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LUMBERMENS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE COMPANY AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY Long Grove, IL 60049-0001 059606

PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S BOND

Bond No. 3SM86559807

Know all men by these presents, that Denise Bashore hereinafter called the Principal, and American Motorists Insurance Company The Undersigned Surety are held and firmly bound unto Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative of Crown Point State of Indiana hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand and no/oo Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the payment whereof to the Obligee the Principal binds himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and the Surety binds itself, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas, the above-named Principal has been duly (appointed/elected) to the office of Treasurer of the formentioned Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative of Crown Point, State of Indiana for the term of office beginning June 30, 2000 and ending on June 30, 2001.

Now, therefore, the condition of the foregoing obligation is such, that if the Principal shall during the said term faithfully perform such duties as may be imposed on him by law and shall honestly account for all money that may come into his own hands in his official capacity, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in force; provided, however, that the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for any loss of public money deposited by or in behalf of the Principal with any bank when such loss is occasioned by the failure of such bank faithfully to account for any pay over such money on legal demand; any law, decision, or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

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SIGNED, SEALED and DATED June 30, 2000.

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Principal: Alluse & Joshus

Surety: American Motorists Insurance Company

Ann M. French, Attorney-in-Fact

Countersigned: Nixon, Resident Agent

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Home Office: Long Grove, IL 60049

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men By These Presents

That the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, the American Motorists Insurance Company, and the American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, having their principal office in Long Grove, Illinois, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Company") do hereby appoint

their true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal, and deliver during the period beginning with the date of issuance of this power and ending on the date specified below, unless sooner revoked for and on its behalf as surety, and as their act and deed:

Any and all ILLINOIS SCHOOL TREASURER BONDS provided the amount of no one bond exceeds TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000.00)

This Document is the property of

EXCEPTION: NO AUTHORITY is granted to make, execute, seal and deliver any bond or undertaking which guarantees the payment or collection of any promissory note, check, draft or letter of credit.

This authority does not permit the same obligation to be split into two or more bonds in order to bring each such bond within the dollar limit of authority as set forth herein.

This appointment may be revoked at any time by the Company.

The execution of such bonds and undertakings in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon the said Company as fully and amply to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by their regularly elected officers at their principal office in Long Grove, Illinois.

THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL CEASE AND TERMINATE WITHOUT NOTICE AS OF December 31, 2001

This Power of Attorney is executed by authority of resolutions adopted by the Executive Committees of the Boards of Directors of the Company on February 23, 1988 at Chicago, Illinois, true and accurate copies of which are hereinafter set forth and are hereby undersigned Secretary as being in full force and effect:

"VOTED, That the Chairman of the Board, the President, or any Vice President, or their appointees designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or the Secretary shall have the power and authority to appoint agents and attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings, obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such officers of the Company may appoint agents for acceptance of process."

This Power of Attorney is signed, sealed and certified by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Boards of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 23rd day of February, 1988:

"VOTED, That the signature of the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, or their appointees designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, and the signature of the Secretary, the seal of the Company, and certifications by the Secretary, may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney or bond executed pursuant to resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors on February 23, 1988 and any such power so executed, sealed and certified with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, shall continue to be valid and binding upon the Company."

In Testimony Whereof, the Company has caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be affixed by their authorized officers, this February 19, 1999.

Attested and Certified:

Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company
American Motorists Insurance Company
American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company

Robert P. Homes







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Robert P. Hames, Secretary

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J. S. Kemper, III, Exec. Vice President

STATE OF ILLINOIS SS

I, Irene Klewer, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that J. S. Kemper, III and Robert P. Hames personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are respectively as Exec. Vice President and Secretary of the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, the American Motorists insurance Company, and the American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, Corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that they being thereunto duly authorized signed, sealed with the corporate seals and delivered the said instrument as the free and voluntary act of said corporations and as their own free and voluntary acts for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public, State of Illinole
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Irene Klewer, Notary Public

My commission expires 1-28-02

CERTIFICATION JOCKITTICATION

I, J.K. Conway, Corporate Secretary of the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, the American Motorists Insurance Company, and the American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney dated February 19, 1999, on behalf of the person(s) as listed above is a true and correct copy and that the same has been in full force and effect since the date thereof and is in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the said J. S. Kemper, ItI and Robert P. Hames, who executed the Power of Attorney as Executive Vice President and Secretary respectively were on the date of the execution of the attached Power of Attorney the duly elected Executive Vice President and Secretary of the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, the American Motorists Insurance Company, and the American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, the American Motorists Insurance Company, and the American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company on this









J. K. Conway, Corporate Secretary

This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.