

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY
TO THE VOTERS OF MINGO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

After full consideration thereof, the Board of Education of the County of Mingo, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of general current expenses of the schools of Mingo County during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028; and it has been determined that the amounts in excess of the amounts raised by the regular levies will be needed by the Board in each of the next five(5) fiscal years, therefore an election should be held to increase such levies in conformity with West Virginia Code.

This levy has been in effect in Mingo County since 1964.

1) The purposes for such levy funds that are needed and the approximate amounts for each purpose are as follows:

- a. Support to Schools** **Approximately \$50,000.00**
Including, but not limited to, providing supplies and equipment for music, theater, and the arts, school libraries, instruction, and other school operations.
- b. Support for Band and Choral** **Approximately \$10,000.00**
To provide support for Band and Choral programs grades 5 -12.
- c. Facilities Repairs/Maintenance, Safety, and Security** **Approximately \$660,000.00**
Including, but not limited to, furnishing, equipping, repairing, renovating any board facility. As well as providing funds to achieve and maintain compliance with safety standards to ensure a safe and healthy environment for the students and staff of Mingo County Schools.
- d. Support for Community Services** **Approximately \$230,000.00**
Including, but not limited to, support for Mingo County Health Department, Mingo County Extension Office 4H program, Mingo County Libraries, the Williamson Library, and the Energy Express program.
- e. Support for Sports/Athletic** **Approximately \$511,500.00**
Including, but not limited to, providing funding to maintain all athletic programs at the K8 and High School level. Funding for the two county high schools in the fixed amount of \$12,000.00 per high school, with additional funding of \$26,000.00 to be divided between the high schools based on student participation. To continue support of middle school programs in the amount of \$9,000.00 per PreK-8. To provide funding for facility rentals for athletic events per written contract(s) in the total

amount of \$50,000.00. Also providing funding for student travel to athletic events and providing athletic insurance for all student athletes.

f. Employee Support

Approximately \$3,677,967.00

Including, but not limited to, providing professional salary supplements for all supervisory personnel, directors, principals, teaching personnel per approved salary schedule and payment of related expenses for fixed cost, salaries and fixed cost for positions not funded by the state basic public education support program, salary supplements and fixed cost for service personnel, secretaries, aides, bus operators, truck drivers, mechanics, custodians, cooks and maintenance personnel per approved salary schedule, salaries in excess of 200 day contracts and salaries in excess of funding limit. Professional and service substitute cost, including salary and fixed cost. Also providing sick leave incentive (per approved policy) and dental and optical insurance plan for employee, spouse, and dependents.

g. Improvement of Facilities

Approximately \$115,250.00

Including, but not limited to, Improvements and upgrades to facilities.

h. Supplementation of Budget

Authorization for the Board to expend, upon the funding of the above-mentioned purposes, and at the end of each fiscal year this levy is in force and effect or at the purposes, and at the end of the five-year period this entire levy is in effect or otherwise, at such times as it may desire, for public school; purposes, any surplus which may accrue each fiscal year during the term of this levy.

- 2) Total approximate amount needed to be raised for said purposes after allowance for discounts, delinquencies and exonerations is \$5,254,717.00 and the total amount to be raised during the term of this five-year levy is approximately \$26,273,585.00.
- 3) That should additional money be obtained by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government or any other source, said additional money may be used either in substitution of or in addition to the amount obtained from this levy.
- 4) The separate and aggregate assessed valuations and levy rates levied by the board per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for the Board of Education of the County of Mingo for each class of property for fiscal year ending 2023.

Class of Property	Assessed Valuation
Class I	0.00
Class II	149,498,192.00
Class III	463,940,712.00
Class IV	96,191,893.00
In the aggregate	709,630,797.00

- 5) The purposed additional rate of the levy in cents on each Class of property per \$100.00 of valuation of such property, is as follows:

Class I	22.95 Cents
Class II	45.90 Cents
Class III	91.80 Cents
Class IV	91.80 Cents

Provided, however, that the Board of Education of the County of Mingo reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and the authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy if increased assessments would produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with the provisions in West Virginia Code §11-8-6g.

Note: The above levy rates are now in effect pursuant to past special levy elections. There will not be any increase in the levy rates now in effect, since approval of the current levy will result in a continuation of levy rates stated above and approval of the current levy will not result in the imposition of any new taxes.

- 6) The proposed number of years, to which the additional levy applies, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.
- 7) That upon approval of the proposed additional levy, the Board of Education of the County of Mingo will not issue bonds obligating receipts of the levy.
- 8) The question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on November 8, 2022.
- 9) That the absentee ballots shall be applied for, obtained from, and returned to the Clerk of Mingo County Commission as in the case of general elections, and said clerk is hereby appointed the Agent of the Board of Education to perform all duties related to absentee ballots in this election.
- 10) Notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this order at least once each week for two successive weeks before said election in The Williamson Daily News and The Mingo Messenger. All the provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as long as they are practicable, except that a separate ballot shall be used at such election when held in connection with any other election.
- 11) The ballot to be use at such election shall be in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
MINGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

A special election to authorize continuation of levies which have been in effect since 1964, and is not an increase in taxes, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, and for the purposes of:

	Description	Approximate Amount
a.	Support to Schools for Supplies and Equipment	50,000.00
b.	Support for Band and Choral Programs	10,000.00
c.	Facilities-Repairs/Maintenance, Safety and Security	660,000.00
d.	Support for Community Services	230,000.00
e.	Support for Athletics/Sports	511,500.00
f.	Employee Support / Supplements and Benefits	3,677,967.00
g.	Improvement of Facilities	115,250.00
h.	Authorization for the Board to expend, upon the funding of the above-mentioned purposes, and at the end of each fiscal year this levy is in force and effect or at the end of the five-year period this levy is in effect or otherwise, at such times as it may desire, for public school purposes, any surplus which may accrue each fiscal year during the term of this levy.	

1. That the purpose for which funds are needed in order to maintain and improve the instructional programs and the operation of the school services in the Mingo County School system are as follows:
2. The total approximate amount for said purposes, after an allowance for discount, delinquencies, and exonerations is \$5,254,717.00 and the total amount to be expended during the term of this five-year levy is approximately \$26,273,585.00 Or such amounts as the proposed additional levy rates may produce when applied to annual assessed valuation of taxable property in the Mingo County School District; and further any additional money derived from an increase in levy funds shall be used for the purposes listed above.
3. The Board may, at its discretion, increase or decrease any item if the total taxable property in the Mingo County School District increases or decreases, and any surplus money remaining from

the levy at the end of each fiscal year of the levy may be used by the board of Education for any school purpose.

3. The Board of Education of the County of Mingo, if it determines that sufficient funds for school purposes exist for the school year, shall reduce the said levy rate in any given year or years during the five-year period of this levy in accordance with WV Code §11-8-6g.

All according to the Order of The Board of Education of The County of Mingo, entered on the 19th day of July 2022.

The Proposed additional rate of levy on each Class of property per \$100.00 of valuation of such property shall be as follows:

Class I	22.95 cents
Class II	45.90 cents
Class III	91.80 cents
Class IV	91.80 cents

The question of such levy shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on November 8, 2022.

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FOR the LEVY

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AGAINST the LEVY

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS:

Those favoring the levy place an "X" in the square by the words "FOR the LEVY"

Those against the levy place an "X" in the square by the words "AGAINST the LEVY"

Machelle McCormick, President of the Board
Mingo County Board of Education

Dr. Johnny Branch, Secretary
Mingo County Board of Education