

# LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING: NEXT STEPS IN THE NICKEL TAX PROCESS

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

July 24, 2018 5:00 p.m.  
Lawrence County High School  
Louisa, Kentucky

Attendance Taken at 5:18 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: Superintendent Dr. Robbie Fletcher; Finance Officer Brandi VanHoose; Director of Pupil Personnel & District Personnel Vernon Hall; Attorney Joseph Whitaker representing Board Attorney Jonathan Shaw; Chief Information Officer/District Technology Coordinator Thomas 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 then led *The Pledge to the United States Flag*.

### 2. STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

**2.A. Approval of Claims and Orders of the Treasurer** passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Maddlene Roberts by a vote of 5 to 0. (*Dr. Fletcher pointed out several bills and payments noting that they were typical for this time of year.*)

**2.B. Approval of Unaudited Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018** passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

**2.C. Approval of Consent Agenda** items, as indicated, passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Robinson and a second by Ms. Garnett Skaggs by a vote of 5 to 0.

**2.C.1. Per diem and expenses for members present**

**2.C.2. Contracts & Services:**

**2.C.2.a. 2018-2019 Northeast Head Start & Lawrence County Schools Transition Program Cooperative Agreement**

**2.C.2.b. 2018-2019 Transportation Agreement with Northeast Head Start**

**2.C.3. Fundraiser Requests: Lawrence County High School**

**2.C.4. For Review/FYI: (no action required)**

**2.C.4.a. 2017-2018 School Annual Financial Reports (BES,FES,LCHS,LEES,LMS,LWES)**

## **2.D. NEXT STEPS IN THE NICKEL TAX PROCESS**

Board members and Dr. Fletcher expressed comments that people in the community had made recently concerning the nickel tax. Dr. Fletcher also reminded the Board that the nickel tax has traditionally been matched by the state legislature and would increase the district's bonding potential to well over \$17 million for much needed facility improvements. Each Board member agreed that the final decision should be made by the people of our county, and the language on the ballot should be straight-forward. With this in mind, the Lawrence County Board of Education voted unanimously to put the issue before the voters in the November general election.

**2.D.1.** Approval to add the Nickel Tax to the November General Election Ballot passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Ms. Barbara Robinson by a vote of 5 to 0.

**2.D.2.** Public Comment (*none*)

**2.E.** Approval of School Resource Officer (SRO) contracts with City of Louisa and Lawrence County Sheriff's Department passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

Personnel Director Vernon Hall and Board Attorney Jonathan Shaw worked with the City of Louisa and the Lawrence County Sheriff's office to develop contracts that would place two school resource officers (SROs) on school grounds. Specifically, the Board approved contracts that would include \$25,000 allocated to the Sheriff's Department and \$25,000 to the City of Louisa to help pay for the two SRO positions. The Sheriff's Department officials would select one officer to patrol Fallsburg and Blaine Elementary Schools while the City of Louisa officials would station one officer in town for Louisa East, Louisa West, Louisa Middle, and Lawrence County High School. Dr. Fletcher thanked Personnel Director Vernon Hall for his continuing efforts to ensure the safety of Lawrence County students.

**2.F.** Approval of two Petitions for Early Enrollment passed with a motion by Mr. James See and a second by Ms. Barbara Robinson by a vote of 5 to 0.

**2.G.** Approval of requests for 2018-2019 student fees, as indicated for Louisa West Elementary and Fallsburg Elementary, passed with a motion by Ms. Maddlene Roberts and a second by Ms. Barbara Robinson by a vote of 5 to 0.

**2.G.1.** Louisa West Elementary (approved by SBDMC) *approved 7-19-18*

**2.G.2.** Fallsburg Elementary (pending approval by SBDMC) *approved 7-25-18*

**2.H.** Approval to declare Food Service items as surplus, as indicated, passed with a motion by Ms. Garnett Skaggs and a second by Mr. James See by a vote of 5 to 0.

<b>FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF ITEMS</b>
<b>South Bend Tilt Skillet</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Hobart Food Slicer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vertical Cutters</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vulcan Steamer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Small Mixer (20 QT)</b>	<b>1</b>

### 3. PERSONNEL

**3.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 July 25, 2018:

- (1) Occupational Therapist:
  - 185 day contract for \$65,000 with one-quarter percent increase per year of service in the district or;
  - 148 day contract for \$52,000 with one-quarter percent increase per year of service in the district or;
  - 111 day contract for \$39,000 with one-quarter percent increase per year of service in the district.
- (2) Itinerant Instructional Assistants (Classified Pay Scale; 150 to 183 days; if needed)
- (1) Instructional Assistant (Preschool) at Louisa West Elementary School (Classified Pay Scale; 150 to 183 days)

The following position is changed effective July 25, 2018:

- (1) Physical/Occupational Therapist (\$59,917 with one-quarter increase per year of service in the district and 185 days) to (1) Physical Therapist:
  - 185 day contract for \$65,000 with one-quarter percent increase per year of service in the district or;
  - 148 day contract for \$52,000 with one-quarter percent increase per year of service in the district or;
  - 111 day contract for \$39,000 with one-quarter percent increase per year of service in the district.

**3.B.** 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 5 to 0.

#### Resignations

Ashleigh Workman	- Teacher at Fallsburg Elementary School
Casey Childers	- Full-Time Bus Monitor
Kay Smith	- 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 5 to 0.

  
Chairman – D. Heath Preston

  
Secretary to the Board – Betty Mullins