



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education

From: Chad E. Ranney, General Counsel

Date: July 13, 2022

RE: Approval of Governing Body Change – Goshen Community Schools

Recommendation: Approve the proposed governing body plan change

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

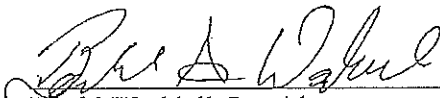
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. DCLXXXV (785)

APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR REAPPORTIONMENT RESOLUTION

Be, and it is hereby, RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools that the following plan for the constitution for the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools be published, referred to the State Board of Education for review and adopted, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 8 of Article 23, Title 20 of the Indiana Code.

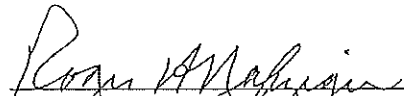
Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.

Signed:

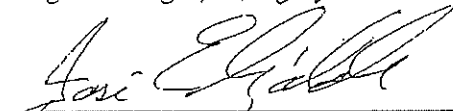


Bradd Weddell, President

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Roger Nafziger, Secretary

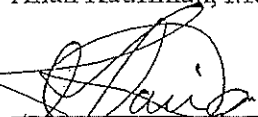


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CONSTITUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
OF
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS,
ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA

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B. Three (3) of the members shall be at-large members, elected by all the voters of the school corporation, and four (4) of the members shall be election district members, each residing in an election district from which he or she is elected by voters residing in that same election district. The four (4) election districts of Goshen Community Schools shall be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

District 1 shall consist of Elkhart Township precincts numbered 1, 2, 6, 7, 10 and 11 as the same have been established prior to the 2022 general election in accord with Ind. Code § 3-11-1.5-38 and Ordinance Number 2011-372 of The Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana.

District 2 shall consist of Elkhart Township precincts numbered 3, 4, 8 and 13 as the same have been so established.

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II. CANDIDATES FOR ELECTORAL DISTRICT POSITIONS ON SCHOOL BOARD;
ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Whenever a candidate runs for one of the election district positions on the school board, the following applies:

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B. Upon filing an intention to run for a position on the school board, the candidate must specify that the candidate is running for an election district position.

C. Only eligible voters residing in the candidate's election district may vote for the candidate.

D. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes in the candidate's election district will win the election in that district.

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D. The candidates who receive the greatest number of votes win the available at-large positions.

IV. ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TERMS

A. Two (2) at-large members of the school board shall be elected at the general elections held in November, 2022, and in November of every fourth year thereafter.

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C. Board members shall be compensated in an amount determined by the Board but not in an amount exceeding that set by the Indiana General Assembly at Ind. Code § 20-26-4-7.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This plan shall be effective on January 10, 2022.

**GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
- ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA**

**Excerpts from the Minutes of the Board of Education-Regular Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools was held on Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Goshen Community Schools Administration Center, 613 E. Purl St., Goshen, IN. Board President Bradd Weddell presided, and Mrs. Teri McCrindle recorded the minutes. Other board members present were Secretary Roger Nafziger and members Mr. Jose Elizalde, Mr. Allan Kauffman, and Mrs. Maria Sanchez Schirch. Attending via Zoom was Vice President Mario Garber and absent was member Ms. Amanda Qualls. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Steven Hope, Associate Superintendent Dr. Alan Metcalfe, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Lori Line, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Tracey Noe, and Chief Finance Officer Dr. Robert Evans. Also in attendance: Director of Digital Media and Marketing Mrs. Megan Eichorn, Director of Digital Media and Marketing Mrs. Lori Martin, GHS Principal Ms. Cathleen DeMeyer, GJHS Principal Mrs. Jan Baker, Model Principal Mrs. Tami Hicks, GEA Co-President Mr. Hank Moore and the Goshen News was the media in attendance.

[Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following]:

Action Items:

Action: 4.1 Redistricting and Resolution 785 (Weddell)

Mr. Weddell reminded everyone the importance of redistricting the four elective districts for board members. As the population in Elkhart Township has changed, it is required to have a better balance to meet the statute governed by the state of Indiana. After further discussion and looking over all three options, he believed that Option 1 was going to be the best choice. Mr. Kauffman motioned to go with Option 1 as Mr. Nafziger second the motion. Mr. Nafziger reiterated that it was a difficult task finding many options, he tried and finds the best choice is Option 1 as well. Mr. Kauffman thanked Mr. Weddell for all his work on coming to these conclusions. Approval of using Option 1 and approving Resolution 785 passed with a vote of 6/0.

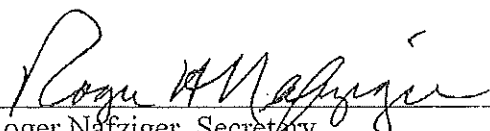
Adjournment:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
GOSHEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

I, Roger Nafziger, hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools, Elkhart County, Indiana, and that the foregoing excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on Monday, January 24, 2022, are true and accurate copies of portions of those minutes as approved by the Board of School Trustees.

Dated March 18, 2022



Roger Nafziger, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Goshen Community Schools

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STATE OF INDIANA,
Elkhart County, }

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NOTICE OF REAPPOINTMENT AND RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

At its regular meeting on January 24, 2022, the Board of School Trustees approved by resolution the following:

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VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This plan shall be effective on January 24, 2022.

Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after publication of this notice, voters of the school corporation may in accord with the provisions of Ind. Code § 20-23-8-14 file with the Clerk of the Elkhart Circuit Court a petition protesting the plan approved by the Board or a petition submitting an alternative plan.

Roger Nafziger, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Goshen Community Schools

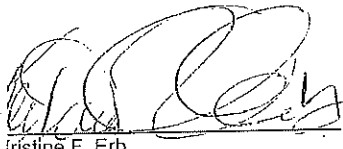
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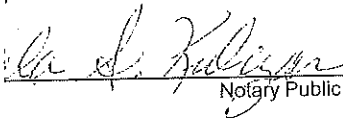
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Kristine F. Erb

January 31, 2022



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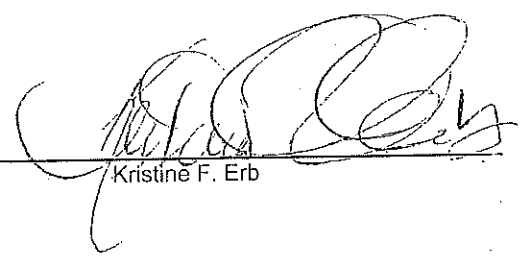
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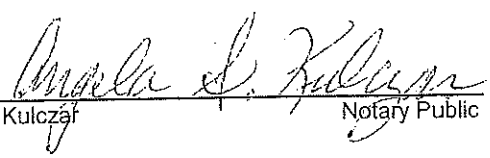
I, being duly sworn, on oath say that THE GOSHEN NEWS is a daily
newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of
Goshen, in the County and State of aforesaid; that the annexed true copy
was published in said newspaper one consecutive week as follows:

On the day of January 31, 2022



Kristine F. Erb

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of January 31, 2022



Angela S. Kulczar

Notary Public

My commission expires February 04, 2027
Commission # NP0718334



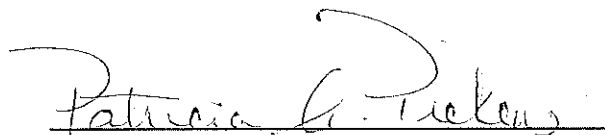
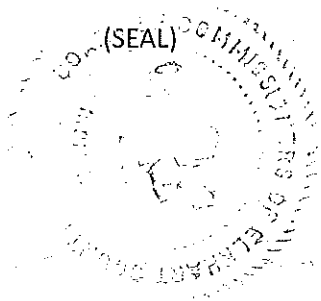
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**Auditor's Certificate of No Precinct
Changes in Elkhart Township
of Elkhart County, Indiana
Due to the 2020 Decennial Census**

I, Patricia A. Pickens, hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Auditor of Elkhart County, Indiana, that no changes in the boundaries of the precincts in Elkhart Township of Elkhart County, Indiana, were made as a result of the 2020 Decennial Census, and that the boundaries of the Goshen Community Schools district are coterminous with the boundaries of Elkhart Township of Elkhart County, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have thereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana, this 31st day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia A. Pickens", is written over a horizontal line.

Patricia A. Pickens, Auditor
Elkhart County, Indiana

**Clerk's Certificate of No Protest Petitions
and No Petitions Submitting Alternative Plans**

I, Christopher Anderson, hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of the Circuit Court of Elkhart County, Indiana, and that from and including January 31, 2022, to the date of this certificate no petitions protesting any plan for the constitution of the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools, Elkhart County, Indiana, and no petition submitting an alternate plan for the constitution of said Board has been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Elkhart County, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at the City of Goshen, Indiana, this 1st day of June, 2022.

Christopher Anderson
Christopher Anderson, Clerk,
Elkhart Circuit Court




**Certificate of Transcript and of No Protest Petitions
and No Petitions Submitting Alternative Plans
by the President of the Board of School Trustees,
Goshen Community Schools**

I, Bradd Weddell, hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting President of the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools, Elkhart County, Indiana, and that the annexed and foregoing transcript contains true and correct copies of the proceedings relative to the reconstitution the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools commenced by the passage of Resolution No. DCCLXXXV (785) by the Board of School Trustees of Goshen Community Schools on January 24, 2022. Only relevant portions of some documents are included in this transcript as indicated in the Table of Contents.

I further certify that no petition protesting any plan and no petition submitting an alternative plan has been filed with the Board of School Trustees as of the date of this certificate.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2022.

(SEAL)



Bradd Weddell, President
Board of School Trustees,
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