RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE KIRBYVILLE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, **Stephen Edwards** has served as the Superintendent of Schools for the **Kirbyville Consolidated Independent School District**, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the staff, students, and community; and

WHEREAS, **Stephen Edwards** has announced his intention to retire from public education effective **September 30, 2027**; and

WHEREAS, to ensure a seamless leadership transition and continuity of district operations, **Stephen Edwards** will transition from the active role of Superintendent to an advisory role effective **November 2, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, during this transitional period from **November 2, 2026**, through **September 30, 2027**, **Stephen Edwards** will utilize accumulated leave in accordance with Board Policy **DEC(LOCAL)**; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds it necessary and in the best interest of the district to appoint an Interim Superintendent to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of Superintendent during this transitional period; and

WHEREAS, **Kristi Gore**, currently serving as the Assistant Superintendent, possesses the qualifications, experience, and leadership necessary to guide the district during this interim period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the **Kirbyville Consolidated Independent School District** that:

1. The Board hereby accepts the transition of **Stephen Edwards** to an advisory role effective **November 2, 2026**, and his subsequent retirement effective **September 30, 2027**.
2. The Board approves the use of accumulated leave by **Stephen Edwards** during this transitional period in strict accordance with Board Policy **DEC**.
3. The Board hereby appoints Assistant Superintendent **Kristi Gore** as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective **November 2, 2026**, to serve until a permanent Superintendent is selected and takes office, or until otherwise determined by the Board.
4. The Board President is authorized to execute any necessary contractual agreements or amendments to reflect these leadership transitions and compensation arrangements as discussed in executive session.

PASSED AND APPROVED this **28th** day of **October**, **2026**.

By: _____

Gary Fairchild, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: _____

Jason Loper, Secretary, Board of Trustees