

**Muncie Community Schools  
high school consolidation records  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Muncie Community Schools.
<b>Title</b>	Muncie Community Schools high school consolidation records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1990, 2013-2014
<b>Extent</b>	1.2 Cubic feet 2 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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In 2013, in response to declining enrollment and increased financial troubles within the district, Muncie Community Schools began investigating cost containment solutions that would involve changes or reductions in several operational areas including facilities, personnel, technology, extracurricular activities, and transportation. Public town hall meetings were held on August 14 (Southside High School), August 27 (Northside Middle School), September 11 (Wilson Middle School), and October 8, 2013 (Central High School) to give community members an opportunity to provide suggestions and feedback about the future of the school district.

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on November 18, 2013 the board voted 4-1 to consolidate Muncie Central and Southside High Schools into a single high school, with the student body of Southside joining that of Central in the current Central High School building. The board also voted to convert the former Southside High School building into a middle school (Southside Middle School) and to close Wilson Middle School and place the building on the Indiana Department of Education list of closed, unused, or unoccupied school buildings until 2016. These actions were to become effective beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year. Board members Tony Costello, Debbie Feick, Michael Long, and Robert Warner voted in favor of the recommendation, while board President Beverly Kelley voted against it. The stated reasons for the board's decision were that the proposed recommendations would result in significant cost savings, provide more educational and extracurricular opportunities for all students, and that Muncie Central was the only facility capable of accommodating all 9-12th grade students in the district.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of records documenting the strategic planning and events leading up to the consolidation of Muncie Southside and Central High Schools between 2013 and 2014. The records were maintained by the Superintendent of Muncie Community Schools, M. Tim Heller, and include Board of School Trustees meeting minutes and agendas; community Town Hall meeting minutes and comment cards; Athletics, Curricular, Leadership, Organizational Staffing, Technology Transition, and other committee records; merger reports submitted by the high schools to the Board of School Trustees; financial statements and reports; agreements; memoranda and email messages between Muncie Community Schools officials; letters and email messages between school district officials and community members; school calendars and standardized testing schedules; school building floor plans; presentation slides; articles from *The Star Press* and other local news media; "One Muncie" campaign promotional materials; essays written by local high school students about the anticipated effects of the proposed

consolidation of the two high schools; and historical and statistical information about public schools in Muncie.

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## **Arrangement**

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Arranged in the following series and subseries:

Series 1: Strategic planning books, Apr. 2013-Oct. 2014

Subseries 1.1: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 1 (2013 Apr.-Aug.)

Subseries 1.2: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 2 (2013 Sept.)

Subseries 1.3: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 3 (2013 Oct.-Nov.)

Subseries 1.4: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 4 (2013 Dec.-2014 Jan.)

Subseries 1.5: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 5 (2014 Feb.-Mar.)

Subseries 1.6: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 6 (2014 Apr.-May)

Subseries 1.7: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 7 (2014 June-July)

Subseries 1.8: Strategic Plan 2014-2015, Book 8 (2014 Aug.-Oct.)

Series 2: Board of School Trustees and Town Hall meeting minutes, 2013 Jan.-Nov.

Series 3: Publications, 1990-2014

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Ball State University Archives and Special Collections

### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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### **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a records donation from M. Tim Heller, Superintendent of Muncie Community Schools, on 2014/10/22.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2014/12/11 by Brandon Pieczko. EAD finding aid created 12/11/2014 by Brandon Pieczko.

### **Existence and Location of Originals**

Original records were transferred to Archives and Special Collections in three-ring binders (Books 1-8), photocopied, and returned to the donor. The records in this collection are photocopies of the original documents maintained by M. Tim Heller, Superintendent of Muncie Community Schools.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials**

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie IN:

MSS.D.003: Muncie High School Consolidation Oral History Project records

SC.734: Kay Rankin opinion article on the Muncie high school consolidation

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Muncie Central High School. (Muncie, Ind.)
- Muncie Southside High School.

### Genre(s)

- Agendas (Administrative Records)
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Memorandums
- Minutes (Administrative Records)
- Publications

### Geographic Name(s)

- Muncie (Ind.)--History--21st century--Sources

### Personal Name(s)

- Heller, M. Tim

### Subject(s)

- High schools
- School boards
- School management and organization--Indiana
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History

## Series 1: Strategic planning books, Apr. 2013-Oct. 2014

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Series 1: Strategic planning books, Apr. 2013-Oct. 2014</b>		
<b>Subseries 1.1: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 1 (2013 Apr.-Aug.)</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Strategic planning timeline, 2013	1	1
Board working session, April 23, 2013	1	2
Board working session, May 28, 2013	1	3
Board meeting media/notes, June 25, 2013	1	4
Organizational board meeting, July 9, 2013	1	5
Special board meeting media/notes, July 16, 2013	1	6
August 2013	1	7
Town Hall meeting media/notes, August 14, 2013	1	8
Town Hall meeting media/notes, August 27, 2013	1	9



**Subseries 1.2: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 2 (2013 Sept.)**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
September 2013	1	10
Board meeting media/notes, September 10, 2013	1	11
Town Hall meeting media/notes, September 11, 2013	1	12
Board working session media/notes, September 24, 2013	1	13

**Subseries 1.3: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 3 (2013 Oct.-Nov.)**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
October 2013	1	14
Board meeting and Town Hall meeting media/notes, October 8, 2013	1	15
Board meeting media/notes, October 22, 2013	1	16
Board meeting media/notes, October 31, 2013	1	17
November 2013	1	18
Board meeting media/notes, November 18, 2013	1	19

**Subseries 1.4: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 4 (2013 Dec.-2014 Jan.)**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
December 2013	1	20
January 2014	1	21-22
Board meeting media/notes, January 14, 2014	1	23

**Subseries 1.5: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 5 (2014 Feb.-Mar.)**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
February 2014	1	24
March 2014	1	25-26

**Subseries 1.6: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 6 (2014 Apr.-May)**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
April 2014	1	27-29
May 2014	1	30

**Subseries 1.7: Strategic Plan 2013-2014, Book 7 (2014 June-July)**

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**Subseries 1.8: Strategic Plan 2014-2015, Book 8 (2014 Aug.-Oct.)**

June 2014	1	31
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July 2014	1	32
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**Subseries 1.8: Strategic Plan 2014-2015, Book 8 (2014 Aug.-Oct.)**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
August 2014	2	1

September 2014	2	2
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October 2014	2	3
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**Series 2: Board of School Trustees and Town Hall meeting minutes, 2013 Jan.-Nov.**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Board of School Trustees meeting minutes, Jan.-Nov. 2013	2	4

Town Hall meeting minutes, Aug.-Oct. 2013	2	5
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**Series 3: Publications, 1990-2014**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Lists of largest taxpayers in Muncie Community Schools district, 1991-2014	2	6

**Series 3: Publications, 1990-2014**

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Donald L. Slauter, *History of Public Education in Muncie, Indiana*  
1850-1990, 1990

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