

Lawrence County Board of Education

Special Meeting & Draft Budget Working Session

*Every Child College and Career Ready;
A Community Involved and Informed*

January 29, 2018; 6:00 p.m.
Lawrence County High School
Louisa, Kentucky

Attendance Taken at 6:00 p.m.:

Present Board Members:

Mr. D. Heath Preston, Chairman
Ms. Barbara Robinson
Mr. James See
Ms. Maddlene Roberts

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Garnett Skaggs, Vice-chair

Present: Superintendent: Dr. Robbie Fletcher; Finance Officer: Ms. Brandi VanHoose; Director of Pupil Personnel & District Personnel: Vernon Hall; Chief Information Officer/District Technology Coordinator: Tommy Burns; Board Secretary: Betty Mullins

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Preston called the meeting to order with a reminder that the mission of the Board and Lawrence County Schools is *Every Child College and Career Ready; A Community Involved and Informed*. He led *The Pledge to the United States Flag*.

2. STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

CONSENT AGENDA

2.A. Approval of the **Consent Agenda** items, except for **2.A.4. Fundraisers: LCHS Volleyball**, passed with a motion by Mr. James See and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

2.A.1. Claims and Orders of the Treasurer

2.A.2. Per diem and expenses for members present

2.A.3. DC Elevator annual price adjustment for services at Louisa East Elementary

2.A.4. Fundraisers: LCHS Volleyball (*not approved*)

2.A.5. Approval of Shortened School Week for special needs student

OTHER ACTION

2.B. Approval to appoint Maddlene Roberts as the board member representative to the **District Calendar Committee** passed with a motion by Mr. James See and a second by Ms. Barbara Robinson by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

2.C. Approval to appoint the **District Calendar Committee**, as recommended by Superintendent Fletcher and as indicated, passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

District Calendar Committee for the 2018-2019 School Year

- Joey Cecil, principal member
- Vernon Hall, district office administrator member
- Jennifer Ferguson, parent member
- Mike Parsley, parent member
- Sherita Akers, elementary teacher member
- Melissa Blackburn, high school teacher member
- Janie Compton, classified member
- Sabrina Fyffe, classified member
- Mark Clevenger, business community member
- Stephen Montgomery, business community member
- Maddlene Roberts, local school board member

2.D. Approval to **Table** the consideration of revisions to the Adult Education budget passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

2.E. Approval to accept the *FY-2018 Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Offer of Assistance* in the amount of \$35,563 to be matched equally by the district, passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

2.F. Purchasing of Buses

2.F.1. Approval to purchase two (2) buses following receipt of a grant that will reimburse up to 65% of the final cost passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

It is the understanding of the district that following receipt of the initial reimbursement of 35% and after funds received from the Department of Education during fourteen years of depreciation that the district should ultimately have expended a little more than \$1000 for each of the two buses.

2.F.2. Approval to adopt the **Participation Resolution**, as stated, with the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) authorizing the execution of an equipment lease and security agreement passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KENTUCKY INTERLOCAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND LEASING OF SCHOOL BUSES AND APPROVING GENERALLY THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.

2.G. 2018-2019 DRAFT BUDGET WORKING SESSION

2.G.1. Overview: Dr. Robbie Fletcher, Superintendent

“Over the past year, the Lawrence County Board of Education has invested taxpayer money into educating our kids and maintaining our buildings. The Board approved a 0.5% raise, a 1 to 1 initiative at the high school, the purchase of Chromebooks, a new gym floor at Fallsburg, potentially two new buses (through a grant opportunity), water treatment facilities upgrades, and others. As you well know, Governor Bevin’s budget has several funding sources for education removed from the current budget proposal. According to the spreadsheet you have that compares the 2016 HB303 with 2017 HB200, there are several programs that are either mentioned specifically in cuts or simply not mentioned at all. Those include, but are not limited to:

- Transportation (Up to 75% in cuts)
- Health insurance (unspecified amount)
- ESS
- FRYSC
- Gifted and Talented
- Preschool
- PD
- Read to Achieve
- Safe Schools
- Textbooks/instructional resources
- Teach for America
- SFCC additional offers of assistance in school construction (not the nickel match)
- Others

Mrs. Vanhooose has prepared a draft budget for you that compensates for increased district level contributions in CERS and other issues, but it is nearly impossible to anticipate the final state budget at this point. There are many issues that have not been addressed including a pension bill, tax reform, and others. To give you a starting point, Mrs. Vanhooose has taken our current situation and developed a draft budget for your review. On the other hand, be advised, when the final state budget is approved, we could be bringing recommendations of cuts for the upcoming school year.”

2.G.2. Draft Budget Review of Projected Revenue and Expenditures for 2018-2019: Brandi VanHooose, Finance Officer

The draft budget contains the projected revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. State law requires that the local board review the Draft Budget by January 31 of each year.

Next Year Budget Comparison Report (detailed, by MUNIS code)

- District / School MUNIS codes

000 & 001 – District	150 - Fallsburg Elementary
020 – Louisa East	200 – Louisa Middle
021 – Louisa West	260 – Lawrence County High School
030 – Blaine Elementary	901 – Transportation
- Three-Year Comparison – be on the lookout for increases / decrease in revenues and expenditures

- SEEK Projection based on last year. KDE has not sent that information out yet. Based on proposed HB 200, SEEK transportation could take a reduction. The proposed reduction would decrease our per pupil amount from \$3,981 to \$3,770 which is a decrease of approximately \$211 per pupil. If this happens we will need to plan on using contingency or making a cut somewhere to make up for this potential loss.
- Local Revenue (Property / Franchise / Motor Vehicle Taxes based on current year)
- Staffing allocations do not include any step increases or potential rank changes. This does not estimate any retirement.
- KTRS district match is currently 3%. According to their website, rate will remain the same until changed.
- According to the Governor's proposed budget another factor to consider: CERS (County Employees Retirement System) for 2018– 2019 proposed increase from 19.18% to 28.05%. That is an 8.87% increase. This would be an increase of \$59,326. The budget does not include any monies needed to cover pension spiking.
- A 7% increase in water, electric, and natural gas has been budgeted due to an increase in utilities from this current year. This would increase budgeted amount by \$55,500.
- Technology funding includes the KETS match estimated at \$50,000.
- Each school allocation for teachers and instructional assistants is based on current staff for 2017-2018.
- School nurses are included in the budget.
- According to HB 200, there could be a reduction in health insurance. This has not been included in the budget. The bill states local school districts shall be responsible for any additional amount in excess of the above appropriation of the employer contribution for local district health insurance.
- General Fund Contributions (Kindergarten-Full Day; Preschool; Alternative School; Career Tech; Voc Rehab Match; KETS Match; Special Needs; Bus Monitors; School Health Nurses; Service/Maintenance Contracts; Programs; Counselors; Librarians; and Assistant Principals)
- Food Service – self-supporting; we will continue to watch trend in sales, revenue, food costs, and equipment replacement costs.
- Transportation – New buses are included in the budget. \$200,000
- Focus of funds in budget:
Instruction = 55%
District Administrative Support = 2%

School Administrative Support = 3%
Business Support Services = 1%
Plant Operations & Maintenance = 12%
Student Transportation = 9%
Salaries = 73%

- Contingency / End of Year Balance – 2% is required. 2018- 2019 is budgeted at 3.8% due to including increase of CERS. Currently, our contingency is at 4%.

In addition to reviewing and discussing the *FY2019 Draft Budget Report* and the *Next Year Budget Comparison Report* showing a three-year comparison, the Board examined specific needs assessments provided by each school. It was noted that until the legislative session is over, it is difficult to project the actual impact and adjustments that will need to be made to next year's budget.

3. PERSONNEL

3.A. Approval to acknowledge receipt of **Superintendent's Personnel Action/Update** passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.

Resignation

Cody Osborne

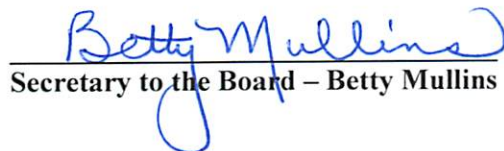
- Full-Time Bus Monitor

4. ADJOURNMENT

Approval to adjourn passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 4 to 0 with Ms. Garnett Skaggs absent.



Chairman – D. Heath Preston



Secretary to the Board – Betty Mullins



Garnett Skaggs
Vice-chair