



# INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education

**From:** Chad E. Ranney, General Counsel

**Date:** June 2, 2021

**RE: Approval of Governing Body Change – Randolph Southern School Corporation**

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

Pursuant to IC 20-23-8-10(a)(2), Randolph Southern (“Randolph Southern”) School Corporation’s governing body adopted a resolution to initiate a plan to change its governing body on October 12, 2020. Subsequent to Randolph Southern adopting the resolution to amend its governing body, it submitted the attached materials for the Indiana State Board of Education’s review and consideration. The materials included (1) the prior governing body plan; (2) the resolution adopted by Randolph Southern; (3) the local publication information that includes the language of the new governing body plan; and (4) the county clerk’s certification that no protest petitions or alternative plan amendments were submitted to the clerk’s office. Randolph Southern’s resolution seeks to convert the School Board seat composition from specific Townships to entirely At Large seats. The Board of School Trustees will still be comprised of five (5) elected members. The proposed amendment reads:

WHEREAS Randolph Southern School Corporation is the successor in interest to the school corporation (previously known as Lynn-Burg School Corporation) created pursuant to the Resolution of Intention to Consolidate Washington School Township, and Greensfork School Township, Randolph County, Indiana adopted on July 22, 1963 (“1963 Resolution”, see Exhibit);

WHEREAS the 1963 Resolution speaks, in part, to the composition of School Board seats for Randolph Southern School Corporation;

WHEREAS the 1963 Resolution contains the contents required by IC § 20-23-8-7 for a school board organization plan (“Plan”);

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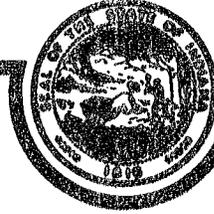
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to IC § 20-23-8-10(a)(2), the Randolph Southern School Corporation Board of Education hereby proposes an organization plan in which School Board seat composition is converted from specific Townships to entirely At Large seats.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other aspects of the 1963 Resolution/existing School Board Organization Plan would remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of this Board is directed to cause notice of this Board's proposal of the foregoing plan change to be published, as required by IC § 20-23-8-14, in a newspaper of general circulation published in Randolph County, Indiana within ten (10) days.

Approved by the Board of Education on this 12 day of October, 2020.



STATE COMMISSION FOR THE  
REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL  
CORPORATIONS

September 5, 1963.

ROOM B-4  
SENATE CHAMBERS  
MELROSE 4-1161

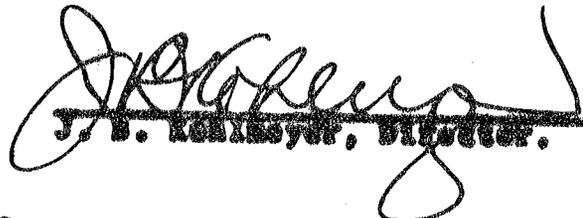
**Memorandum For:** Trustees of Washington and Greens-  
fork School Townships of Randolph  
County, Indiana.

**From:** J. B. Kohnmeyer

**Re:** Proposed Consolidation

You are hereby notified that the proposed consolidation of Greensfork and Washington School Townships was approved by the State Commission at their meeting on September 3, 1963.

This approval shall in no wise be construed to impede the Randolph County Committee in the development of a School Corporation Reorganization Plan for Randolph County. The County Committee may enlarge, dismember or make any other changes they deem appropriate.

  
J. B. Kohnmeyer, Director.

CC: County Committee

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CONSOLIDATE  
WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, AND GREENSFORK  
SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Trustees of Washington Township and Greensfork Township, met in joint session and adopted a joint resolution to consolidate the elementary and high schools of Washington and Greensfork School Townships pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1947 as amended, to be effective January 1, 1964.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

(1) That the name of said consolidated school district shall be the LYNN-BURG SCHOOL CORPORATION.

(2) That the School Board of such consolidated school corporation shall be composed as follows:

(a) The Board of School trustees shall be first elected at the primary election in 1964, as hereinafter provided.

(b) From January 1, 1964 and until said School Board is elected and qualified, the Consolidated School Corporation shall be under the direction and control of an Interim Board to consist of the duly qualified and acting Trustees of Washington and Greensfork Townships of Randolph County, Indiana, one member to be appointed by the Advisory Board of Washington Township, one member to be appointed by the Advisory Board of Greensfork Township, and the fifth member to be appointed by a majority vote of the combined advisory Boards of Washington and Greensfork Townships.

(c) Beginning August 1, 1964, or as soon after the primary election in 1964 as said Board can be elected and qualified, the Board of School Trustees of said Consolidated School Corporation shall consist of five members to be elected and qualified as hereinafter provided:

(1) Two (2) of said members shall be registered legal voters of Washington Township, Randolph County, Indiana. At the first election in 1964, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of four (4) years, commencing August 1,

1964, and the one receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two (2) years commencing August 1, 1964. Thereafter, the members elected shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

(2) Two of said members shall be registered legal voters of Greensfork Township, Randolph County, Indiana. At the first election in 1964, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of four (4) years commencing August 1, 1964, and the one receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two (2) years commencing August 1, 1964. Thereafter, the members elected shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

(3) There shall be one (1) member at large who shall serve for a term of four (4) years commencing August 1, 1964.

The members of the school board shall be elected in the following manner:

(1) The members of the School Board shall be elected by a majority vote on a separate ballot without party designation at the primary election at the time provided for.

(2) At the time provided by law for the filing of notice of candidacies for said primary election, nominations for the members of the school board shall be made by a petition signed by the nominee and fifteen (15) voters residing in the township which he is to represent, except the petition of the member at large may be signed by any fifteen (15) voters residing within the school corporation. Said petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Randolph County and such nomination shall be listed on separate ballots without party designation. At the time of election of the member at large the same ballot shall be prepared for both townships.

Voting and tabulation of votes shall be conducted in the same manner as voting in primary elections is conducted and the candidate having the greatest number of votes cast

in the Consolidated School corporation shall be the person elected from his district.

Each member shall be a resident legal voter of the district he is to represent at the time of election and must continue to reside in said district during his term of office. The member at large may be a resident of either of the townships and must continue to reside within the school corporation during the term of office.

In case there shall occur a vacancy on the Board for any reason, including the failure of any candidate to file a petition at the time of election, such vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the term by appointment by the Advisory Board as provided for in the initial appointment of the Board.

(3) That all members of said school board shall take an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of their office within five days after August 1 of each year and having taken such oath of office shall meet and organize by electing a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, as provided by law. The treasurer before starting his duties shall furnish a bond to the acceptance of the Auditor of Randolph County. Said bond shall be a sum equal to the maximum amount of money that will come into his hands at any one time by virtue of his office and the fee for such bond shall be paid from the special school fund of such school corporation.

The school board shall meet regularly, once each month on a designated day for the transaction of such business that may come before it and at such other times as occasion may demand. In case of such special meeting, all the board members shall be notified by the secretary of the board as to the time and place of such special meeting. A special meeting may be called by the president, vice-president or any two members of the board.

Any four members of the school board shall constitute a quorum and all decisions shall be determined by a majority of all board members present, except those involving a change or amend-

ment of the rules and regulations for the governing of the school corporation, which shall be determined by a majority of all board members.

(4) The salary of each board member shall be two hundred dollars per year or as provided by law except the township trustee serving as a member of the Interim Board shall receive no salary other than the pay and allowances allowed to each as trustee of their respective civil township.

(5) The initial appointments by the Advisory Boards shall be made within fifteen (15) days after the ratification of this petition of consolidation.

(6) The consolidated school corporation shall be under the direction of a superintendent to be selected by the School Board.

(7) The names of the present school corporations which are to be merged together as a consolidated school corporation are Washington School Township and Greensfork School Township.

(8) Such consolidated school board shall possess and have all the rights and duties conferred and enjoined upon them by Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1947 as amended, and Chapter 268 of the Acts of 1949.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

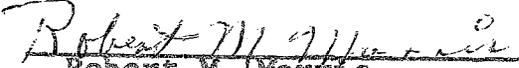
(1) That a legal notice in the form attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated hereby by reference shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Lynn-Herald on July 25, 1963 and August 1, 1963, and the Winchester Daily News on July 24, 1963 and July 31, 1963, being newspapers of opposite political faiths and of general circulation, printed and published within Randolph County, Indiana, the first newspaper being printed and published in Washington Township, and there being no newspaper being printed and published in Greensfork Township, the second newspaper is published in Randolph County, Indiana, and has a general circulation in Greensfork township.

RESOLVED FURTHER

(1) That the Trustees of Washington and Greensfork Townships

shall meet one week following the second publication of notice, to-wit: at 7:00 P.M. on Friday August 9, 1963 at the office of the Township Trustee of Washington Township, and take such further action as then may be necessary and appropriate to complete said consolidation.

Approved: July 22nd, 1963 at the office of Mendenhall, Hunter and Stohler, in Winchester, Indiana.

  
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Robert M. Morris,  
Trustee, Washington Township

  
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Reginald Chenoweth,  
Trustee, Greensfork Township

Randolph Southern School Corp

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Pursuant to the provisions and penalties of IC 5-11-10-1, I hereby certify that the foregoing account is just and correct, that the amount claimed is legally due, after allowing all just credits, and that no part of the same has been paid.

I also certify that the printed matter attached hereto is a true copy, of the same column width and type size, which was duly published in said paper 1 time(s). The dates of publication being as follows:

October 13, 2020

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Date 13-Oct-20

Debbie Clay  
Title: Legal Manager

**The News-Gazette**

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION PLAN

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-23-8-14, notice is hereby given by the Randolph Southern School Board that on October 12, 2020, the School Board approved a resolution proposing a change in the school board organization plan ("Plan"), specifically, the reconfiguration of School Board seats to five (5) At Large seats. All other aspects of the existing Plan would remain unchanged.

Notice is further given that not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the publication of this notice voters residing within the overall boundaries of Randolph Southern School Corporation may file with the county clerk of court a petition protesting this proposed plan or a petition submitting an alternative plan in accordance with the following parameters:

- A petition protesting the above plan shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters within the school corporation boundaries or five hundred (500) voters within the school corporation boundaries, whichever is less.

- A petition submitting an alternative plan shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters within the school corporation boundaries.

A copy of the existing School Board Organizational Plan is available at the School Corporation Central Office during regular business hours.

Dated: 10-12-20  
s/ Thomas McFarland  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
Randolph Southern School Corporation

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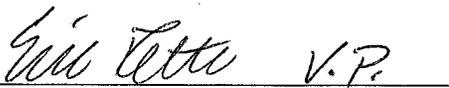
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School Board Secretary