

Upon motion of Rick Snuffer, duly seconded by Jack Roop, the following Order was adopted:

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Raleigh (the "Board"), being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Code"), will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the general current expenses of schools in Raleigh County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, and has ascertained that the approximate average amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board, subject to variations from year to year, during each of said five (5) fiscal years and that an election should be held to increase such levies, in conformity with the law, hereby ORDERS and DECLARES:

1. The purposes and approximate average amounts for which such additional funds are needed annually during such five (5) fiscal years are set forth as follows:

<u>PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</u>	<u>ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE</u>
Free Textbooks – Digital and Print Textbooks, Workbooks, Supplemental Materials and Hardware	\$ 1,000,000
Instructional Support - Supplies and Equipment	724,000
Physical Education/Student Wellness - Elementary and Secondary Schools	35,100
Curricular Program Enhancements – <i>Reading, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math</i> Enrichment	164,000
Technology Integration - Maintenance, Upgrades, Hardware, Software, and Training	758,000
Library / Reading Supplies - Books, Newspapers, Periodicals, Equipment, and Software	91,000
Music Supplies and Equipment - Elementary Schools	20,000
Band/Choir/Music - Supplies and Equipment (Secondary Schools)	105,000
Students – Truancy Diversion / Dropout Prevention	236,000
Students – Universal Pre-K Support	300,000
Students - Performing Arts Enrichment	15,000
Students - Academic Competition and Fairs	5,000
Student Athletic Programs - Support for Coaching Staff	982,000
Student Activities - Curricular and Extra-curricular Trip Support	228,000
Student Health Services – Student Health Care Needs	200,000
Student Security - Safe Schools (School Resource Officers, Training, Security Needs)	550,000
Staffing Support - Professional and Service Employees (to provide for the employment and retention of qualified teachers and service personnel not provided within the State Aid funding formula)	1,580,000
Substitute Support - Substitute Personnel	2,060,000
Extended Learning Opportunities - Summer School, School Repairs, Fleet Maintenance	165,000
Community Support - WVU Extension Services - Raleigh County Schools	80,000
Community Support - Youth Museum - Southern WV	15,000
Community Support – Raleigh County Convention Center	75,000
Maintenance - Building and Grounds Upgrades	200,000
Capital Improvement - Major Improvement, Upgrades and Compliance Recommendations	1,000,000
Transportation - Maintenance of Fleet	230,000
Salary Support - Professional and Service Employees	7,118,500
Fixed Cost - Employer's Share of Social Security, Retirement, Workers Compensation	1,775,425

Group Insurance – PEIA Premium Reduction Benefit, Dental, Optical, and Life Insurance	2,194,500
Personal Leave Incentive - Reduction of Substitute Cost and Promote Continuity of Instruction	955,500
TOTAL	<u>\$22,862,025</u>

The amounts set forth above are the anticipated average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

- The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, plus excess collections due to the increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Raleigh, as the Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.
- The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage in said five (5) fiscal years, is \$114,310,125 or the sum of \$22,862,025, annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Raleigh County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and, in the Board's sole discretion, spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.
- The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Raleigh County School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is as follows:

<u>CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
Class I	\$0
Class II (Less Homestead)	\$1,308,706,796
Class III	\$1,531,503,784
Class IV	\$546,660,666
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$3,386,871,246

- The proposed additional rate of levy, in cents per each one hundred dollars in value on each class of property within Raleigh County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028, is as follows:

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

- To the extent permitted by law, the Board reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy should increased assessments produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with the applicable provisions of the West Virginia Code.
- The years to which the additional levy shall apply, if authorized by the voters, are fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

8. The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Raleigh County School District, which embraces Raleigh County, West Virginia, at an election to be held in said county on May 14, 2024.
9. 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 the Board may from time to time determine, in its discretion.
10. Notice of said election to authorize such additional levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least once a week for two successive weeks within fourteen (14) consecutive days next preceding the election. The notice shall be published in *The Register-Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation in Raleigh County.
11. The official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

FORM OF BALLOT

Official Levy Ballot

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF RALEIGH

To Authorize Continuation of the Additional Levies Now in Effect

May 14, 2024

A 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, and July 1, 2028, in the approximate average amount of \$22,862,025, annually, for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Raleigh (the “Board”), including for the purposes hereinafter set forth; all according to the Order of the Board entered on the 13th day of February, 2024, and as more particularly described as follows:

<u>PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</u>	<u>ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE</u>
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Fixed Cost - Employer's Share of Social Security, Retirement, Workers Compensation	1,775,425
Group Insurance – PEIA Premium Reduction Benefit, Dental, Optical, and Life Insurance	2,194,500
Personal Leave Incentive - Reduction of Substitute Cost and Promote Continuity of Instruction	955,500
Total	\$ 22,862,025

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The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations for the enrichment, supplementation, operation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Raleigh, as the Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.

The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for exonerations, uncollected taxes and shrinkage, in said five (5) fiscal years is \$114,310,125 or the sum of \$22,862,025, annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Raleigh County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amounts shall be carried over and, in the Board's sole discretion, spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

In the event additional funds are obtained by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any other source, such additional money may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the amount obtained from this levy, as the Board may determine from time to time, in its discretion.

To the extent permitted by law, the Board reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy should increased assessments produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with the applicable provisions of the West Virginia Code.

The additional levy, in cents per \$100 of assessed value on each class of property, shall be on Class I property 22.95 cents; on Class II property 45.90 cents; on Class III property 91.80 cents; and on Class IV property 91.80 cents.

That the proposed years to which the additional rate of levies shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS: Those favoring the continuation of the additional levies, mark in the square “FOR THE LEVIES”; and those against the continuation of such additional levies, mark in the square “AGAINST THE LEVIES”.

<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR THE LEVIES
<input type="checkbox"/>	AGAINST THE LEVIES

END OF FORM OF BALLOT

- 12. The Board will not issue excess levy bonds in connection with the approval of the proposed additional levies.
- 13. The Secretary of the Board with the assistance of the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Raleigh, which said Clerk is hereby designated and appointed as an agent of this Board for this election, is hereby authorized and directed to procure and furnish to the election commissioners at each voting precinct, insofar as practicable, the ballots, poll books, tally sheets and other things necessary for conducting the election, as provided by Section 11, Article 1, Chapter 13 of the Code, and perform all duties imposed by law upon clerks of the County Commission in relation to primary elections, and assist the County Commission, sitting as the board of canvassers, with canvassing the results of the election in accordance with Section 13, Article 1, Chapter 13 of the Code. The commissioners and clerks appointed and certified for the purpose of the election shall be the same commissioners and clerks designated, appointed and certified by the County Commission.
- 14. Absentee ballots shall be applied for, obtained from and returned to the Clerk of the County Commission of the County of Raleigh, and said Clerk is hereby appointed the agent for the Board to perform all duties relating to absentee ballots in a primary election.
- 15. The registration of voters and the use of the registration booths shall be governed by the permanent registration law of the State of West Virginia and the Board hereby adopts the registration list of Raleigh County as the official registration list of the school district for this election.

[Signature page follows this page.]

Adopted and entered this 13th day of February, 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COUNTY OF RALEIGH

By: 
Larry Ford, Its President

ATTEST


Dr. Serena L. Starcher-Martin, Secretary