



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2014

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, August 25, 2014, at 7 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairwoman Diane Porter
Mr. Chris Brady
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund

Vice-Chairman David A. Jones, Jr.
Mrs. Linda Duncan
Mr. Chuck Haddaway

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Superintendent Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Rosemary Miller, General Counsel
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board

WORK SESSION

At 5 p.m., Board members conducted a work session concerning the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2014–15. Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin provided an update and answered Board members' questions. All Board members were present.

TAX RATE HEARING

A tax rate hearing for Fiscal Year 2014–15 was held at 6:45 p.m. in the Stewart Auditorium.

Chairwoman Diane Porter called the hearing to order at 6:45 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 on real and personal property. Three proposed options are 71 cents, 72 cents, or 73 cents on real and personal property. Dr. Hargens is recommending there be no tax rate increase from the 2013–14 tax rate of 71 cents.

The general fund tax levied in fiscal year 2014 was 71 cents on real property and 71 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$402,137,301.87. The expected revenue to be produced on the levied rate would be: 71 cents expected to produce \$422,919,168; 72 cents expected to produce \$428,875,775; and 73 cents expected to

produce \$434,832,383. Within the revenue amount of the 73 cent rate, \$47,231,440 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2015 is 70.2 cents on real property and 71 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$418,669,336.

The general areas to which a 73 cent tax levy produces revenue of \$15,350,756 above the 2014 revenue would be allocated are as follows:

Cost of collections	\$233,768
Building fund.....	\$448,580
Instruction	\$11,635,873
Transportation	\$1,320,165
Maintenance of plant	\$1,712,370

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 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 minutes, the bell will sound twice indicating that your speaking time has ended.”

The following persons addressed the Board of Education regarding the proposed tax rates:

Deloris Delahanty	Yolanda Walker	Tammy Berlin
Shelby Lanier, Jr.	Janice Rucker	Deborah Bass
Tom Moffett	Brent McKim	Tulio Tourinho
Bonifacio Aleman	James F. Holland	Ken Bass
Amanda Brown	Thomas Pearce	O. J. Oleka

REGULAR MEETING

Chairwoman Porter called the August 25, 2014, regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with a traditional moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Vision Statement read by Vice-Chairman David A. Jones Jr.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2014-134 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

IV. Recognitions and Resolutions

A. Recognition of Kristan Wright

B. Recognition of Missy Callaway

Order #2014-135 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for August 25, 2014. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Superintendent’s Report

Chairwoman Diane Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

Congratulations to the JCPS First-Day Team for a “smooth sailing” start of school—Rick Mosley, Jonathan Lowe, Rick Caple, Amy Dennes, Mandy Simpson, Phillip Jones, Janice Mihora, Mike Raisor, Barbara Dempsey, Jeanne Giberson, and Brent West. Not pictured are: Tiffeny Armour, Georgia Hampton, Terri Robinson, Craig Garrison, Raghu Seshadri, and Amy Mueller.

Happy 100th Birthday to Mr. Garland Cochrane. Cochrane Elementary School honored Mr. Cochrane with a birthday celebration on Thursday, August 14, 2014. Mr. Cochrane is a 1932 graduate of Fern Creek High School; former teacher at Camp Taylor Elementary School and Okolona High School—now Southern High School; and served 12 years as a Jefferson County Board of Education member. In 1969, Cochrane Elementary School was named in his honor. Mr. Cochrane now lives with his 94-year-old wife, Evelyn, in Hikes Point. His wife, Evelyn, was quoted in *The Courier-Journal*, “We’ve been married 74-1/2 years. I told him he’s not going any place until 75 because then I get my diamonds.”

Chairwoman Porter, at this time, I recommend the Consent Calendar for the Board’s consideration.

V. Consent Calendar for August 25, 2014

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. Approval of Job Description
- D. Approval of Organizational Charts
- E. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- F. Approval of Projects, BG-1 Forms, and Assignment of Architects/Engineers
 - 1. Roof Replacement at Atkinson Academy
 - 2. Roof Replacement at Carter Traditional Elementary School
 - 3. Roof Replacement at Kammerer Middle School
 - 4. Roof Replacement at Western Middle School
 - 5. Roof Replacement at Young Elementary School
- G. Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms
 - 1. 2014 Concrete Repairs at Atkinson Academy for CB&A Construction
 - 2. Emergency Roof Repair at Ballard High School
 - 3. Roof Replacement at Layne Elementary School
- H. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- I. Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals and Amendments
- J. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- K. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- L. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- M. Acceptance of Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- N. Approval of Comprehensive Educational Financial Planning and Management Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014–15
- O. Approval of Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year 2014-15
- P. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
 - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
 - 2. Acceptance of Funding for District-Sponsored AmeriCorps REACH Corps Program
 - 3. Acceptance of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education
 - 4. Acceptance of Funding from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government in Support of Neighborhood Place
 - 5. Acceptance of Homeless Education Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education
 - 6. Acceptance of Funding from the Kentucky Department of Education for Waggener High School
- Q. Approval of Agreements
 - 1. Approval of Agreement with 55,000 Degrees for AmeriCorps VISTA Members
 - 2. Approval of Strategic Data Project Fellowship Agreement with Harvard College

3. Approval of Agreement with MKT Analytics, LLC
 4. Approval of Letter of Agreement with Solution Tree to Host National Professional Learning Communities Institute
 5. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Spencerian College
 6. Approval of Lease Agreement with Kentucky State Fair Board for JCPS Benefits/Health Fair
 7. Approval of Security Indemnification Addendum to Agreement with United Parcel Service, Inc. for Career and Technical Education
 8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for JCPS–University of Louisville Early Literacy Project
- R. Approval of 2014–15 Head Start/Early Head Start Corrective Action Plan Part A
- S. ~~WITHDRAWN Approval of Regular Board Meeting Schedule for January through June 2015~~

Board members pulled down the following Consent Calendar items for additional comment and discussion:

- V.D. Approval of Organizational Charts: Mrs. Haddad commented on the addition of the bus monitors.
- V.N. Approval of Comprehensive Educational Financial Planning and Management Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014–15: Mrs. Duncan requested clarification concerning approval of textbook purchase plans and activity fund budgets. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- V.Q.1. Approval of Agreement with 55,000 Degrees for AmeriCorps VISTA Members: Mr. Jones stated that he was recusing himself from voting on this agenda item and requested that the item be voted on separately.
- V.Q.3. Approval of Agreement with MKT Analytics, LLC: Mrs. Duncan requested clarification concerning the SMART ED system. Dr. Bob Rodosky; chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- V.Q.4. Approval of Letter of Agreement with Solution Tree to Host National Professional Learning Communities Institute: Mrs. Wesslund asked the superintendent to summarize this partnership with Solution Tree.
- V.S. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Schedule for January through June 2015: Mrs. Haddad voiced her concern with setting the schedule for six months and suggested that this item be withdrawn and brought back later with meeting dates for the entire calendar year.

Order #2014-136 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education approve the August 25, 2014, Consent Calendar minus Agenda Item V.Q.1., which was acted on separately, and Agenda Item V.S., which was withdrawn, passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Order #2014-137 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve Agenda Item V.Q.1. Approval of Agreement with 55,000 Degrees for AmeriCorps VISTA Members passed 6–1 with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Abstain	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VI. Action Items

VI.A. Approval of Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2014–15

James F. Holland and Carole Bretschneider addressed the Board of Education concerning proposed tax rates for Fiscal Year 2014–15.

Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin came forward to provide information and answer questions. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Order #2014-138 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached tax rates for Fiscal Year 2014–15. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VII. Discussion Items

VII.A. 2014–15 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar

- Mr. Brady asked when the Board planning meeting would be scheduled. Chairwoman Porter reported that she will work with Board members to determine a date for the meeting.
- Mrs. Wesslund requested that the following reports be scheduled: accountability results (October), legislative priorities, arts in schools presentation, report on

student assignment and Showcase of Schools, and a report on teacher preparation programs, which could include representatives from University of Louisville and Bellarmine and Spalding universities.

- Mrs. Duncan requested the report on student assignment include an update on diversity guidelines along with a picture of the population attending the schools and data showing the number of transfers requested and the number granted.
- Mr. Jones requested that the report on teacher preparation include an update of the data provided during the February 2014 work sessions on teacher recruitment, training, and support.

Order #2014-139 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items to occur during the 2014–15 fiscal year. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VIII. Board Reports and Requests

- Mr. Brady commended a group of duPont Manual students for their story in the school’s newspaper concerning a tweet about the Louisville Purge.
- Mrs. Duncan reported that she was reappointed to the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council for a three-year term;
- Mrs. Wesslund reported that she is hearing that there is some confusion about supply lists, Redbook training, and how money in various fund sources can be used. She asked that the assistant superintendents disseminate that information to schools and teachers to eliminate the confusion;
- Chairwoman Porter stated that she would like for the Board and superintendent to have a conversation to determine how the Board would like to conduct tax hearings in the future to ensure there is ample time for public comment. She also requested a meeting with Dr. Rodosky before the next Board meeting to discuss the agreement with MKT Analytics and gathering student data. She commented on data the Board received concerning Project REACH and asked how many more students can be reached and announced the dates for the upcoming community conversations in Board members’ districts; and
- The Board directed Administration to structure future tax-rate hearings so that appropriate time is allocated for community input.

IX. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items

Dr. Randolph Wieck addressed the Board concerning teachers’ pension issues and JCTA notifications via JCPS Intranet. Chairwoman Porter requested that the Superintendent look into this issue and report back to the Board.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2014-140 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the August 25, 2014, regular meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:02 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Diane Porter, Chairwoman

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