**BOARD RESOLUTION**

The Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Big Walnut Local School District, Ohio, (the “School District”) met in general session on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2024, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p.m., at the offices of the Board, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Ohio \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the following members present:

M\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage.

AUTHORIZING META (METROPOLITAN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION), ACTING JOINTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM (“CONSORTIUM”)[[1]](#footnote-1), TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER SUBMITTED TO THE CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM SUCH BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate the purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services;

WHEREAS, in prior years, META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association) has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for competitive electric service;

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest and best bids submitted in response to RFPs; and the School District has previously elected to enter into a Master Supply Agreement with the lowest and best bidder for competitive retail electric service for all of the School District's electric supply;

WHEREAS, the Consortium intends to issue a new RFP for competitive retail electric service commencing on or about the meter read date of the July 2025 billing cycle with an initial contract term of two (2) or three (3) years, and the option to extend the contract for additional periods agreed to by the parties for a total contract term not to exceed five (5) years;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to participate in this upcoming RFP process and potentially execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest and best RFP bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest and best bid and corresponding terms when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the RFP resulted in the lowest and best bid for competitive retail electric service for all of the School District’s electric supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby consent, as a member of the META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association), to the conducting of an RFP process by the Consortium for competitive retail electric service commencing on or about the meter read date of the July 2025 billing cycle with an initial contract term of two (2) or three (3) years, and the option to extend the contract for additional periods agreed to by the parties for a total contract term not to exceed five (5) years.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the School District and the lowest and best bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or their appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

M\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The resolution passed.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**CERTIFICATE**

EXPENDITURE BASED ON CONTRACT

The undersigned hereby certifies that: (a) the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of Education of said School District on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_; (b) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.412, the School District has in effect for the remainder of the school fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes, including the renewal of existing levies which, when combined with estimated revenue from all other sources available to the School District at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the School District to maintain all personnel and programs on all days in its school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in succeeding fiscal years equal to the number of days that instruction was held or is scheduled to be held for the current fiscal year; (c) this Certificate attached to the appropriation measure shall cover only the fiscal year in which the appropriation measure is effective and does not consider the renewal or replacement of an existing levy as the authority to levy taxes that are subject to appropriation in the current fiscal year unless the renewal or replacement levy had been approved by electors and is subject to appropriation in the current fiscal year; and (d) this Certificate covers the term of the Master Supply Agreement including any allowable extensions.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Board President

1. The members of the Consortium for retail electric service procurement are the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Education Service Agency, the Stark County Schools Council of Governments, Columbus City Schools, and South-Western City Schools. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)