

**EXCERPTS OF MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District (the "School Corporation") was held at the School Corporation's Administration Building, 805 East Harrison Street, Bluffton, Indiana on June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with 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 present or absent as follows:

Present: Julie Thompson, Angela Sheets, Trent White

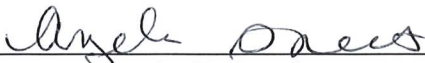
Absent: Bruce Holland, Michael Murray

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Board discussed pursuing a referendum pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-46-9. After discussion of the referendum, upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached as Exhibit A was adopted.

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



Acting Secretary, Board of Education

APPROVED:



Acting President, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

SCHOOL SAFETY REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 20-46-9, 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 a referendum levy should be imposed for measures to improve school safety as described in Indiana Code § 20-40-26-6(a) or Indiana Code § 20-40-20-6(b); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District (the "School Corporation"), being the governing body of the School Corporation, has determined that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2024 through and including 2031, a referendum levy should be imposed for measures to improve school safety as described in Indiana Code § 20-40-26-6(a) or Indiana Code § 20-40-20-6(b) in accordance with the Act, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, a copy of a proposed Revenue Spending Plan was presented to the Board and 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 ballot under the Act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2024 through and including 2031, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy of up to, but not to exceed \$0.0750 per \$100 assessed valuation per year starting in 2024 through and including 2031, and 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 7, 2023, the following question: "Shall the Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D. increase property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the social, emotional, safety, and security needs for all students and staff including: (a) additional school resource officers, (b) physical safety and security improvements, (c) mental health support for students that promote social and emotional well-being, and (d) professional development/training which focuses on proactive safety strategies for faculty and staff? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence would increase by 9.63% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 7.94%."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the School Corporation (the "Superintendent") or the Assistant Superintendent (the "Assistant Superintendent") of the School

Corporation or the Secretary of the Board be and hereby is authorized to certify a copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance in accordance with the Act.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenue Spending Plan presented to this meeting is hereby adopted, and the Board agrees that such plan may be amended and supplemented each year as part of the budget process as permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of the Board, the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent be, and 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 any revisions to the form of the public question in order to receive approval from the Department of Local Government Finance, including the financial information provided by the County Auditor as required by the Act, and any such actions heretofore made or taken be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

Passed and adopted this 12th day of June, 2023.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

CERTIFICATION OF REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

I, Julie Thompson, Secretary of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District, hereby certify that I was present at the meeting of the Board on June 12, 2023. 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: June 12, 2023



Angela Sheets, Acting Secretary
Board of Education