

# Lawrence County Board of Education

## Special Meeting – Tax Rates

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

September 7, 2016 5:30 p.m.  
Lawrence County High School  
Louisa, Kentucky

Attendance Taken at 5:30 p.m.:

Present Board Members:

Mr. D. Heath Preston, Chairman  
Ms. Garnett Skaggs, Vice-chair  
Ms. Barbara Robinson  
Mr. James See  
Ms. Maddlene Roberts

Present: Dr. Robbie Fletcher, Superintendent; Ms. Edris Humphrey, Director of Federal Programs and Finance; Director of Pupil Personnel & District Personnel: Vernon Hall; Louisa Middle School Principal: Joey Cecil; Board Attorney Jonathan Shaw; Ms. Betty Mullins, Board Secretary

### 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*, and he then led *The Pledge to the United States Flag*.

#### 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**2.A.** Approval to enter **Executive Session** for the purpose of Student Discipline/Expulsion Hearing pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) passed with a motion by Mr. James See and a second by Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0.

**2.B.** Approval to return to **Open Session** passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0.

#### 3. STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

##### 3.A. Consent Agenda

Approval of the **Consent Agenda** items, as indicated, passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Ms. Barbara Robinson by a vote of 5 to 0.

**3.A.1.** Per diem and expenses for members present

**3.A.2.** Notice of Shortened School Day and/or Week for Special Education student

**3.A.3.** FY16 Kentucky Adult Education Program Memorandum of Understanding: \$129,608  
(Core Services: \$108,736; Performance Funding: \$7,611; Federal Supplement: \$13,261)

**3.B.** Approval to set the 2016-2017 Sheriff Collection Rate at 3% passed with a motion by Mr. James See and a second by Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0. *(same as last year)*

**3.C.** Approval to set the 2016-17 Real Estate/Personal Property Tax Rates at 4% increase without exonerations (49.2 cents on Real Estate and 52.0 cents on Personal Property) and to include aircraft, watercraft, and 3.0% Utilities Tax and to set a Motor Vehicle Tax rate of 35.0 passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 5 to 0.

A public hearing will be held in the Lawrence County High School library on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the tax rates and will be followed by a special meeting to set the rates. It was noted that the proposed 49.2 cents on real estate is lower than the rate last year which was 52.0.

**3.D.** *FY 2017 Working Budget* Discussion (no action)

The *2016-2017 Working Budget* will be presented to the Board at the September regular meeting.

**3.E.** Approval of the purchase of programmable thermostats for Louisa West Elementary passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 5 to 0. *(At a cost of \$3,400, the programmable thermostats can be set for four different times during the day.)*

**3.F.** Information pertaining to purchase of technology and equipment since July 1, 2016 (no action)

Spreadsheets provided by Mr. Burns, who was out of town at a technology meeting, indicate technology-related expenditures approved by the board over the past year and a half. The total computers and tablets purchased from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 is \$157,000.82. Total computers/iPads/Chromebooks purchased this school year from July 1 to September 1 amount to \$168,761.36, and other related technology items such as document cameras and projectors total \$23,727.22.

#### **4. PERSONNEL**

**4.A.** Approval of creation and changes regarding positions, as indicated, passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 5 to 0.

The following positions are created effective 09/08/2016:

- (1) Director of Federal Programs/District Assessment Coordinator/Innovations Coordinator
- (2) Instructional Assistants at Louisa West Elementary School (1-Year)
- (1) Instructional Assistant for the District Middle Grades Alternative Education Program (1-Year)

The following position is changed effective 09/08/2016:

- From (1) Freshman Academy Instructional Coordinator/Reading Intervention Teacher at Lawrence County High School to (1) Freshman Academy Instructional Coordinator at Lawrence County High School

**4.B. Superintendent's Personnel Action/Update**

Approval to acknowledge receipt of **Superintendent's Personnel Action/Update** passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0.

Hiring

Carrie Tomlin - Teacher (Social Studies) at Fallsburg Elementary School (1-Year)  
Scott Smith - Itinerant Band Teacher for Blaine Elementary School, Louisa Middle School, and Lawrence County High School  
Monty Markwell II - Preschool Teacher at Blaine Elementary School  
Rhonda Piper - District School Health Nurse/District Special Needs Nurse (1-Year)  
Nicole Davis - Instructional Assistant at Fallsburg Elementary School  
Jennifer Ferguson - Instructional Assistant at Blaine Elementary School  
Brittany Stepp - Instructional Assistant at Blaine Elementary School  
Tommy Ratliff - Bus Driver

Substitute Teachers

Janet Dale  
Donna J. West  
Teresa Ransbottom

Substitute Instructional Assistant

Donnie Shapaka

Substitute Cooks/Bakers

Melissa Collins  
Bernice Nichols  
Brenda Preston  
Melissa Shapaka

Substitute Bus Monitors

Melissa Collins  
Ray Thornsberry

Change of Position

Matthew Maynard - From Freshman Coordinator/Reading Intervention Teacher at Lawrence County High School to Assistant Principal at Louisa Middle School

Resignation

Justin Newsome - Full-Time Bus Monitor

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Approval to adjourn passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 5 to 0.

  
Chairman - D. Heath Preston

  
Secretary to the Board - Betty Mullins