

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE  
FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA**

**2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code §20-46-9-6, as amended, permits a public school corporation to adopt a resolution to place a referendum under Indiana Code 20-46-9, as amended, 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 §20-46-20-6(a) or (b), each as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools, Allen County, Indiana (the “Board”), being the governing body of the Fort Wayne Community Schools, Allen County, Indiana (the “School Corporation”), hereby determines that based on the current and anticipated revenues and expenses of the School Corporation for the years 2024 through and including 2031, a referendum tax levy should be imposed for the years 2024 through and including 2031, which is in addition to all other property tax levies of the School Corporation, of approximately \$12,204,072, including anticipated miscellaneous revenue to be distributed, based on the 2022 pay 2023 net assessed value of the School Corporation and a school safety operating referendum tax levy fund tax rate, which is in addition to all other property tax rates of the School Corporation, not to exceed \$0.1000 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation, all in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-9, as amended, in order to fund measures to improve school safety permitted under Indiana Code §20-46-20-6(a), as amended (the “2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund”); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the Board now desires to adopt a resolution to (a) place a public question on the ballot for the general election to be held in November, 2023, with the information set forth in this resolution in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-9, as amended, and (b) approve the revenue spending plan for the annual revenues deposited into the 2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund for the years 2024 through and including 2031, in accordance with Indiana Code §20-46-9-6(e), as amended, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund Revenue Spending Plan”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. It is hereby determined that based on the current and anticipated revenues and expenses of the School Corporation for the years 2024 through and including 2031, a referendum tax levy should be imposed for the years 2024 through and including 2031, which is in addition to all other property tax levies of the School Corporation, of approximately \$12,204,072, including anticipated miscellaneous revenue to be distributed, based on the 2022 pay 2023 net assessed value of the School Corporation and a school safety operating referendum tax levy fund tax rate, which is in addition to all other property tax rates of the School Corporation, not to exceed \$0.1000 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of the assessed valuation, in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-9, as amended, in order to fund measures to improve school safety permitted under Indiana Code §20-46-20-6(a), as amended.

Section 2. There shall be placed on a ballot to be considered in a referendum of the registered voters residing in the geographical boundaries of the School Corporation to be held in the general election to be held on November 7, 2023, the following question, as may be amended by the Superintendent of the School Corporation (the “Superintendent”), the Chief Financial Officer of the School Corporation (the “Chief Financial Officer”) or any of their designees: “Shall the Fort Wayne Community Schools, Allen County, Indiana, 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 salaries and benefits for security, mental health and support personnel and costs for services from third-party providers and acquisition and/or installation of safety and security equipment and technology used in connection with the operation of one or more school buildings? 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 12.74% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 11.96%. The most recent property tax referendum proposed by the school corporation was held in 2020 and passed.”

Section 3. None of the funds deposited into the 2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund shall be distributed to a charter school or charter schools.

Section 4. The 2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund Revenue Spending Plan is hereby approved.

Section 5. In accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-9, as amended, the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer or any of their designees are hereby authorized to certify to the Department of Local Government Finance (the “DLGF”) for approval of the question stated above in Section 2 (a) a copy of this resolution, (b) the 2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund Revenue Spending Plan, and (c) a certificate of the Auditor of Allen County, Indiana, certifying the increases in the average property tax paid by a residence and a business property in the School Corporation.

Section 6. Following the approval of the question by the DLGF, the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer or any of their designees are hereby authorized to certify a copy of this resolution in accordance with Indiana Code 20-46-9, as amended, to (a) the Allen County Election Board (the “Election Board”), (b) the County Council of Allen County, Indiana (the “Council”), and (c) the Allen County Clerk (the “Clerk”).

Section 7. The Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer or any of their designees are authorized to make any and all changes or modifications to the form of the question submitted to the Election Board, the Council, the Clerk and the DLGF which the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer or any of their designees deem necessary or desirable to convey the purposes and goals of the 2024 School Safety Operating Referendum Tax Levy Fund and the intentions of the Board.

Section 8. The Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer or any of their designees are hereby authorized and directed to request the Clerk and the Allen County Election Board to put the above-stated public question on the ballot at the general election to be held on November 7, 2023.

Section 9. Any officer of the School Corporation, any member of the Board, the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer or any of their designees be, and hereby are, 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, and any such actions heretofore made or taken be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE FORT WAYNE  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

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