

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PLEASANTS DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, JULY 1, 2025, JULY 1, 2026, JULY 1, 2027, JULY 1, 2028

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PLEASANTS:

The Board of Education of the County of Pleasants, finding that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the *West Virginia Code*, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the current expenses of the Board of Education of the County of Pleasants, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, and that an election should be held to continue the present levies as provided for under the provision of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the *West Virginia Code*, as last amended, it is hereby ordered:

- (1) That the purposes for which funds are needed are to maintain and improve the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Pleasants County including, but not limited to:

A. Professional Personnel Salaries and Benefits:

For the continuation of maintaining a fair and adequate salary schedule and/or for the provision of employee benefits for certified personnel so as to retain and employ a competent instructional, supervisory, and administrative staff by keeping the Pleasants County School District in a competitive position with other school districts in West Virginia and adjoining states

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF:

\$2,150,000.00

B. Service Personnel Salaries and Benefits:

For the continuation of maintaining a fair and adequate salary schedule and/or for the provision of employee benefits for service personnel so as to retain and employ a competent staff of support personnel by keeping the Pleasants County School District in a competitive position with other school districts in West Virginia and adjoining states

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$745,000.00

C. Textbooks and Instructional Materials:

To continue the furnishing of free textbooks for all students to further upgrade the educational curriculum; and to provide sufficient school and instructional equipment, technology hardware and

software, and other instructional materials pertinent to the instruction of students

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF:
\$300,000.00

D. Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute:

For the local cost share of the Pleasants County Board of Education including the instructional program, operation, staff costs and materials of the Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF:	\$135,000.00
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E. Buildings and Facilities:

For providing improved and/or better buildings, facilities, grounds, and the operation thereof, and for the provision of non-instructional equipment to be used in such buildings and on such grounds to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Pleasants County students, including, but not limited to compliance with orders of the State Fire Marshal and/or the State Health Department

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF:
\$844,216.00

F. Agency Support:

To provide for stability of funding for the following county agencies, including but not limited to: Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department (\$7,000); Pleasants County 4-H (\$20,000); Pleasants County Public Library (\$25,000), at amounts to be allocated in the Board's discretion

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF:
\$52,000.00

G. Supplemental Academic Programs:

To provide funding in support of summer instructional and student support programs, such as, but not limited to, Energy Express, Academic Academies, Tutorial Programs, Boys and Girls Club, and/or enrichment programming, to be allocated in the Board's discretion

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF:
\$50,000.00

(2) That the annual approximate amount for the above purposes, after due allowances for delinquent taxes, discounts, and exonerations, is \$4,276,216.00.

(3) That the total approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes for all of the said five fiscal years, after making all due allowances is \$21,381,080.00.

(4) That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within its jurisdiction is as follows:

Class I	\$	0
Class II		178,978,108
Class III		440,265,654
Class IV		<u>60,282,056</u>
Aggregate		\$679,525,818

(5) That the proposed maximum rate of levy in cents on each class of property per \$100 valuation within the Pleasants County School district shall remain as follows:

Class I	19.06 cents
Class II	38.12 cents
Class III	76.24 cents
Class IV	76.24 cents

(6) That the years to which the proposed continuation shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028

(7) That no issuance of bonds is proposed in connection with this levy.

(8) That the Board of Education of the County of Pleasants 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 Pleasants. 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.

(9) 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.

(10) That in the event other funds or additional funds are obtained by grant or allocation from state, federal, local, or any other sources, such funds may be used in place of the funds described above and/or in addition to the amount obtained from this levy.

(11) That the Board of Education of the County of Pleasants 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.

(12) That the question of such continuation of tax levies shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

(13) That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order once each week for two successive weeks before said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the Pleasants County School District. All the provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, with the exception of the provisions contained in Section 17, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the *West Virginia Code*, as last amended.

(14) That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in form as follows:

**OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLEASANTS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

Special election to authorize the continuation of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and for the purpose of maintaining and improving the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Pleasants County including, but not limited to:

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according to the order of the Board of Education of the County of Pleasants, entered on the 23rd day of January 2024.

TOTAL APPROXIMATE NET ANNUAL AMOUNT NEEDED
AFTER DUE ALLOWANCES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES,
DISCOUNTS, AND EXONERATIONS: \$4,276,216.00

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The continuation approved on May 14, 2024, of an additional levy for each \$100 assessed valuation of property shall be on Class I property 19.06 cents; on Class II property 38.12 cents; on Class III property 76.24 cents; and on Class IV property 76.24 cents.

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FOR THE LEVY

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AGAINST THE LEVY

Instructions: Those favoring the renewal of the levy, place (X) in the square before "FOR THE LEVY", those against such levy place (X) in the square before "AGAINST THE LEVY".

Given under my hand this 23rd day of January 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE COUNTY OF PLEASANTS

By


Heather Straight, President

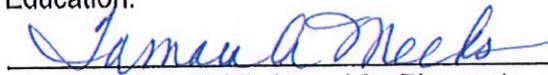
Attest:


Michael Wells, Secretary

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF PLEASANTS, TO-WIT:

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, of said county, in my said county, this 23rd day of January, 2024, by Heather Straight, as President of the Pleasants County Board of Education, attested by Michael Wells, as Secretary of the Pleasants County Board of Education.


Notary Public in and for Pleasants
County, West Virginia

My commission expires:

July 28, 2028

