



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting of August 20, 2015**

**SPECIAL** meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 5 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair David A. Jones, Jr.  
Mrs. Stephanie Horne  
Dr. Lisa Willner

Mr. Chris Brady  
Vice-Chair Diane Porter

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Chuck Haddaway

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Superintendent Donna Hargens  
Francis J. Mellen, Jr., Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP  
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board

**TAX RATE HEARING**

A tax rate hearing was held at 5 p.m. Chair David A. Jones, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and read the following statement:

This hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of KRS 160.470 for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 71 cents on real property and 71 cents on personal property.

The Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools has asked the Board to hold the rate of the General Fund tax levy flat for the fiscal year 2016 at 71 cents on real property and 71 cents on personal property. This rate reflects the same tax rate levied in fiscal year 2015, which produced revenue of \$412,358,194.43. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 71 cents on real property and 71 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$428,666,473 in fiscal year 2016. Of this amount, \$49,015,746 will come from personal property taxes and \$2,293,390 will come from taxes on new real property.

The general areas to which revenue of \$16,308,279 above 2015 revenue is to be allocated are as follows:

Instruction.....	\$12,510,081
Building Fund .....	\$1,555,999
Transportation .....	\$1,249,214
Maintenance of Plant .....	\$774,655
Cost of Collections .....	\$218,330

All persons who have requested to speak on the proposed rates will now be given an opportunity to present testimony. Each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board. At the end of 2-1/2 minutes, a bell will sound once. You will then have 30 seconds to finish your statement. At the end of three (3) minutes, the bell will sound twice indicating that your speaking time has ended.

Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin presented a brief overview of how assessments impact the district's revenues and noted that for every dollar increase in local revenue—\$16.3 million—the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funding will be reduced by 57 cents, resulting in a \$9.3 million reduction in State SEEK with all other factors being the same. She also mentioned the concern of state unfunded mandates and asked that the Board be aware when talking with legislators.

There were no speakers.

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Order #2015-139 - Motion Passed:** A recommendation to adjourn the August 20, 2015, special meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 5:13 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Diane Porter and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Absent	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

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Chair David A. Jones, Jr.

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Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,  
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**