

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**The Hopkins Co. Board of Education met at 320 South Seminary Street, Madisonville, KY at 5:30 o'clock P.M. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, with the following members present:**

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|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| (1) John Osborne, Chairman | (2) Kerri Scisney, Vice Chairman-Absent | (3) Nicholas Foster              |
| (4) Steve Faulk            | (5) Shannon Embry                       | Keith Cartwright, Board Attorney |
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**2024-2025 TAX HEARING AT 5:00PM AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

John Osborne, Chairman, called the Tax Hearing to order

**Order #13 - Motion Passed:** Approval to call the Tax Hearing to order, passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Foster and a second by Mr. Steven Faulk.

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| Mr. Shannon Embry   | Yes    |
| Mr. John Osborne    | Yes    |
| Mr. Steven Faulk    | Yes    |
| Ms. Kerri Scisney   | Absent |
| Mr. Nicholas Foster | Yes    |

**Public Hearing for Comments Regarding the 2024-2025 General Tax Rate**

No one signed to speak.

**Tax Rates**

2024-25 real estate property tax rates of 68.2 cents per \$100 (6.2 cents per \$100 will go to the building fund to participate in the FSPK program), 24-25 personal property rate of 68.2 cents per \$100, 24-25 motor vehicle tax rate of 54.7 cents per \$100. Recommendation to exempt aircraft from taxation as defined in KRS 132.200(18) and exempt watercraft from taxation as defined in KRS 132.200(19). Of this rate, 1.7 cents is subject to recall.

**ADJOURNMENT OF TAX HEARING**

**Order #14 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the 2024-2025 Tax Hearing and begin the regular scheduled board meeting at 5:30 p.m, passed with a motion by Mr. Shannon Embry and a second by Mr. Nicholas Foster.

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| Mr. Shannon Embry   | Yes    |
| Mr. John Osborne    | Yes    |
| Mr. Steven Faulk    | Yes    |
| Ms. Kerri Scisney   | Absent |
| Mr. Nicholas Foster | Yes    |

John Osborne, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

**A. Pledge; Moment of Silence; Mission Statement--Unite as one team to learn and inspire.**

Board members led the pledge to the flag.

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

**Order #15 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the agenda as outlined passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Faulk and a second by Mr. Shannon Embry.

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| Mr. Shannon Embry   | Yes    |
| Mr. John Osborne    | Yes    |
| Mr. Steven Faulk    | Yes    |
| Ms. Kerri Scisney   | Absent |
| Mr. Nicholas Foster | Yes    |

**STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITION**

**A. Superintendent and Staff**

**Amy Smith, Superintendent**

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**STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES (DIALOGUE, NO ACTION)**

**A. School Calendar**

**NO SCHOOL**

- October 7-11, 2024, Fall Break
- November 4, 2024- Professional Development
- November 5, 2024, Election Day
- November 27-29, 2024, Thanksgiving
- December 19-31, 2024, Christmas Break
- January 1, 2025, New Year's Day
- January 20, 2025, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 17, 2025, President's Day
- March 31- April 1-4, 2025, Spring Break

**CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED**

- October 11, 2024, Fall Break
- November 28-29, 2024, Thanksgiving
- December 23-25, 2024, Christmas Break
- January 1, 2025, New Year's Day
- January 20, 2025, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- April 4, 2025, Spring Break
- May 26, 2025, Memorial Day

**COMMUNICATION**

**A. Public Comment**

None

**STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CONSENT-ACTION)**

**Order #16 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the listed consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Faulk and a second by Mr. Nicholas Foster.

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| Mr. Shannon Embry   | Yes    |
| Mr. John Osborne    | Yes    |
| Mr. Steven Faulk    | Yes    |
| Ms. Kerri Scisney   | Absent |
| Mr. Nicholas Foster | Yes    |

**A. Approval of Minutes, Bills, and Salaries**

The Board approved the minutes of August 19, 2024, board meeting and the bills and salaries for the month of September 2024.

**B. Approval of Leaves of Absence**

The Board approved the following leaves of absence.

1. Employee #7018, Teacher, JSES, FMLA effective November 18, 2024, not to exceed up to 12 weeks.
2. Employee #6807, Teacher, GES, Maternity leave effective August 6, 2024, not to exceed up to 12 weeks.
3. Employee #4876, Teacher, GES, Extended Disability effective August 26, 2024, not to exceed the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Employee #8375, Teacher, BSMS, Return to work September 16, 2024, from FMLA.
5. Employee #3974, Secretary, WBES, FMLA effective August 19, 2024, not to exceed up to 12 weeks.

**C. Approval of Out of District/Overnight Trips**

The Board approved the following out of district, overnight, or non-school sponsored events as requested by the principal of the school, subject to date rescheduling as necessary.

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1. HCCHS, Band, Clarksville, TN, Competition, September 21, 2024. Travel by school bus.
2. HES, 3rd Grade, Evansville, IN, Thunderbolts Education Day, October 29, 2024. Travel by school bus.
3. GES/PES/JSES/WBES, 5th grade 4-H Officers, Washington, DC, Jamestown 4-H Educational Days, April 9-13, 2025. Travel by charter bus.
4. JMMS, 8th Grade, Evansville, IN, Reward Trip to Walther's Golf & Laser, May 2, 2025. Travel by school bus.
5. JMMS, KYA, Louisville, KY, Mock Government Program, December 8-11, 2024. Travel by school bus and board van.
6. MNHHS, FFA, Hardinsburg, KY, Conference, September 13-14, 2024. Travel by school vehicle.
7. MNHHS, FFA, Indianapolis, IN, National Convention, October 22-25, 2024. Travel by school vehicle.
8. MNHHS, FFA, Lexington, KY, State Convention, June 9-12, 2025. Travel by school vehicle.
9. MNHHS, Volleyball, Paducah, KY, Tournament, September 20-21, 2024. Travel by school bus.
10. MNHHS, Band, Crestwood, KY, Semifinals/Finals, October 25-27, 2024. Travel by school bus.

**D. Approval of Payment of Invoice(s)**

The Board approved to pay the following invoice(s).

1. Exam Tables Direct, \$2,744.98, treatment table for MNHHS new auxiliary gym, to be paid from BG22-408.

**E. Approval of School Activity Fundraiser(s)**

The Board approved the following activity fundraiser(s).

1. BSMS, PBIS, Family Night with food trucks, proceeds will be used for PBIS reward items and field trips.
2. GES, PTA, School Bookstore Sales, proceeds will be used for school playground.
3. HES, PTA, Fall Festival, proceeds will be used for teacher needs.
4. HES, PTA, Boo Grams, proceeds will be used for student/staff needs.
5. HES, PTA, T-shirts, proceeds will be used for student/staff needs.
6. HES, PTA, Cupid Grams, proceeds will be used for field day t-shirts for students.
7. HES, PTA, VIP Dance, proceeds will be used for field day t-shirts for students.
8. HES, PTA, Christmas Shop, Penguin Patch, proceeds will be used for students VIP dance needs.
9. JMMS, Library, Scholastic Book Fair, proceeds will be used to purchase books and material for the library.
10. SHMS, PTA, Hat day, proceeds will be used for student activities and rewards.
11. SHMS, PTA, Do Good Popcorn, proceeds will be used for student activities and rewards.
12. SSE, Fall Pictures, Barbara Yonts, proceeds will be used for student needs.
13. SSE, Spring/Class, Graduation Pictures, proceeds will be used for student needs.
14. SSE, Yearbook Sales, proceeds will be used for yearbook needs.
15. WBES, PTO, Back to School Dance, proceeds will be used to purchase educational supplies for students and classrooms.
16. WBES, PTO, Spirit Wear, proceeds will be used to purchase educational supplies for students and classrooms.
17. WBES, PTO, School Store, proceeds will be used to purchase educational supplies for students and classrooms.
18. WBES, PTO, Fall Festival, proceeds will be used to purchase educational supplies for students and classrooms.
19. WBES, PTO, Santa's Workshop, proceeds will be used to purchase educational supplies for students and classrooms.
20. WBES, Library, Fall/Spring Scholastic Book Fair, proceeds will be used to purchase books and book related items.
21. WBES, PTO, World's Finest Chocolates, proceeds will be used to purchase a bench for the playground and new playground balls.
22. WHS, PTO, Fall Festival, proceeds will be used to support school needs, supplies, student rewards, programs, assemblies, and school events.
23. WHS, PTO, Fall Silent Auction, proceeds will be used to support school needs, supplies, student rewards, programs, assemblies, and school events.



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**N. Approval of Change Order No. 7 for Auxiliary Gyms/Storm Shelter Project, BG22-408  
A copy may be found in Abstract file #37**

The Board approved Change Order No. 7 for Auxiliary Gyms/Storm Shelter Project, BG22-408.

**O. Approval to Declare Technology Chromebooks and Laptops Purchased with Federal Grant Funds as Surplus Property for Disposal  
A copy may be found in Abstract file #38**

The Board approved to declare technology chromebooks and laptops purchased with Federal Grant Funds as surplus property for disposal.

**STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES (ACTION LIKELY)**

**A. Finance**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE 2024-2025 TAX RATES**

**Order #17 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2024-25 real estate property tax rates of 68.2 cents per \$100 (6.2 cents per \$100 will go to the building fund to participate in the FSPK program), 24-25 personal property rate of 68.2 cents per \$100, 24-25 motor vehicle tax rate of 54.7 cents per \$100. Recommendation to exempt aircraft from taxation as defined in KRS 132.200(18) and exempt watercraft from taxation as defined in KRS 132.200(19). Of this rate 1.7 cents is subject to recall passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Foster and a second by Mr. Shannon Embry.

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Mr. John Osborne	Yes
Mr. Steven Faulk	Yes
Ms. Kerri Scisney	Absent
Mr. Nicholas Foster	Yes

**B. Personnel**

**A copy may be found in Abstract file #39**

The Board reviewed personnel changes made by the Superintendent since August 19, 2024.

**CLOSED SESSION PER KRS 61-810**

**Order #18 - Motion Passed:** Approval to enter into CLOSED SESSION per KRS 61.810, according to KRS 61.815, which meets the requirements for holding CLOSED SESSION and the exceptions to Open Meetings, according to KRS 61.810, subsection (1)c, discussion of proposed or pending litigation, and subsection (1)(f) discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's, or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This exception shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret, passed with a motion by Mr. Shannon Embry and a second by Mr. Steven Faulk.

Mr. Shannon Embry	Yes
Mr. John Osborne	Yes
Mr. Steven Faulk	Yes
Ms. Kerri Scisney	Absent
Mr. Nicholas Foster	Yes

**OPEN SESSION**

**Order #19 - Motion Passed:** Motion to return to OPEN SESSION, passed with a motion by Ms. Kerri Scisney and a second by Mr. Steven Faulk.

Mr. Shannon Embry	Yes
Mr. John Osborne	Yes
Mr. Steven Faulk	Yes
Ms. Kerri Scisney	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Foster	Yes

