

**Covington Board of Education**  
**MINUTES ~ Special Meeting**

August 26, 2021

4:00 PM

Holmes High School's Jack Moreland Auditorium  
2500 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41014

The meeting will be streamed via video teleconferencing:

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**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Glenda Huff, Board chair called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jerry Avery

Ms. Sarah Flerlage

Mr. Stephen Gastright

Mr. Tom Haggard

Ms. Glenda Huff

After Roll Call, Ms. Glenda Huff, Board chair led the Pledge of Allegiance then read the following statement out loud:

*Members of the public may address the Board during the period set aside by the Board without submitting an item for the agenda. No action shall be taken during this portion of the meeting on issues raised by employees or the public unless deemed an emergency by the Board. Please note: Comments are asked to refrain from personal remarks in which an individual is named. Comments are limited to two minutes unless extended by the board chair. Critical comments or complaints are processed through the District's complaint procedures. Questions and concerns will be addressed by the Board through various venues, including, but not limited to, the district website and e-mail.*

**III. Adoptions of Tax Rates for 2021-2022 School Year: Public Hearing**

Ms. Annette Burtschy, Director of Finance reported to the Board the tax rate presentation that included a graphic showing what the school district would collect accepting the compensating rate compared to approving the 4% tax increase as recommended. Ms. Burtschy provided the tax rate history and explained to the Board how the 4% tax increase, if they were to approve it, would benefit the district and students.



Ms. Glenda Huff, Board chair opened the floor requesting Public input.

Ms. Pam Mullins, who resides at 232 Garrard Street, spoke to the Board asking if the seniors will continue to get the tax discount they currently receive from the city, if the Board approves the 4% tax increase. Ms. Mullins also suggested looking at the district's contingency plan as an alternative.

Ms. May Rice, who resides at 332 E. 13th Street, spoke to the Board in favor of the 4% tax increase. Ms. Rice suggested to the Board that they should not think about the homeowners but they need to think about students first.

The recommendation of the Adoption of Tax Rates will be brought to the Board as an approval item at the Regular meeting following this Special meeting.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

The Board made a consensus to adjourn at 4:26 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Glenda Huff, Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Alvin Garrison, Superintendent

