



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education

**From:** William Ottensmeyer, Staff Attorney

**Date:** February 6, 2025

**RE:** Approval of Governing Body Change – Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation

**Recommendation: Approve the proposed governing body plan change**

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8, the Board of School Trustees of Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation (“MCSC”) adopted a resolution to initiate a change to MCSC’s governing body plan. After adopting the resolution, MCSC submitted the attached materials for the Indiana State Board of Education’s (“Board”) review and consideration, in accordance with the requirements set forth in IC 20-23-8-15.

Indiana Department of Education (“Department”) staff reviewed the attached material and determined that MCSC’s plan and the manner in which it was initiated satisfy the requirements set forth in IC 20-23-8. As such, MCSC’s new governing body plan is recommended for approval.

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William H. Ottensmeyer  
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Dear Mr. Ottensmeyer:

Enclosed is a copy of an email you sent to Brenda Sermersheim, my Legal Assistant, on September 17, 2024.

In response to your email, on behalf of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation, I have enclosed a copy of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation's previous governing body selection plan, a copy of the Resolution passed by the Board to amend the governing body selection plan, a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2024, the Affidavits of Publication, showing the notice was published in the Mooresville-Decatur Times and the Reporter-Times on September 18, 2024, and the Clerk's Certification, indicating that no alternative plan or petition protesting the adoption of the plan by the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation has been filed.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me.

Yours very truly,



Steven L. Harris

SLH/bss

Enclosures

cc: Jacob Allen, Superintendent  
Patrick Biggerstaff, Asst. Supt.  
Holly Frye, Asst. Supt.  
School Board Members  
Philip Gordon, DOE

**RESOLUTION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE**  
**MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-23-8 provides that a school corporation may amend its governing plan; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that amendment of the governing plan may be initiated by a resolution of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation that the Organizational Plan of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation adopted by appropriate resolution and approved and certified by the Indiana State Board of Education is hereby amended and restated as follows:

1. Selection of the Board

- a) The control and administration of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation shall be vested in a five (5) member board, with each member being elected from four (4) residential districts, and with one (1) at large member residing in any of the following designated districts:

District 1 - This district shall be coterminous with the Town of Mooresville.

District 2 - This district shall be coterminous with Brown Township outside the Town of Mooresville.

District 3 - This district shall be coterminous with Harrison Township.

District 4 - This district shall be coterminous with Madison Township.

District 5 - This district shall be coterminous with the entire school district.

- b) Each Trustee of the Board as it is now constituted shall continue as a member until his or her respective term of office expires.
- c) The Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation shall be elected on a school corporation-wide basis, with each

qualified voter in the school corporation permitted to cast a ballot for every seat to be filled.

- d) Vacancies occurring on the Board of School Trustees shall be filled by appointment, which appointment shall be by the majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of School Trustees. The appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term until his successor is elected to that office. If there is a tie vote or if such appointment is not made within thirty (30) days, it shall be made by the Judge of the Circuit Court in accordance with Indiana law.

## 2. Length of Terms of Office

- a) All elected Trustees shall serve for four (4) year terms.
- a) Trustees from districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected in the general election of the following year cycle: 2026, 2030, 2034, etc.
- b) Trustees from districts 3 and 4 shall be elected in the general election of the following year cycle: 2028, 2032, 2036, etc.
- b) Trustees elected from each district will take office January 1 of the following year in which they are elected.
- c) The election of members of the Board of School Trustees shall be a non-partisan ballot unless directed otherwise by applicable Indiana law.

## 3. Filings for Election: Filings for election to the Board of School Trustees shall be in accordance with Indiana law.

## 4. Qualifications: The limitations and qualifications of members of the Board of School Trustees are as follows:

- a) The individual must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- b) The individual must be a registered voter of the district which he/she shall represent and shall have been a resident of that district for at least one year prior to the election.
- c) No member of the Board of School Trustees shall be an employee of the school corporation. Any employee elected to serve as a member of the Board of School Trustees shall resign their employment with the school corporation the day following the election.

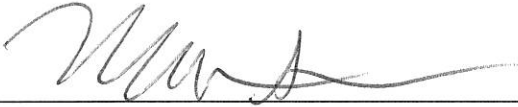
- d) No member of the Board of School Trustees shall engage in unlawful dual office holding.

5. Annual Board Organization

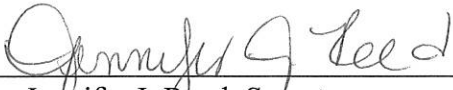
- a) The officer positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary are elected for one-year terms at the organizational meeting of the Board of School Trustees, to be held annually during the first fifteen (15) days of January or as otherwise mandated by Indiana law.
- b) The Board of School Trustees at the annual organizational meeting shall elect a Treasurer, other than the Superintendent of Schools, who is not a member of the Board of School Trustees.
- c) Each member of said Board of School Trustees shall receive such remuneration and compensation for serving on the Board of School Trustees as set by the Board annually and within the limitations set by Indiana law.
6. This Organizational Plan shall hereafter constitute and be the Plan of the Board of School Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation, and all prior Plans are repealed upon the adoption of this Plan.
7. This Resolution and the Plan set forth herein shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption pursuant to IC 20-23-8.

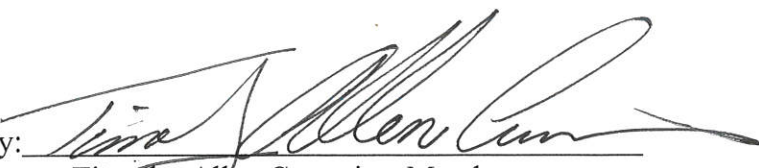
This Resolution is approved by the Board of School Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation on September 10, 2024.

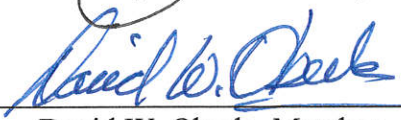
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