

Peerless Insurance Company  
 Netherlands Insurance Company

**BOND OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

THAT WE, Ronald L. Price  
of 6701 Delaware, Merrillville, IN 46410 as Principal  
and Peerless Insurance Company, a New Hampshire Corporation, and  
having its principal office in the City of Keene, New Hampshire, as Surety, and licensed to do  
business in the State of Indiana with offices at Indianapolis, IN  
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana  
in the sum of Fifty Thousand and no/100 (\$50,000.00)-- Dollars,  
lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made,  
we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally,  
firmly by these presents.

SEALED WITH OUR SEALS and dated this 1st day of July, 2000 A.D.

Whereas, the above bounden Ronald L. Price  
was on the 1st day of July, 2000 19 duly appointed or  
elected Treasurer of the Merrillville Community School Corporation  
for a term beginning on the 1st day of July, 2000

Now, Therefore, the condition of this obligation is such:  
that if the above bounden Ronald L. Price  
shall well and faithfully discharge the duties of his office and promptly account for and pay over all  
moneys or property received by him as such officer, in accordance with law, or in default thereof, the  
parties executing this undertaking will pay all damages, costs and expenses resulting from such  
default, not exceeding the sum above mentioned, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain  
in full force and effect.

This undertaking may not be changed or modified orally. No change or modification shall be  
effective unless made by written endorsement issued to form a part hereof.

In Witness Whereof, said Principal has hereunto set his hand and seal and  
Peerless Insurance Company has affixed its corporate seal, attested by the signature of  
its duly authorized Attorney-in-Fact, the day and year first above written

Ronald L. Price (L.S.)  
Ronald L. Price  
PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY Surety

STATE OF Indiana  
COUNTY OF Madison ss.  
CITY OF Indianapolis

By: Angela Janus  
Angela Janus Attorney-in-Fact

On this 1st day of July, 2000, before me  
personally appeared Angela Janus, to me known and  
known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he  
duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Joyce Nystrom Lake  
Notary Public Commission Expires 8/8/08 County  
N.C.

PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY  
THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY  
62 MAPLE AVENUE KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03431

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Peerless Insurance Company and/or The Netherlands Insurance Company, each being a New Hampshire Corporation having its principal office in the City of Keene, County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire do/does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

\*\*\*\*Gordon W. Bates; John C. Barber; G. Michael Winslow; Mark A. Bates; Angela Janus\*\*\*\*

of Crown Point in the State of Indiana their/its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in their/its name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in their/its behalf, and as their/its act and deed, without power of redelegation, as follows:

bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; unlimited as to Dollar Amount:

and to bind the Company(ies) making this appointment thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Company(ies), and all the acts of said attorney(s), pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

AUTHORITY FOR MAKING APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT

Section 7 of Article 3 of Bylaws of Peerless Insurance Company, as amended May 30, 1997, states: "The Senior Vice President(s) and Vice Presidents(s) of the Company's Bond Profit Center may appoint and remove Attorneys-in-Fact and assign to them and revoke as appropriate such duties, powers and authority as may be advantageous to the Company including the execution and attestation of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof and other documents on behalf of the Company with power to redelegate such authority."

Section 9 of Article 5 of Bylaws of The Netherlands Insurance Company, as amended May 30, 1997 and June 16, 1997, states: "The Senior Vice President(s) and Vice President(s) of the Company's Bond Profit Center may appoint and remove Attorneys-in-Fact, and assign to them and revoke as appropriate such duties, powers and authority as may be advantageous to the Company including the execution and attestation of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof and other documents on behalf of the Company with power to redelegate such authority."

USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

Use of facsimile signatures by Peerless Insurance Company is made pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of Peerless Insurance Company, dated April 28, 1988. Use of facsimile signatures by The Netherlands Insurance Company is made pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Netherlands Insurance Company, dated April 28, 1988.

COMPANY MAKING APPOINTMENT

The company making this appointment is identified by an "X" in the box opposite its name in the space provided below. It is the intent of Peerless Insurance Company and The Netherlands Insurance Company to use this instrument for the appointment of Attorney(s)-in-Fact for either Company designated, or for both Companies, if so indicated. In Witness Whereof

PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY  THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY  
has/have caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President, and its Corporate Seal to be hereto affixed by its Assistant Secretary, this 13th day of July, 1999.

PEERLESS INSURANCE COMPANY

THE NETHERLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Matthew Klimczak  
Vice President

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Vice President

Attest: Jane F. Taylor  
Assistant Secretary

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Assistant Secretary



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13th day of July, 1999, by Matthew Klimczak, Vice President of the Bond Profit Center of Peerless Insurance Company and of The Netherlands Insurance Company and Jane F. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of Peerless Insurance Company and The Netherlands Insurance Company, New Hampshire Corporations, on behalf of the corporations,

Rhonda E. Jardine  
Notary Public



I, Jane F. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of Peerless Insurance Company and The Netherlands Insurance Company do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Power of Attorney executed by the Company(ies) designated above which is still in force and effect. In witness whereof, I have herunto set my hand and affixed the Seal(s) of the Company(ies), at Keene, New Hampshire, this 1st day of July, 2000.



Jane F. Taylor  
Jane F. Taylor  
Assistant Secretary



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