

Order of Notice for Excess School Levy
November 8, 2022
To the Voters of Hancock County

That at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the County of Hancock, State of West Virginia, held on the 17th day of August, 2022, as provided by law, the following order was made and entered of record, to wit:

The Board of Education of the County of Hancock being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Chapter 11, Article 8, of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of the Board of Education of Hancock County, including expenditures for the purpose or purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies under the provisions of Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 16, of the Code, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. The Hancock County Board of Education states that in accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (1) the purposes for which additional funds are needed are as follows:
 - a. To provide instructional and extra-curricular materials, supplies, equipment and classroom furniture, which would include all levels of curriculum including Special Education and Career & Technical Education, approximately \$80,000.00 annually;
 - b. To improve access to technology through the purchase of hardware, computer software, infrastructure repair, training and support, approximately \$60,000.00 annually;
 - c. To maintain and make improvements to outdoor athletic fields, grounds, and indoor gymnasiums, to provide for capital improvements, renovations, repair, and/or maintenance of Hancock County Schools structures and equipment, to maintain and replace roofs and heating/ventilation/air-conditioning on Hancock County Board of Education owned structures, approximately \$974,774.00 annually;
 - d. To provide copiers and supplies, approximately \$60,000.00 annually;
 - e. To provide professional support services to assist with child abuse and child neglect cases including trauma and social and emotional support, approximately \$70,000.00 annually;
 - f. To provide support to the Hancock County WVU Extension service, approximately \$40,000.00 annually;
 - g. To continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in Hancock County Schools, approximately \$350,000.00

- h. To provide legal and medical services including homebound, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and psychological services to Hancock County Schools, to contract with other agencies for student or professional services such as, but not limited to, technology, hearing impaired and vision impaired, to provide services, programs and equipment for students within the autism spectrum, approximately \$350,000.00 annually;
- i. To provide safety and security improvements and services including: prevention resource officers, security technology, entrance/exit doors, safety and security enhancements and services, approximately \$725,000.00 annually;
- j. To provide toward employee salaries/benefits/fix charges:
 - i. Provide professional service and administrative salary supplements, and fixed charges, approximately \$4,300,000.00 annually;
 - ii. Provide extra duty wages and fixed charges for the purpose of academic and athletic trips for parochial and Hancock County, approximately \$150,000.00 annually;
 - iii. Provide extra curricular athletic positions, including athletic trainer and athletic sponsor, to the high school and middle athletic programs, approximately \$585,000.00 annually;
 - iv. Provide substitutes for professional and service positions, approximately \$275,000.00 annually;
 - v. Provide dental and optical insurance for eligible professional and service employees, approximately \$550,000.00 annually;
 - vi. Provide extra duty salary supplements for curricular and non-curricular positions and fixed charges, annual supplemental contracts for summer school, counselors, Saturday School, enrichment programs, unfunded mandates and unforeseen expenses, approximately \$75,000.00 annually;

The Hancock County Board of Education states that the amount for each purpose identified herein accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (2) is set forth herein above. The Hancock County Board of Education further states in accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (3) that the amount needed is set forth herein below in numbered paragraphs 2 and 3.

- 2. That the approximate amount (annual total) for said purposes needed is in the amount of Eight Million, Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$8,644,774.00).

3. That the total approximate amount (grand total) needed for the five-year period of this levy for said purposes is Forty-Three Million, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$43,223,870.00).
4. The Hancock County Board of Education in accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (4) that the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within Hancock County, is as follows:

Class I -----	\$	0.00
Class II -----	\$	493,666,460.00
Class III -----	\$	381,303,102.00
CLASS IV -----	\$	<u>313,560,239.00</u>
		\$ 1,188,529,801.00

5. The Hancock County Board of Education in accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (5) states that the proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property is as follows:

Class I -- 22.95 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation
Class II -- 45.90 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation
Class III -- 91.80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation
Class IV -- 91.80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation
6. The Hancock County Board of Education in accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (6) states that the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028;
7. The Hancock County Board of Education states herein accordance with WV Code 11-8-16 (7) states that the Board of Education of Hancock County will not issue bonds upon approval of the proposed levy;
8. That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at the General Election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022;
9. That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this order at least once each week for two successive weeks, within fourteen (14) consecutive days next preceding the election, in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the territory in which the election is held in accordance with WV Code 11-8-17. All the provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, except that a separate ballot shall be used as such election when held in connection with any other election.
10. That the Board of Education of the County of Hancock is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations to enrich, supplement, and improve

the educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Hancock. In the event that the amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the aforementioned purposes, the Board of Education expenditures may be reduced in any particular category or categories, as may be required.

11. In the event the Board shall obtain additional money, by grant or otherwise, from the state or federal government or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as said Board may from time to time determine.
12. That should any item in the aforementioned purposes be declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, affected funds will be distributed among remaining unaffected items.
13. That the Board may, if the Board deems it to be in its best interests, reduce these said rates in any given year or years during the term of this levy after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next ensuing taxable year.
14. That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in the following form:

Official Levy Ballot

November 8, 2022

This special election is to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1st, 2024, July 1st, 2025, July 1st, 2026, July 1st, 2027, and July 1st, 2028, and for the purpose of raising additional funds as specifically set forth below and entered according to the Order of the Hancock County Board of Education on the 17th day of August, 2022.

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The additional levy shall be on:

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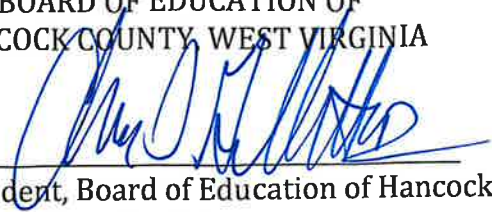
() For the Levy

() Against the Levy

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS;

Those favoring and wishing to vote for the proposed additional levy shall place an (x) in the square before the "For the Levy" and those opposing and wishing to vote against the proposed additional levy shall place an (x) in the square before "Against the Levy".

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

By 
President, Board of Education of Hancock
County, West Virginia

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Education of
Hancock County, West Virginia