BEFORE THE REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE
BOARDS OF EDUCATION OF ABINGDON
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217, KNOX AND WARREN COUNTIES,
ILLINOIS, AVON COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176, WARREN,
FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS AND
A DULY SELECTED COMMITTEE OF TEN TO
ORGANIZE A NEW UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPRISED OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF
THE SAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE
SUBMISSION OF A QUESTION OF PUBLIC
POLICY ON THE FORMATION OF THE
PROPOSED UNIT DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS
OF SAID TERRITORY AT THE GENERAL
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012

PETITION FOR CONSOLIDATION

NOW, COME the Board of Education of Abingdon Community Unit School District No. 217, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois, ("Abingdon School District") the Board of Education of Avon Community Unit School District No. 176, Warren, Fulton and Knox Counties, Illinois ("Avon School District") and a duly selected Committee of Ten (the "Committee of Ten") (the Abingdon School District, the Avon School District and the Committee of Ten are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Petitioners"). Pursuant to Article 11E of the Illinois School Code ("Article 11E") found at 105 ILCS 5/11E-5, et. seq. the Petitioners seek the establishment of a combined unit school district. In support thereof, the Petitioners state as follows:

1. Petitioners are the duly elected Boards of Education of Avon School District and Abingdon School District and a duly selected Committee of Ten charged with certain responsibilities under Article 11E.

2. Petitioners seek the submission of a proposition during the general election on November 6, 2012, authorizing the formation of a combined unit school district comprised of the entire territory of Avon School District and the entire territory of Abingdon School District.

3. The proposed combined unit school district shall be authorized to levy taxes in the respective funds hereinafter set forth at the indicted maximum rates, to-wit:

   a. Education Fund 3.25%
   b. Operations and Maintenance Fund 0.50%
   c. Transportation Fund 0.45%
   d. Working Cash Fund 0.05%

The proposed combined unit school district will not be subject to the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.
4. Petitioners desire that at the same election as the voters consider the formation of the proposed combined unit school district, a school board be elected on a separate ballot to serve as the school board of the proposed combined unit school district.

5. Members of the school board shall be elected at large and not by school board districts.

6. The following persons are hereby designated to serve as the Committee of Ten with respect to the proposed consolidation which committee shall possess the powers prescribed by Article 11E:

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7. Creation of the proposed combined unit school district would serve the school needs and conditions in the territory of the proposed combined unit school district.

8. The proposed combined unit school district would have the capacity to meet the standards of recognition as prescribed by the State Board of Education.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners hereby request as follows:

A. That the entire territory contained within the boundaries of Avon School District and Abingdon School District be organized into a new combined unit school district.

B. That the Regional Superintendent for Knox County conduct a hearing on this petition in the manner prescribed by Article 11E.

C. That upon the completion of said hearing, the Regional Superintendent approve this petition and thereafter submit the petition and all evidence submitted at said hearing to the State Superintendent of Education for his review and approval.

D. That the State Superintendent of Education review and approve this Petition.

E. That in accordance with the general election law found at 5 ILCS 5/1-1, et. seq. a proposition to create the proposed combined unit school district be submitted to the voters of the territory hereinabove described at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

F. That the proposition include the maximum tax rates as set forth in paragraph 3 of this Petition.
G. That at the same election as the proposition is considered by the voters, a school board be elected on a separate ballot to serve as a school board of the proposed combined unit school district.

ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217, KNOX AND WARREN COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

By [Signature]
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Secretary

COMMITTEE OF TEN

Amy Goolsby
Leah Glaser
Leslie Jones
Stacey Nation
Margie Winski
Jenne Serven
April Tatham
Diane Thompson (Chair)
David Serven
Chisa Anderson

AVON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176, WARREN, FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

By [Signature]
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Secretary
G. That at the same election as the proposition is considered by the voters, a school board be elected on a separate ballot to serve as a school board of the proposed combined unit school district.

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President, Board of Education

ATTEST: _______________
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AVON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176, WARREN, FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

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President, Board of Education

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RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AVON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176 APPROVING A PETITION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF

AVON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176,
WARREN, FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS; AND

ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217,
KNOX AND WARREN COUNTIES, ILLINOIS;

INTO A COMBINED
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, representatives of the Board of Education of Avon Community Unit School District No. 176, Warren, Fulton and Knox Counties, Illinois ("Avon School District") have been in contact with representatives of the Board of Education of Abingdon Community Unit School District No. 217, Knox and Warren Counties, Illinois ("Abingdon School District") concerning the possible consolidation of the two school districts into a combined unit school district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Avon School District has studied the financial advantages and disadvantages and the educational advantages and disadvantages of consolidating Avon School District with Abingdon School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Avon School District finds that it is in the best interests of Avon School District and its pupils that the territory situated within the boundaries of Avon School District be consolidated with the territory situated within the boundaries of Abingdon School District to form a new unit school district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AVON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176, WARREN, FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby adopts the recitals set forth in the preambles to this resolution and finds that such recitals are full, true and correct.

Section 2. The President and Secretary of the Board of Education of Avon School District are hereby authorized and directed to execute a petition seeking the consolidation of the entire territory of Avon School District with the entire territory of Abingdon School District pursuant to the procedures established by Article 11E of the Illinois School Code found at 105 ILCS 5/11E-5, et. seq. and to submit or cause the submittal of such petition to the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Knox County Educational Service Region (the "Regional Superintendent"), which petition shall be in substantially the form set forth at "Exhibit A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Petition"), together with such non substantive changes therein as may be recommended by legal counsel.

Section 3. The administration of Avon School District is hereby authorized and directed to assist in the collection and submission of evidence and data in support of the Petition and to cooperate with the administration of Abingdon School District and the Committee of Ten designated in the Petition to bring about approval of the Petition by the Regional Superintendent and by the State Superintendent of Education.
Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2012 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:
Secretary Board of Education
RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217 APPROVING A PETITION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF

AVON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 176,
WARREN, FULTON AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS; AND

ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 217,
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ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2012 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education