

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS (MINUTES)

Lee County Board of Education Special Meeting

The Lee County Board of Education met in Special Session in the Lee County Board of Education Board Room at 6:30 PM, on March 18, 2015.

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Lamont Coldiron

Mr. Curtis Davis

Mr. William Owens

Ms. Janie Thorpe

CALL TO ORDER

Rationale:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman William Owens.

83-15 APPROVE AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of March 18, 2015 Lee County Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Curtis Davis and a second by Ms. Janie Thorpe.

Mr. Lamont Coldiron Yes

Mr. Curtis Davis Yes

Mr. William Owens Yes

Ms. Janie Thorpe Yes

84-15 SET TAX RATE ON REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Rationale:

Superintendent Evans recommended levying 37.6 cents on real property and 37.6 cents on personal property. These rates include the 5.7 cents per hundred of valuation Recallable Nickel which will be added to the 2014 Tax and included with the tax bill sent in October 2015. A levy of 37.6 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation will still leave Lee County at the bottom (lowest tax rate) in comparison to other counties throughout Kentucky.

This nickel is needed to fund the completion of Southside Elementary Addition/Renovation Project, and to complete needed updates to other facilities in the district. The State matching funds for the nickel tax would also greatly improve our bonding potential.

Discussion:

Each board member shared their views regarding the nickel tax levy. Chairman William Owens, Vice Chairman Curtis Davis, and board member Janie Thorpe cited reasons for being in favor of levying the nickel tax. Board member Lamont Coldiron advised that he would be opposed to levying the nickel tax as the voters soundly defeated it county-wide in the last election.

Discussion was held regarding the State's recognition and reward for local effort. Nickel Tax funds (earmarked strictly for facility needs) generated by local effort are matched at 150% by the State. Chairman Owens told those present, "When you can invest this much money and get a 150% return, it's a good investment.

Motion Passed: Approval of the general fund tax levy of 37.6 cents on real property and 37.6 cents on personal property (includes a 5.7 cent per hundred recallable nickel) passed with a motion by Mr. Curtis Davis and a second by Ms. Janie Thorpe.

Mr. Lamont Coldiron	No
Mr. Curtis Davis	Yes
Mr. William Owens	Yes
Ms. Janie Thorpe	Yes

85-15 APPROVE BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING TRAVEL AND LODGING, TO KSBA'S RESTRAINT & SECLUSION AND FEDERAL AND STATE LAW UPDATE IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY MAY 7TH AND 8TH, 2015

Motion Passed: Approval of board members' attendance, including travel and lodging, to KSBA's Restraint & Seclusion and Federal & State Law Update Training in Lexington, KY May 7th and 8th, 2015 passed with a motion by Ms. Janie Thorpe and a second by Mr. Curtis Davis.

Mr. Lamont Coldiron	Yes
Mr. Curtis Davis	Yes
Mr. William Owens	Yes
Ms. Janie Thorpe	Yes

86-15 APPROVE BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES, ON TEALS TRIP TO WASHINGTON STATE

Motion Passed: Approval of board members' attendance, including travel and lodging expenses, to the TEALS Washington State trip passed with a motion by Mr. Curtis Davis and a second by Ms. Janie Thorpe.

Mr. Lamont Coldiron	Yes
Mr. Curtis Davis	Yes
Mr. William Owens	Yes
Ms. Janie Thorpe	Yes

87-15 ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Adjournment of board meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Janie Thorpe and a second by Mr. Lamont Coldiron.

Mr. Lamont Coldiron	Yes
Mr. Curtis Davis	Yes
Mr. William Owens	Yes
Ms. Janie Thorpe	Yes

Chairperson

Superintendent