

Lawrence County Board of Education Special Meeting

(following Tax Levy Hearing at 5:30 p.m.)

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

March 15, 2017; 6:00 p.m.
Lawrence County High School Library
Louisa, Kentucky

Attendance Taken at 6:07 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. 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

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Preston.

1.A. Approval to recess the Special Meeting in order to continue public input on the proposed tax levy passed with a motion by Mr. James See and a second by Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0.

1.B. Approval to return to the meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

CONSENT AGENDA

2.A. Approval of the **Consent Agenda** items, as indicated, passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

2.A.1. Per diem and expenses for members present at the Tax Hearing special meeting on March 15, 2017, per diem and expenses for members present at required trainings at the 2017 KSBA Annual Conference on February 24, 25, and 26, as allowed, and per diem for members present at this special meeting

- 2.A.2. Blaine Elementary: Intent to apply and Steele Reese Grant Application; Stephanie Cordle, Librarian/Media Specialist**
2.A.3. Lawrence County High School: Intent to apply and Steele Reese Grant Application; Kim Cecil, Librarian/Media Specialist
2.A.4. Use of Facilities: LCHS football field/practice field for KY Youth Soccer through June 30, 2017; proof of insurance provided; Scott Johnson
2.A.5. Fundraisers: Lawrence County High School
2.A.6. Fundraiser: Louisa West Elementary School

2.B. "Nickel Equivalent" Tax Levy

A motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs, seconded by Ms. Barbara Robinson, that the Lawrence County Board of Education adopts an additional five cents (\$.05) equivalent tax rate on real and personal property, which will produce an equivalent revenue of five cents (\$.05) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of property assessed, passed by a vote of 5 to 0. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the District's 5 cent equivalent rate is 5.1 cents, which when applied to the current rate brings the total real property rate to 54.3 cents for Real Estate and 57.1 cents for Personal Property. The District's five cents (\$.05) equivalent rate changes each fiscal year and may be higher or lower when applied to future tax bills. The District will not begin collecting the additional revenue from this levy until the 2017-2018 tax year. The revenue produced by this increase will be dedicated to major renovation of existing school facilities, new construction, and debt service.

Vice-chair Garnett Skaggs, in making the motion to pass the "nickel tax" stated, "I would like for this to be on the record as to why...I want the people to know that I am doing it for no other reason than for 400 little kids down here that are not in a school fit for them to be in."

2.C. Review of the Recallable Nickel Tax Levy timeline/process (no action)

Dr. Fletcher reviewed the timeline for the public's opportunity to petition for a recall vote of the tax levied. A notice will be published next week, Wednesday, March 22nd, in The Big Sandy News starting the recall period. The recall period will end on April 29th. If the petition fails then the tax would be added on this fall.

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 Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0.

Hiring:

Substitute Teachers

Siska Pack

Marina Warf

Substitute Bus Drivers

Roger Whalen

Richard Kelly

Resignations:

Paula Lambert

Karen Peck

Sarah Fletcher

- Teacher at Louisa East Elementary School

- Instructional Assistant at Louisa West Elementary School

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4. ADJOURNMENT

Approval to adjourn passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairman – D. Heath Preston

Secretary to the Board – Betty Mullins