



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Tax Rate Hearing of May 21, 2020

Tax Rate Hearing of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center via Video Teleconference, on Tuesday, May 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

In light of the Governor having declared a state of emergency within the Commonwealth on March 6, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and in compliance with guidance issued by the Executive Branch on March 12 and 16, 2020, regarding the conduct of meetings of state boards and commissions during the emergency period, this meeting was conducted by video-teleconference and available for live public viewing online.

The guidance from the Executive Branch provided that all Kentucky Boards and Commissions take proper health precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and accordingly, with respect to the public attendance at meetings of said bodies, states "members of the public will only be able to view video-teleconferenced meetings remotely."

In light of Covid-19 concerns, special procedures were in place at the Hearing so that citizens could make comments to the Board while at the same time maintaining social distancing. Public speakers were only be able to address the Board via video-teleconference by going to VanHoose Education Center. The Board also accepted comments in writing either via email or regular mail before the meeting.

TAX RATE HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Chair Porter called the May 21, 2020, Tax Rate Hearing to order at approximately 5:30 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 81.6 cents on real property and 81.6 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2019 was 72.5 cents on real property and 72.5 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$497,980,297.14. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 81.6 cents on real property and 81.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$601,366,309.20. Of this amount \$69,141,824.75 is from new and personal property. The Board has the discretion to levy a rate lower than the potential ceiling rate of 81.6 cents. The compensating tax for 2020 is 70.7 cents on real property and 70.7 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$521,036,740.93.

The general areas to which revenue of \$103,386,012.20 above 2019 revenue is to be allocated as follows:

Cost of collections - \$3,618,510.43;
Building fund - \$12,923,251.52;
Instruction - \$72,370,208.54;
Transportation - \$3,101,580.37; and
Maintenance of plant - \$11,372,461.34.

The notice for the tax rate included the provision that the public could send written comments to the Assistant Secretary to the Board. She forwarded those comments to all board members for their consideration.

All persons who have requested to speak on the proposed rates will now be given an opportunity to present testimony. Each speaker is allowed 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.”

Those wishing to speak entered the auditorium one at a time and addressed the Board via a laptop with video conference. The Board members were projected on a large screen in front of the speaker. The Board members and speakers were able to hear and see each other.

The following speakers spoke in favor of a tax increase:
Brent McKim, Alan Young, Sadiqua Reynolds, and Faith Stroud

The following speakers spoke against a tax increase:
Shirley Green and Gerald Hensel

Cathie Brown addressed the Board and talked about the money that is wasted by busing, not having centralized curriculum, and throwing out food.

Order #2020-59 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Corrie Shull.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Diane Porter
Chairwoman

Dr. Martin A. Pollio
Superintendent/Secretary

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WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**