

**Joint Resolution of
Governing Board of Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation
And
The Board of School Trustees of Cass Township Schools**

WHEREAS, the Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation (“Dewey Prairie”) is a consolidated school district located in La Porte County and is currently under the direction of Superintendent Norman Kleist; and,

WHEREAS, Cass Township Schools (“Cass Township”) is a school district located in La Porte County and is currently under the direction of La Porte County Schools Superintendent Norman Kleist; and,

WHEREAS, Dewey Prairie Township Consolidated School Corporation is a consolidated school district under IC 20-23-6-3 with a five (5) member Governing Board charged with overseeing and conducting is the educational affairs of Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation ; and,

WHEREAS, Cass Township is considered to be a body politic and corporate pursuant to IC 20-23-3-1 and Cass Township has an elected trustee and advisory board who are elected for the purpose of taking charge of the educational affairs of their township, and other matters related thereto, pursuant to IC 20-23-3-2; and, Dewey Prairie is a consolidated School Corporation the Governing Board of which is similarly charged with overseeing and conducting the educational affairs of Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation of which having occurred pursuant to IC 20-23-6; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation and the Board of Trustees of Cass Township are desirous of adopting this joint resolution pursuant to IC 20-23-6 so as to implement consolidation of their respective school districts into one consolidated School Corporation named Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation; and

WHEREAS, to effectuate the consolidation of these school districts, there shall be appointed an "Interim Board of School Trustees" who shall serve on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of this joint resolution until the Tri-Township Consolidate School Corporation elections occur pursuant to the provisions of this joint resolution. The interim Board of School Trustees shall receive no compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Trustees of Cass Township and by the Governing Board of the Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation that the two separate school corporations shall be consolidated in one under the name Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation, all of which to occur pursuant to I.C. 20-23-6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed plan of the Governing Board of Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be as follows:

1. That control and management of said Tri-Township Consolidate School Corporation shall be vested in a school board which shall consist of five (5) members.

2. There shall be residential and at-large members comprising the said Governing Board as follows:

a. One member of the Governing Board of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be a resident of Cass Township, La Porte, Indiana for a period of not less than one year prior to being sworn into the office and assuming duties prescribed by Indiana law and this joint resolution.

b. One member of the Governing Board of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be a resident of Dewey Township, La Porte, Indiana for a period of not less than one year prior to being sworn into the office and assuming duties prescribed by Indiana law and this joint resolution.

c. One member of the Governing Board of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be a resident of Prairie Township, La Porte, Indiana for a period of not less than one year prior to being sworn into the office and assuming duties prescribed by Indiana law and this joint resolution.

d. Two members of the Governing Board of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be at-large positions whom shall be a resident of Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation for a period of not less than one year prior to being sworn into the office and assuming duties prescribed by Indiana law and this joint resolution.

3. The term of office and other qualifications required of the members of Gove shall be as follows:

a. Each member at-large of said consolidated school board shall be, and for one year immediately preceding his or her election shall have been, a resident of said consolidated school district.

b. Each other member of said consolidated school board shall be, and for one year immediately preceding his or her election shall have been, a resident of the civil township which he or she is to represent.

c. Each member of said consolidated school board shall be a legally qualified voter. Not more than two members of said board shall be residents of the same civil township comprising said consolidated school district.

d. Upon adoption of this joint resolution, Joyce ~~Spoljaric~~^{Spoljaric} shall be appointed as the interim member at-large of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees. At the regular election to be held in the month of November 6, 2012, one member at-large of said consolidated school board shall be elected to replace this appointed member at-large. The term of the elected successor member at large shall be for four years beginning January 1, 2013 at noon and end at noon, January 1, 2017. At the regular election to be held in the month of November, 2016, and at the regular elections at four year intervals thereafter, the successor to said member at-large shall be elected for a term of four years, and such successor shall take office upon the expiration of the terms of said member at-large.

e. Upon adoption of this joint resolution, Paul Malecki shall be appointed as the interim member at-large of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees. At the regular election to be held in the month of November 6, 2012, one member at-large of said consolidated school board shall be elected to replace this appointed member at large. The term of the elected successor member at-large shall be for four years beginning January 1, 2013 at noon and end at noon, January 1, 2017. At the regular election to be held in the month of November, 2012, and at the regular elections at four year intervals thereafter, the successor to said member at-large shall be elected for a term of four years, and such successor shall take office upon the expiration of the terms of said member at-large.

g. Upon adoption of this joint resolution, Robert Younggreen, township trustee, shall be appointed as the interim member of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees, representing Prairie Township. At the regular election to be held in the month of November 4, 2014, one member of said consolidated school board, representing Prairie Township, La Porte County, Indiana shall be elected to replace the current member representing Prairie Township. The term of the elected member shall be for four years beginning January 1, 2015 at noon and end at noon, January 1, 2019. At the regular election to be held in the month of November, 2018, and at the regular elections at four year intervals thereafter, the successor to said member shall be elected for a term of four

years, and such successor shall take office upon the expiration of the terms of said member.

h. Upon adoption of this joint resolution, Dick Bucher, township trustee shall be appointed as the interim member of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees representing Dewey Township. At the regular election to be held in the month of November 4, 2014, one member of said consolidated school board, representing Dewey Township, La Porte County, Indiana shall be elected to replace the current member representing Dewey Township. The term of the elected member shall be for four years beginning January 1, 2015 at noon and end at noon, January 1, 2019. At the regular election to be held in the month of November, 2018, and at the regular elections at four year intervals thereafter, the successor to said member shall be elected for a term of four years, and such successor shall take office upon the expiration of the terms of said member.

i. Upon adoption of this joint resolution, Timothy Guse, township trustee shall be appointed as the interim member of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees representing Cass Township. At the regular election to be held in the month of November 4, 2014, one member of said consolidated school board, representing Cass Township, La Porte County, Indiana shall be elected to replace the current member representing Dewey Township. The term of the elected member

shall be for four years beginning January 1, 2015 at noon and end at noon, January 1, 2019. At the regular election to be held in the month of November, 2018, and at the regular elections at four year intervals thereafter, the successor to said member shall be elected for a term of four years, and such successor shall take office upon the expiration of the terms of said member.

j. Any qualified person who desires to be a candidate for the office of member at-large of said consolidated school board shall file with the Clerk of La Porte Circuit Court of La Porte County a petition signed by him and 10 or more qualified, legal voters residing within the said consolidated school district, asking that his or her name be placed upon an appropriate non-partisan ballot as such candidate.

k. Any qualified person who desires to be a candidate for the office of member of the consolidated school board, other than a member at-large, shall file with the Clerk of the La Porte Circuit Court of La Porte County, Indiana, a petition him and 10 or more qualified, legal voters residing in the township from which said person desires to be a candidate, asking that his or her name be placed upon an appropriate non-partisan ballot as such candidate.

l. Such petitions shall be filed within the period of time prescribed by the election laws of the State of Indiana for the filing of declarations or petitions of candidacy for elections.

m. The election of members of said consolidated school board shall be held on the date fixed by the laws of Indiana for regular elections and shall be under the jurisdiction and control of election officials who have jurisdiction and control over regular elections under the laws of the State of Indiana.

n. Any candidate for the office of member of said consolidated school board who receives a plurality of the votes cast for the office which he or she is seeking shall be declared elected, if at the time of such election he or she meets all the legal qualifications for said office. If any candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast is not legally qualified for said office, the qualified candidate receiving the next highest number of votes for the particular office shall be declared elected.

o. Except as otherwise provided in this resolution, elections of members of said consolidated school board shall be governed by the general election laws of the State of Indiana, including registration laws.

p. In the event a vacancy occurs on said consolidated school board, the remaining members of said board shall appoint a successor member of said board to serve during the unexpired term of the member he succeeds. No person shall be appointed to fill a vacancy on said board unless said person has all of the qualifications in this resolution prescribed for members of said board. At the expiration of the term to complete which he or she shall have been appointed, such appointed successor member of said boards shall be

succeeded in office by a person who shall have been duly elected and qualified in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the applicable laws of the State of Indiana.

4. The Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall be under the direction of a school superintendent who shall be selected by said consolidated school board.

5. That this plan for election of the governing body of the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board of School Trustees shall become effective and be adopted upon the adoption and declaration of this Joint Resolution by the Board of School Trustees of Cass Township and Board of School Trustees of Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation declaring that the school corporations are consolidated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation shall come to exist July 1, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretaries of each Board of School Trustees and the Governing Board of the Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation is authorized and directed to publish a notice of this Joint Resolution.

Passed and Adopted this 31st day of January, 2011.

President for Dewey Prairie Consolidated
School Corporation:

Dick E Bucher

Signature

Dick E Bucher

Printed Name

President for Cass Township:

Jacqueline A Tharp

Signature

Jacqueline A Tharp

Printed Name

ATTEST:

For Cass Township
Secretary, Board of School Trustees:

Eugene Shurte

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Printed Name

For Dewey Prairie Consolidated School Corporation
Secretary, Board of School Trustees

Aaron Rust

Signature

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