NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

Date: October 26, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Purpose: Reference Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6.1

(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction

Location: J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
2720 California Road
Elkhart, IN 46514

Michael A. Rice
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Superintendent of Schools

Posted and electronically delivered to News Media on Thursday, October 15, 2026, and electronically delivered to Board Members and School Attorney on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

Date: October 28, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Purpose: Reference Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6.1

(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:

(A) Collective bargaining

(B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

(E) School consolidation

Location: J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
2720 California Road
Elkhart, IN 46514

Michael A. Rice
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Superintendent of Schools

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SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
2720 California Road
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Michael A. Rice

Superintendent of Schools

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NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

Date: October 28, 2026

Time: Immediately Following Special Board Meeting

Purpose: Reference Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6.1

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(E) School consolidation

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Michael A. Rice
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Superintendent of Schools

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SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

Date: Friday, October 30, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
2720 California Road
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Michael A. Rice
Superintendent of Schools

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NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

Date: October 30, 2026

Time: Immediately Following Special Board Meeting

Purpose: Reference Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6.1

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(E) School consolidation

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Michael A. Rice
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Superintendent of Schools

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AGENDA FOR
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

Elkhart Community Schools
Elkhart, Indiana

October 28, 2026

CALENDAR

Oct	28	3:00 p.m.	Executive Session, J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
Oct	28	5:30 p.m.	Special Board Meeting, J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
Oct	28	Immediately Following	Executive Session, J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
Oct	30	3:30 p.m.	Special Board Meeting, J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
Oct	30	Immediately Following	Executive Session, J.C. Rice Educational Services Center
Nov	10	6:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting, J.C. Rice Educational Services Center

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. THE ELKHART PROMISE

C. INVITATION TO SPEAK PROTOCOL

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

2027 Budget Adoption – The Business Office recommends Board approval of the proposed 2027 Budget, 2027 Capital Projects Fund Plan, 2027 School Bus Replacement Plan, and other required budget resolutions.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

From Superintendent and Staff

From Board

H. ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

State Form 55865 (7-15)
Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

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Ordinance / Resolution Number:

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Elkhart Community Schools Board of Trustees** that for the expenses of **ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION , Elkhart County** for the year ending December 31, **2027** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION , Elkhart County**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Elkhart Community Schools Board of Trustees** .

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Elkhart Community Schools Board of Trustees	School Board	10/28/2026

Estimated Maximum Property Tax Levy

The data below represents the current estimate of the maximum amount of property taxes that can be raised for funds that are subject to a maximum property tax levy.

Property Tax Max Levy Type	Estimated Maximum Property Tax Levy	Total Property Tax Levies	Status
School Operating	$32,491,697	$33,000,000	Over Max By: $508,303

Funds

Property Tax Max Levy Type	Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
Not Eligible	0061	RAINY DAY	$3,200,000	$0	$0.0000
Debt	0180	DEBT SERVICE	$15,960,131	$16,742,144	$0.3348
Debt	0186	SCHOOL PENSION DEBT	$1,565,025	$805,933	$0.0161
Debt	0287	REFERENDUM DEBT FUND - EXEMPT CAPITAL - POST 2009	$1,382,000	$1,394,682	$0.0232
Not Eligible	3101	EDUCATION	$86,308,530	$0	$0.0000
School Operating	3300	OPERATIONS	$39,620,475	$33,000,000	$0.6600
			$148,036,161	**$51,942,759**	**1.0341**

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

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Name		Signature
Troy E. Scott	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Anne M. VonderVellen	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Douglas Weaver	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Kellie L. Mullins	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Michael A. Burnett	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Eric Ivory	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Dacey S. Davis	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	

ATTEST

Name	Title	Signature
Erica Purvis	CFO	

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to isssue debt after December 1 and before January 1 Yes ☐ No ☐

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31 Yes ☐ No ☐

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2027 BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN (20-2305)

This resolution is adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Elkhart Community Schools, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana:

Whereas a School Bus Replacement Plan has been established; and

Whereas the Board of School Trustees is required under I.C. 20-40-18-9 to adopt a plan with respect to the School Bus Replacement; and

Whereas the Board of School Trustees held a public hearing on the plan on the 13th day of October, 2026, at 2720 California Road, Elkhart, Indiana;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Trustees that the plan entitled School Bus Replacement Plan for the years 2027 through 2031, is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of School Trustees' plan with respect to the School Bus Replacement Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution (including the adopted plan and the Calculation Worksheet) to the Department of Local Government as required by I.C. 20-40-18-9 for approval.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES, ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Board of School Trustees, Elkhart Community Schools

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2027 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN (20-2305)

This resolution is adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Elkhart Community Schools, Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana:

WHEREAS, A School Capital Projects Fund has been established; and

WHEREAS the Board of School Trustees is required under I.C. 20-40-18-6 to adopt a plan with respect to the Capital Projects Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees held a public hearing on the capital projects plan on October 13, 2026, at 2720 California Road, Elkhart, Indiana;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Trustees that the plan for Elkhart Community Schools for the years 2027 through 2029 is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of School Trustees' plan with respect to the School Capital Projects Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution (including the adopted plan) to the Department of Local Government as required by I.C. 20-40-18-6 for approval.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES, ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Board of School Trustees, Elkhart Community Schools

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AMOUNTS FROM EDUCATION FUND TO THE OPERATIONS FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees is the governing body of Elkhart Community School Corporation, Elkhart County, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an Education Fund for the payment of expenses allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and

WHEREAS, HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an Operations Fund for the payment of expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and

WHEREAS, HB 1009 requires that tuition support distributions be received in the Education Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of School Trustees authorizes the Chief Financial Officer of the Elkhart Community School Corporation to transfer up to $1,000,000 per month beginning with January 2027 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, not to exceed $9,000,000 of total transfers in the 2027 budget year. To reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5. This transfer shall be made each month no earlier than the date of receipt of Tuition Support from the Indiana Department of Education and no later than the final day of the month such tuition support is received.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of School Trustees authorizes the Chief Financial Officer of the Elkhart Community School Corporation to suspend the aforementioned transfer in a particular month at the direction of the Superintendent as the need arises, effective upon passage.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of October, 2026.

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ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE BUDGET

(Reduce total budget estimate, Budget Form 4B, Line 15)
(Reduces necessary expenditures, Jul 1 – Dec 31, Budget Form 4B, Line 5)
(Reduces Operating Balance, Budget Form 4B, Line 18)
(Reduces Net Amount to be Raised, Budget Form 4B, Line 11)
(Reduces Property Tax Rate, Budget Form 4B)

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to make reductions in certain existing appropriations, and reductions in the proposed budget estimate, operating balance, net amount to be raised, and/or tax rates and

WHEREAS, the exact amount of such reductions will be determined through the budget approval process conducted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
(1) The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to reduce the appropriate lines on Budget Form 4B determined to be necessary through the DLGF budget approval process
(2) Said reductions are understood to modify figures and amounts referenced in other budget documents, including Budget Form 3 (Notice to Taxpayers), and Budget Form 4 (Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates).
(3) The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report on the amount of reduction(s) at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES, ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Board of School Trustees, Elkhart Community Schools

Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrant

Let this Resolution serve as notice for the Elkhart Community School Board intentions for a Tax Anticipation Warrant in Budget Year 2027, in accordance with IC 20-48-1-9, for Elkhart Community School Corporation. It is estimated that the Warrant will cost approximately $150,000 in interest expense. Final borrowing and interest amounts will be determined by the Indiana Bond Bank at the time of transaction.

This resolution was duly made, seconded, and adopted this 28th day of October 2026.

_____ Board President

_____ Board Vice President

_____ Board Member

_____ Board Member

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_____ Board Member

_____ Attest: Board Secretary

Board of School Trustees, Elkhart Community Schools

ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart, Indiana

TAX NEUTRALITY RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the School Pension Debt Service Fund has been established for budgeting principal and interest payments on the pension bond debt authorized under Indiana Code 20-48-1-2,
WHEREAS, Elkhart Community Schools issued debt under Indiana Code 20-48-1-2 in June 2006;
WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-48-1-2 provides that a School Corporation shall reduce the total property tax levy for its Operations Fund in an amount equal to the debt service levy approved for the School Pension Debt Service Fund;
WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance will determine the total property tax levy reduction amount necessary for the 2027 budget throughout its budget review process;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to apply the tax neutrality reduction required under Indiana law to the Operations Fund with the amount to be reported to the Board of School Trustees after it has been approved.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES, ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Board of School Trustees, Elkhart Community Schools