

## INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education **From:** Chad E. Ranney, General Counsel

**Date:** July 13, 2022

**RE:** Approval of Plan Change – Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools

## Recommendation: Approve the proposed school corporation reorganization plan

Pursuant to IC 20-23-4-22, the Board of School Trustees of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools ("Greater Jasper") adopted a resolution to initiate a change to Greater Jasper's school corporation reorganization plan. After adopting the resolution, Greater Jasper 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 Greater Jasper's plan and the manner in which it was initiated satisfy the requirements set forth in IC 20-23-4-22. As such, Greater Jasper's new governing body plan is recommended for certification.

## PLAN FOR GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

- 1. As used herein the word "plan" shall have the meaning defined in I.C. 20-4-10.1-1 (Burns Indiana Statutes 28-1831) and all provisions of the present plan of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools not inconsistent or in conflict with the changes set out herein shall continue in full force and effect.
- 2. <u>BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES, NUMBER.</u> The Board of School Trustees shall consist of five (5) in number.
- 3. <u>RESIDENCE DISTRICTS</u>. For the purpose of selecting the School Trustees, the School Corporation shall be divided into the following residence districts, all in Dubois County, Indiana:

District #1- Madison Township, including that portion thereof located in the City of Jasper, in Madison Township;

District #2- Boone Township, including that portion thereof located in the City of Jasper, in Boone Township;

District #3- City of Jasper, to the extent located in Bainbridge Township; and,

District #4- Bainbridge Township and including the City of Jasper to the extent located in Bainbridge Township.

- 4. RESIDENCE OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES. One (1) member of the Board of Trustees shall reside in District #1; one (1) member shall reside in District #2; one (1) member shall reside in District #4; and two (2) members shall reside in District #3.
- 5. <u>ELECTION</u>. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by a vote of all registered voters of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools voting at any school board member election. The first election at which any member of the Board of School Trustees was elected was in the Primary Election of 1976.
- 6. <u>ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTIONS.</u> Members of the Board shall be elected at General Elections and all registered voters of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools shall be entitled to cast a vote for a Board member from each of the residence districts in the School Corporation.

7. <u>ELECTION DATES.</u> From and after the General Election in 2022, members of the Board shall be elected from each of the following residence districts in the following manner:

District #1- Madison Township, including area within the City of Jasper, located in the Madison Township;

District #2- Boone Township, including area within the City of Jasper, located in Boone Township;

District #3- City of Jasper, including only that portion of Jasper, located in Bainbridge Township; and,

District #4- Bainbridge Township, excluding Jasper located in Boone or Madison Township

Members elected from Residence Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 shall serve for a term of four (4) years, but may succeed himself or herself in office.

At the General Election in 2022, one (1) member of the Board shall be elected each from District #1 and District #3; and in the General Election in 2024, one (1) Member shall be elected each from District #2, District #3 and District #4, and those currently serving from Districts #2, #4 and the second member serving from Section 3 shall continue to serve the remaining two (2) years of their current terms.

8.  $\underline{\text{TERMS OF MEMBERS.}}$  All elected Board members shall take office and assume their duties on the 1st day of January following their election.

All members shall be elected for terms of four (4) years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

9. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS, OATH. The members of the Board of School Trustees shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, residents of the district from which they are elected at the time of election, and residents of the district from which they are elected for at least one (1) year proceeding their taking office. They shall be ineligible to any elective or appointive office under such Board of School Trustees, but may be eligible for appointment to offices in the government of Dubois county or any Township or City therein while holding membership on said Board.

Every School Trustee-elect shall, within three (3) days after beginning their term of office, take an oath before someone qualified to administer oaths that he or she possesses all of the qualifications required to be eligible as Trustee of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, and that he or she will honestly and

faithfully discharge the duties of their office. Upon the taking of such oath, the School Trustee shall be deemed to have qualified for such office.

10. <u>VACANCY</u>. If a vacancy shall occur on the Board of Trustees it shall be filled for the remaining portion of the unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members of the Board.

## CERTIFICATION

The Board of School Trustees of the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-8.5, as amended, does hereby certify that its current Corporation Plan, being an amended Plan approved by said Board on June 27, 2022, of an original Plan previously approved by the Indiana State Board of Education on October 23, 1974, establishing four (4) residential Districts for the election of five (5) members of the Board of School Trustees of said School Corporation, with each Board member being elected by a vote of all registered voters of said School Corporation voting at any school board member election, does hereby certify that said Plan has been adopted and proposed pursuant to I.C. 20-23-4-22 does not require any additional current amendment to comply with Indiana Code. A copy of the School Corporation's amended Plan has been submitted to the Circuit Court Clerk of Dubois County, Indiana, and to the State Board for approval, a copy of which is attached.

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