maximize Community and Students (MCAS) initiative which will sustain educational and operational funding stability in response to reductions in property tax revenue by recruiting and retaining teachers and staff, supporting essential student health and safety initiatives, and maintaining class sizes, academic programs, and opportunities to meet educational needs. This will be achieved by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed \$0.2998 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$10,000,000. If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, the property's annual property tax bill for a median residence of $200,000 would increase by $260 per year."

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Board, the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to communicate on behalf of the Board and the School Corporation with the Porter and LaPorte County Auditors, Boards of Election, and DLGF with as necessary to place the public question on the ballot, and any such prior actions are hereby ratified and approved.

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Board, the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer shall certify a copy of this resolution to the DLGF for approval of the form of the question as set forth above pursuant to the Act.

Be It Further Resolved that the Revenue Spending Plan is hereby adopted and the Board agrees that such plan may be amended and supplemented each year as part of the School Corporation's budget process as permitted by Indiana law.

Be It Further Resolved that following DLGF approval of the form of the question set forth above the Secretary of the Board shall certify a copy of this resolution and the DLGF's approval to the County Council of Porter and LaPorte County and each Clerk of the Porter and LaPorte Circuit Court pursuant to the Act.

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Board, the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to submit to the DLGF or Porter or LaPorte County any revisions to the proposed form of question in order to comply with the Act.

Passed and Adopted this 30th day of June, 2026.

President, Board of School Trustees
Michigan City Area Schools

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Michigan City Area Schools

EXHIBIT A

REVENUE SPENDING PLAN

Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS)
Proposed Referendum – Estimated Annual Revenue and Use of Funds

Estimate of the annual revenue expected to be collected from the referendum levy in 2027:	**$10,000,000**

Specific purposes for which the referendum levy will be used:	**Estimate of the annual amounts that will be expended for each purpose:**
Safety and security measures **Including but not limited to school resource officers, student mental health supports, student behavioral supports, and enhanced safety capital investments.*	**$1,500,000**
Academic programs **Including but not limited to appropriate class sizes, career and technical workforce development, teacher recruitment and retention, and literacy development.*	**$6,500,000**
Educationally related programs **Including but not limited to transportation services, student extracurricular opportunities, and support services.*	**$2,000,000**

Certificate of Public Question

The undersigned, being the duly elected and serving Secretary of the Board of School Trustees of the Michigan City Area Schools, hereby certifies to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance that the resolution attached hereto requesting the public question as set forth in the resolution be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2026, election was duly adopted by the Board of the School Corporation on June 30, 2026. The resolution is being submitted to the Department for its approval of the form of the public question pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1.

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Michigan City Area Schools