

**EXCERPTS OF MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF  
NORTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Northwest Allen County Schools (the "School Corporation") was held at the School Corporation's Administration Center, 12913 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the law, 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 present or absent as follows:

Present: Liz Hathaway, Kristi Schlatter, Darren Vogt, Liz Chaffee, Erica Jamison

Absent:

A majority of the members present, the President presided, and the Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting.

The Board discussed pursuing a referendum tax levy pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution attached as Exhibit A was adopted.

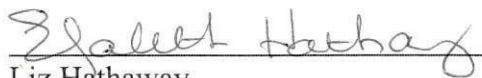
[OTHER BUSINESS]

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.



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Darren Vogt  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees

APPROVED:



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Liz Hathaway  
President, Board of School Trustees

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended (the "Act"), permits a public school corporation to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot if the governing body of the school corporation determines that the school corporation cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public educational duty unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Northwest Allen County Schools (the "School Corporation"), being the governing body of the School Corporation, has determined that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2026 through and including 2033, 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, a copy of a proposed Revenue Spending Plan was presented to the Board, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A-1 (the "Revenue Spending Plan"); and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Board now desires to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the November 4, 2025, ballot under the Act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2026 through and including 2033, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy not to exceed \$12,156,914 per year starting in calendar year 2026 through and including 2033; further, that the School Corporation does not plan to distribute any revenue from the referendum levy deposited into its education fund to a charter school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be placed on a ballot to be considered in a referendum of the registered voters residing in the boundaries of the School Corporation at an election to be held on November 4, 2025, a question in substantially the following format, subject to completion and certification of certain information by the Allen County Auditor as required by law, and subject to approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance:

"Shall Northwest Allen County Schools increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding educational instruction and staffing at a Career and Technical Education facility; retention and attraction of teachers, support staff, and administrators; school safety and well-being staffing and initiatives; instructional support staffing at all buildings; and district-wide staffing by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed \$0.2787 and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$12,156,914? If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year."



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or Chief Financial Officer of the School Corporation, or the President or Secretary of the Board, be and hereby is authorized to certify a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance in accordance with the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenue Spending Plan presented at this meeting and attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 is hereby approved and adopted. Further, the Board confirms that such plan may be amended and supplemented each year as part of the budget process, as permitted by Indiana Code 20-46-1-8(h) and all other applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of the Board, and the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Financial Officer of the School Corporation (collectively, the "Administration"), each hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the School Corporation, to take any and all action as such person deems necessary or desirable to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, including (i) requesting certification of certain financial information to be provided by the Allen County Auditor, as required by the Act, and (ii) making any revisions to the aforementioned form of the public question, or a replacement of such question in its entirety, in order to receive approval from the Department of Local Government Finance; further, that all such actions heretofore made or taken by the Board or the Administration be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

*Passed and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2025.*

  
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Liz Hathaway  
President, Board of School Trustees

  
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Darren Vogt  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees

**EXHIBIT A-1**

**REVENUE SPENDING PLAN**

*(See Attached)*

**Exhibit A-1**

**NORTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
Proposed Revenue Spending Plan**

*Pursuant to I.C. 20-46-1-8(e) as applicable to the Referendum Tax Levy which will be proposed to voters on November 4, 2025*

**Referendum Question Information:**

- Number of Years of Referendum Tax Levy: 8
- Funding Purposes: Educational instruction and staffing at a Career and Technical Education facility; retention and attraction of teachers, support staff, and administrators; school safety and well-being staffing and initiatives; instructional support staffing at all buildings; and district-wide staffing
- Maximum Tax Levy: \$12,156,914

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| <b>Estimate of the <u>annual</u> revenue expected to be collected from the referendum levy:</b> |   | \$12,156,914 <sup>1</sup>   |
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| <b>Specific purposes for which the referendum levy will be used:</b>                            |   | <b>Estimate<sup>2</sup> of the annual amounts that will be expended for each purpose:</b> |
|   | Educational instruction and staffing at a Career and Technical Education facility | \$2,200,000   |
|   | Retention and attraction of teachers, support staff, and administrators           | \$5,100,000   |
|   | School safety and well-being staffing and initiatives                             | \$1,300,000   |
|   | Instructional support staffing at all buildings                                   | \$2,686,914   |
|   | District-wide staffing  | \$870,000   |

<sup>1</sup> Based on current net assessed valuation as of the date of approval of this Revenue Spending Plan. No assumptions regarding assessed valuation growth or loss are made in this Revenue Spending Plan.

<sup>2</sup> This is an estimate based on current law, current revenue amounts and sources, and anticipated needs which may change over time. The school corporation reserves the right to amend this plan each year and over time to more closely align with the actual revenue received and educational and operational needs of the district.

## **CERTIFICATION OF REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION**

I, Darren Vogt, Secretary of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Northwest Allen County Schools, hereby certify that I was present at the meeting of the Board on June 23, 2025. Furthermore, I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the resolution attached to this certificate is a true and correct copy of the resolution that was adopted by a majority of the Board and signed by the President and Secretary of the Board.

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: July 3, 2025

  
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Darren Vogt  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees