

Lawrence County Board of Education

Tax Levy Hearing

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

March 15, 2017; 5:30 p.m.
Lawrence County High School Library
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

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Garnett Skaggs was updated to present at: 5:45 p.m.

Present: Dr. Robbie Fletcher, Superintendent; Ms. Brandi VanHoose, Finance Officer; Mr. Joe Nance and Mr. Lincoln Theinert of Ross, Sinclair & Associates; Mr. Tim Murphy of Murphy Group Architects; Ms. Debbie Delong, Louisa West Elementary Principal; Mr. Jonathan Shaw, Board Attorney; Mr. Rick Blackburn, Transportation Manager; Mr. James Ellis, Director of Adult and Community Education; Mr. Tommy Burns, Chief Information Officer/District Technology Coordinator; Ms. Betty Mullins, Board Secretary

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Preston called the Tax Levy Hearing 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 then Chairman Preston led *The Pledge to the United States Flag*.

2. OPEN TAX LEVY HEARING

Chairman Preston stated: "The hearing is now open for public comment. We'll begin with Dr. Fletcher reading the hearing notice that was published for two consecutive weeks in The Big Sandy News, the Levisa Lazer, and The Daily Independent." Dr. Fletcher read aloud the Tax Hearing Notice:

Tax Hearing Notice

The Lawrence County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Lawrence County High School Library located at 100 Bulldog Lane, Louisa, Kentucky on March 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 54.3 cents on real property and 57.1 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2015 - 2016 was 52 cents on real property and 52 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$4,433,736. The proposed General Fund tax rate

of 54.3 cents on real property and 57.1 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$4,612,020.79. Of this amount \$1,141,698.84 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2017 is 47.4 cents on real property and 51.7 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$4,061,975.90.

The general areas to which revenue of \$178,284.79 above 2015 - 2016 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$5,348 and building fund, \$172,936.79.

Public comment followed the reading of the Tax Notice.

2.A. Approval of a brief recess of the Tax Hearing passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 5 to 0.

2.B. Approval to re-open the Tax Hearing passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

Public comment continued.

3. CLOSE TAX LEVY HEARING

Chairman Preston thanked everyone for their comments and for being at the hearing. "We're all for Lawrence County, I understand that; and I appreciate you being here. We like to hear the input. It helps us make decisions...for your kids and our kids, too. We all want the best, and I know everybody in this room wants the best. So, I appreciate your being here and taking time out of your day and giving us your concerns and your comments."

Hearing no other requests to comment, Chairman Preston closed the hearing asking for a motion to adjourn.

4. 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