



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** William Ottensmeyer, Staff Attorney  
**Date:** June 5, 2024  
**RE: Approval of Governing Body Change – South Bend Community School Corporation**

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

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8, the Board of School Trustees of South Bend Community School Corporation (“SBCSC”) adopted a resolution to initiate a change to SBCSC’s governing body plan. After adopting the resolution, SBCSC 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 SBCSC’s plan and the manner in which it was initiated satisfy the requirements set forth in IC 20-23-8. As such, SBCSC’s new governing body plan is recommended for approval.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE  
SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION APPROVING THE  
REALIGNMENT OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**

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WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the South Bend Community School Corporation (the "Corporation") has adopted a Governing Body Selection Plan establishing electoral districts, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's Governing Body Selection Plan has been amended from time to time, pursuant to the Corporation's obligations under Ind. Code §§ 20-23-15-7 and 20-23-8-8(4) and pursuant to resolution of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved the annexation of Greene Township to John Glenn School Corporation on December 5, 2022, with an effective date of January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is required, pursuant to Ind. Code § 3-5-10-7(a)(5), to redistrict election districts whenever the boundary of the political subdivision has changed; and

WHEREAS, in determining the boundaries of each district, Ind. Code § 20-23-15-7(2) requires that the electoral districts are "as nearly as practicable, of equal population, with the population of the largest district not to exceed the population of the smallest district by more than five percent (5%); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is required, pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 20-23-15-7(1) and (3) to ensure the electoral districts are "drawn on the basis of precinct lines" and "district lines [do] not cross precinct lines;"

WHEREAS, at its meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, the Board was presented with the 2020 census data regarding the current population of electoral districts following the annexation of Greene Township, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, based on the information presented, the Board understands that the electoral district boundaries must be realigned in order for the Corporation to comply with its obligations under Ind. Code §§ 20-23-15-7 and 20-23-8-8(4); and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, the Board was presented with four options (described fully in Exhibit B) for realigning the electoral district boundaries, any of which bring the Corporation into compliance with its statutory obligations as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the various options for realigning the electoral district boundaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
OF THE SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board has chosen Option 4 as the plan for realigning electoral district boundaries in order to comply with the obligations of the Corporation under Ind. Code §§ 20-23-15-7 and 20-23-8-8(4).

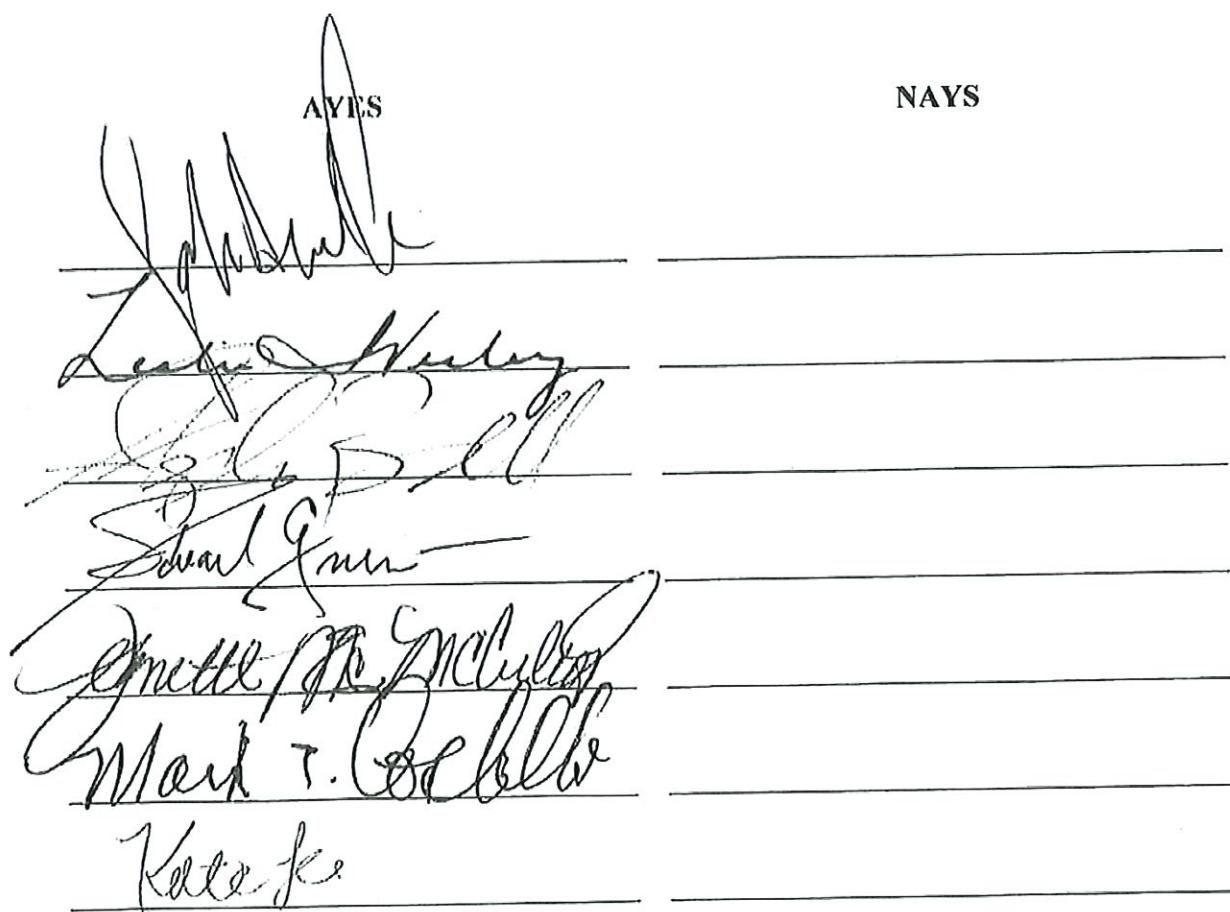
2. The Board amends its Governing Body Selection Plan as needed to reflect the realigned electoral districts.

3. The Board directs the Administration to take all necessary steps to comply with the Corporation's additional statutory obligations with respect to the publication and approval of these changes.

ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

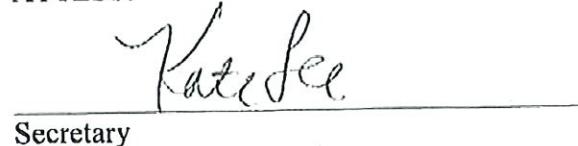
AYES

NAYS



Handwritten signatures of Board members are placed over the AYES column. The signatures include: Linda Wesley, Sue Bell, David Ginn, Jennifer P. McCullough, Mark T. Cobble, and Kate Kee.

ATTEST:



Handwritten signature of Kate Kee over the line labeled "Secretary".



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8-15(b)(4), I, Chad E. Ranney, General Counsel to the Indiana State Board of Education ("Board"), do hereby certify that the governing body reorganization plan<sup>1</sup> submitted by the Board of School Trustees of South Bend Community School Corporation was presented to the Board for consideration and approval. The governing body reorganization plan, which was duly adopted by the Board of School Trustees of South Bend Community School Corporation on February 23, 2022, was approved by the Board on July 13, 2022.



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Chad E. Ranney  
General Counsel  
Indiana State Board of Education

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<sup>1</sup> The governing body reorganization plan and supporting materials presented to the Board for consideration can be found at: <https://www.in.gov/sboe/files/Approval-of-Gov-Body-Change-South-Bend-CSC-Packet-to-Board.pdf>.

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## Exhibit A



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**Date:** July 13, 2022  
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WHEREAS, the Corporation is required, pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 20-23-15-7(2) and 20-23-8-8(4), to review the population of each electoral district prior to the election next following the effective date of each decennial census to ensure that the electoral districts are “as nearly as practicable, of equal population, with the population of the largest district not to exceed the population of the smallest district by more than five percent (5%);” and

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WHEREAS, the Board has considered the various options for realigning the district boundaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION AS FOLLOWS:

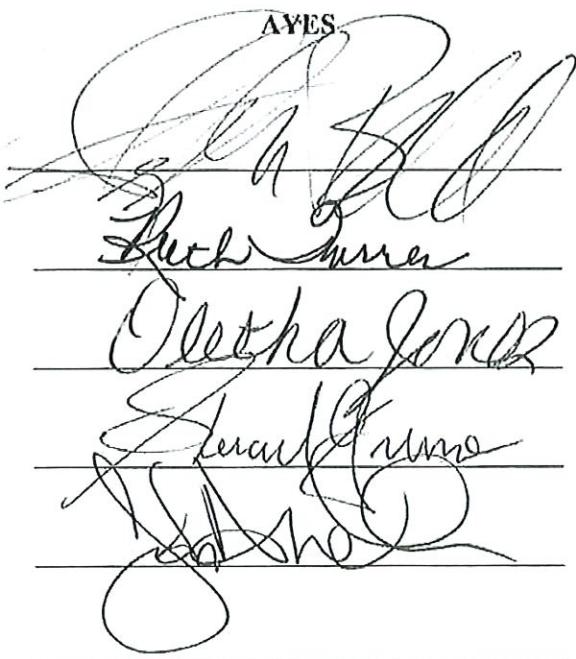
1. The Board has chosen Option 1 as the plan for realigning electoral district boundaries in order to comply with the obligations of the Corporation under Ind. Code §§ 20-23-15-7 and 20-23-8-8(4).

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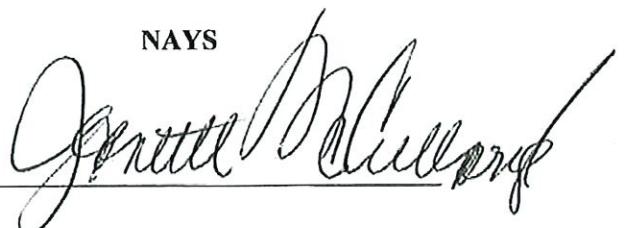
ADOPTED this 23 day of February, 2022.

AYES

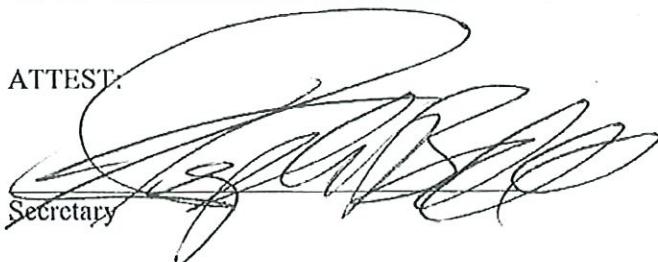


Ruth Anna  
Oletha Jones  
Sarah Grimes  
John

NAYS



ATTEST:



Secretary

GOVERNING BODY SELECTION PLAN  
OF SOUTH BEND COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The governing body of South Bend Community School Corporation (Board) shall consist of seven (7) members, elected on a nonpartisan basis. The voters shall elect the members at the general election in November. Two (2) of the members shall be at-large members elected by all the voters of the school corporation and five (5) of the members shall be electoral district members, residing in the electoral district from which he or she is elected and elected by voters residing in that same electoral district.

District One shall consist of the following precincts as they existed on July 3, 1986: South Bend, District 1, precincts 4 and 5; South Bend, District 3, precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16; South Bend, District 4, precincts 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, and 23; Portage, precincts 1 and 1A.

District Two shall consist of the following precincts as they existed on July 3, 1986: South Bend, District 3, precincts 3, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22; South Bend, District 5, precincts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26; South Bend, District 6, precincts 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, and 25; Centre Township, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8.

District Three shall consist of the following precincts as they existed on July 3, 1986: South Bend, District 1, precincts 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19; South Bend, District 2, precincts 15A, 16, 16A, and 19; South Bend District 6, precincts 18, 19, 20; and 24; Portage Township, precincts 2, 3, 5 and 6; German Township, precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4; Greene Township, precincts 1 and 2; Warren Township, precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

District Four shall consist of the following precincts as they existed on July 3, 1986: South Bend, District 1, precincts 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 14, South Bend, District 2, precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, and 21; South Bend, District 4, precinct 5; South Bend, District 6, precincts 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and 23.

District Five shall consist of the following precincts as they existed on July 3, 1986: South Bend, District 1, precinct 12A, South Bend District 4, precincts 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25, (Clay Township precincts 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15A, 16, 17, 18, 19; Mishawaka, District 6, precinct 6.

The State Board of Education shall reapportion the districts as soon as the decennial census information is available.

**EXHIBIT A**

Beginning with the general election in November, 1986, and every two (2) years thereafter, there shall be a school board member election. Board members elected in November at the general election shall take office on January 1 and serve for a term of four (4) years except as otherwise provided in IC 20-3-20 and this plan. Members may succeed themselves in office.

At the first election for school board members held at the general election in November, 1986, the five (5) electoral district members shall be elected. The three (3) members elected receiving the greatest number of votes at the November, 1986 general election shall serve for a term of four (4) years. The remaining two (2) electoral district members elected at the November, 1986 general election shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, members elected from these two (2) districts shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

In accordance with IC 20-3-20, the two members of the Board selected in accordance with the selection process in effect for South Bend Community School Corporation prior to the referendum held at the 1986 May primary election shall serve as the at-large members through December 31, 1988. Beginning with the 1988 general election, the two (2) at-large members shall be elected and shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled temporarily by the Board. A member chosen to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. A Board member chosen by the Board to fill a electoral district member vacancy shall reside in the district of the school corporation which he or she is chosen to represent. A Board member chosen to fill an at-large vacancy may reside anywhere in the school corporation.

School Board member elections shall be held in accordance with Indiana general election law and Indiana school board member election law. In the event of a conflict, the school board member election law shall prevail.

In accordance with IC 20-5-3-7 Board members must have resided in the State for two (2) years and in the school corporation one (1) year prior to taking office.

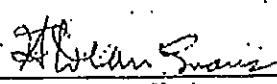
Board members shall be compensated in an amount determined by the Board but not in an amount exceeding that set by the General Assembly at IC 20-5-3-6.

Board members may not be employees of the school corporation. Any employee of the school corporation elected to serve as a Board member shall be deemed to have resigned his or her employment with the school corporation at the time of the election to the Board.

Board members must be twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of taking office.

At least 60 days prior to the general election and not more than 90 days prior to the election, a petition signed by the nominee and ten (10) registered voters residing within the school corporation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the St. Joseph Circuit Court. The petition shall declare the candidate's intention to seek election as a Board member. The petition shall indicate the position on the Board the person is seeking to fill. The names of all candidates certified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall appear on a separate paper or machine ballot in accordance with the requirements of School Board member election codified under IC 20-4-1-26(6).

Adopted: July 3, 1986

  
H. Dean Evans, Chairman of the  
Indiana State Board of Education

The Indiana State Board of Education hereby adopts the Governing Body Selection Plan(s) for the South Bend Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees pursuant to IC 20-3-20.

CERTIFICATION

I, H. Dean Evans, as Chairman of the Indiana State Board of Education, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, correct, and complete copy of the plan adopted by the Board on July 3, 1986, and do further certify that the attached Plan is a true, correct, and complete copy of the Plan adopted by the Board on the above date.

Date: July 15-86

H. Dean Evans  
H. Dean Evans, Chairman  
Indiana State Board of Education