Dodds CCSD #7

Ina CCSD #8

CONSOLIDATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE
A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PETITION

Now come the Petitioners, Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois by and through their respective Boards of Education, and state as follows:

1. The Petitioner School Districts are each legally organized school districts operating under the laws of the State of Illinois.
2. Petitioner Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 serves students in grades kindergarten through eight and all high school students therein are served by Mount Vernon Township School District No. 201.
3. Petitioner Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 serves students in grades kindergarten through eight and all high school students therein are served by Mount Vernon Township High School District 201.
4. Each district is a fully recognized school district under the rules and regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education.
5. Pursuant to properly adopted resolutions of the Boards of Education of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, copies which are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B and Exhibit C respectively, this Petition seeks to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory described in Exhibit A and comprising the entire territory of two school districts, namely, Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, all in accordance with Article 11E of The School Code and pursuant to the terms of this petition.
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6. None of the Petitioner Districts will be financially impaired by the granting of this Petition, the newly combined elementary school district will have sufficient size (pupil enrollment) and financial resources to provide and maintain a recognized educational program for grades kindergarten through eighth.

7. The organization of a new combined elementary school district is in the best interest of the schools in the area and the education welfare of the pupils therein and is financially beneficial to the affected school districts.

8. The boundaries of the newly proposed combined elementary school district will be compact and contiguous.

9. Attached hereto is a map (Exhibit D) identifying the current boundaries of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8.

10. Any outstanding bonded indebtedness will remain with the taxpayers of the respective districts, as they existed prior to the proposed consolidation. At the time this Petition is filed neither of the Petitioners has any bonded indebtedness.

11. The proposed new combined elementary school district shall be authorized to levy taxes in the respective funds hereinafter set forth at the following maximum rates, to-wit:

   a. Education Purposes 3.50%
   b. Operations and Maintenance Purposes 0.55%
   c. Transportation Purposes 0.12%
   d. Special Education Purposes 0.40%
   e. Working Cash Fund Purposes 0.05%
   f. School Fire Prevention/Safety & Energy Conservation Purposes 0.10%
   g. Leasing of Educational Facilities or Computer Technology or both 0.10%
   h. Temporary Relocation Expense Purposes 0.05%
   i. I.M.R.F Purposes Unlimited %
   j. Social Security/Medicare Purposes Unlimited %
   k. Tort Immunity Purposes Unlimited %

12. The aggregate extension base for the new combined elementary school district will be $615,670.

13. The debt service extension base for the new combined elementary school district will be $100,000.

14. Any supplementary State deficit difference payments made under subsection (c) of Section 11E-135 of The School Code will be paid to the new combined elementary school district.

15. The Petitioners hereby designate the following named ten (10) individuals as a Committee of Ten pursuant to Article 11E-35 of The School Code, any seven (7) of whom may at any time, prior to the final decision of the Regional
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Superintendent amend the Petition in all respects and make a binding stipulation on behalf of all petitioner as to any question with respect to the Petition or hearing and to accountings or waiver thereof between the school districts:

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16. The members of the Committee of Ten hereby affix their signatures to this Petition as Exhibit E.

17. The Petitioners request that a board of education be elected on an at large basis at an election to be held on April 7, 2015, or such other date as may be fixed by law, which board shall serve as the board members and shall proceed under supervision of the Regional Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Petitioners, the Board of Education of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, all of Jefferson County and the State of Illinois, do hereby request and petition the territory described in Exhibit A hereto be organized into a new combined elementary school district and that the appropriate officials take the following acts:

1. The Regional Superintendent of Schools of Hamilton-Jefferson Counties, State of Illinois, conduct a hearing on this petition as provided in Article 11E of The School Code.

2. Upon completion of said hearing, the Regional Superintendent approve the Petition and submit same for consideration to the State Superintendent of Education in accordance with Article 11E of The School Code.

3. The Regional Superintendent call for an election in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 at the consolidated election to be held on November 4, 2014 pursuant to the requirements of Article 11E of The School Code, for the purpose of voting for or against the establishment of the new
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combined elementary school district proposed herein and establishing the tax rates, aggregate extension base and debt service base of such district.

4. The Regional Superintendent call for an election in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 at the consolidated election to be held on November 4, 2014, or such other date as may be fixed by law, pursuant to the requirements of Article 11E of The School Code, for the purpose of electing a board of education, on an "at large" basis, for the combined elementary school district proposed herein.

5. All such other actions and approvals requested herein or otherwise necessary to advance and accomplish the purpose of this Petition, all in accordance with Article 11E of The School Code.

Board of Education Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7

Board President

ATTEST:

Board Secretary

Board of Education Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8

Board President

ATTEST:

Board Secretary
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EXHIBIT A

ALL OF THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, JEFFERSON COUNTY ILLINOIS AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, JEFFERSON COUNTY ILLINOIS.
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, is experiencing serious financial difficulties and static or declining enrollments making it difficult to provide a comprehensive high quality educational program with the limited financial resources available to it as required by Article 10, Section 1 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the students residing in the Dodds Community Consolidated School District will be provided a more comprehensive educational program if the territory comprising such school district is combined into a single school district comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8.

WHEREAS, the consolidation of such school districts will enhance the financial condition of a newly created combined elementary school district; and

WHEREAS, after such consolidation the newly combined elementary school district will have sufficient size (pupil enrollment) and financial resources to provide and maintain a recognized educational program for the students residing in said territory; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education finds that it is in the best interests of the schools of the area and the educational welfare of the pupils that this proposed consolidation occur; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education are desirous of jointly petitioning the Regional Board of School Trustees of Hamilton and Jefferson Counties, Illinois, to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this resolution by this reference.

2. That this Board of Education initiate a petition in conjunction with the Board of Education of Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 seeking to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8.

3. That the President and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are directed to sign said Petition forthwith.

4. That this Board of Education undertake any and all other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.

5. That all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted by the following vote this 8th day of April, 2014.

AYE: 4

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of said District.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of said District at its meeting held on the 8th day of April, 2014, relating to the authorization to file a petition to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, a true and correct copy of which said resolution is attached hereto.

IN WITNES WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature at Mt. Vernon, Illinois this 8th day of April, 2014.

[Signature]

Secretary, Board of Education
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, is experiencing serious financial difficulties and static or declining enrollments making it difficult to provide a comprehensive high quality educational program with the limited financial resources available to it as required by Article 10, Section 1 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the students residing in the Ina Community Consolidated School District will be provided a more comprehensive educational program if the territory comprising such school district is combined into a single school district comprising Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 and Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7.

WHEREAS, the consolidation of such school districts will enhance the financial condition of a newly created combined elementary school district; and

WHEREAS, after such consolidation the newly combined elementary school district will have sufficient size (pupil enrollment) and financial resources to provide and maintain a recognized educational program for the students residing in said territory; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education finds that it is in the best interests of the schools of the area and the educational welfare of the pupils that this proposed consolidation occur; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education are desirous of jointly petitioning the Regional Board of School Trustees of Hamilton and Jefferson Counties, Illinois, to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 and Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7.
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true, and correct and does incorporate them into this resolution by this reference.
2. That this Board of Education initiate a petition in conjunction with the Board of Education of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 seeking to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8 and Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7.
3. That the President and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are directed to sign said Petition forthwith.
4. That this Board of Education undertake any and all other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.
5. That all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted by the following vote this 15th day of April, 2014.

AYE: 4

NAY: 0

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

[Signature]
Secretary, Board of Education
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

STATE OF ILLINOIS

) ss

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

) ss

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of said District.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of said District at its meeting held on the 15th day of April, 2014, relating to the authorization to file a petition to create a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 1 and Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7, a true and correct copy of which said resolution is attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature at Mt. Vernon, Illinois this 15th day of April, 2014.

[Signature]

Secretary, Board of Education
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

EXHIBIT D

Maps attached
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING DODDS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND INA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8; TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES AND EXTENSION BASES FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO SUBMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMBINED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014

EXHIBIT E

We, the undersigned, constituting the Committee of Ten, hereby affix our signatures to this Petition indicating our willingness to serve on such Committee and to support this proposed creation of a new combined elementary school district in the territory comprising the entire territory of Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7 and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8.

Rodney Martin

Gwen Allen

Justice Hawkins

Audrey Stowers

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