RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED FOR THE BILLING PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE JULY 2022 BILLING CYCLE AND TERMINATING NO LATER THAN THE JUNE 2027 BILLING CYCLE.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of [META Solutions (f/k/a Metropolitan Educational Council] (the "Council"), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate 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; and

WHEREAS, the Council is joining with other major school districts and educational purchasing councils to conduct a Request for Proposal for competitive retail electric service commencing with the July 2022 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2027 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for various periods and durations (the "RFP");

WHEREAS, the RFP will seek a single, fixed-price for all energy charges, excluding capacity charges which shall be passed-through directly to the School District and also will seek alternative pricing for the pass-through of fees associated with the supplier's cost of compliance with Ohio's renewable portfolio standards ("RPS");

WHEREAS, the RFP calls for an administrative fee of \$0.0003 per kilowatt-hour of electricity used which such fee shall be payable to the School District's Council and shall be reflected in the CRES purchase price;

WHEREAS, the Council will send or has sent notices to bid on the School District's electric load to all competitive retail electric service providers licensed to sell power in the state of Ohio and registered with the applicable electric distribution utility;

WHEREAS, the Council will select the lowest responsible bid submitted in response to the RFP, contemplated to be on or before May 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, this School District may review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term and elect anytime up to the time period as set forth in the RFP, unless extended to a later date as may be allowed under the RFP, to accept the lowest responsible bid with no obligation prior to that time or thereafter if the School District does not sign a Master Supply Agreement with the selected bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the lowest responsible bid provides for competitive retail electric service for all of the School District's electric load that is the result of a public and competitive RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE _______ SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ______, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of this School District does hereby consent, as a member of the Council, to the conducting of an RFP process by the Council for competitive retail electric service commencing with the July 2022 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2027 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for various periods and durations on such terms and conditions as the Council deems appropriate.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Board of Education of this School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement to be prepared by the Council between the School District and the lowest responsible bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest responsible bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.