

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE
DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF BOONE COUNTY AT THE
GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ALL QUESTIONS
CONNECTED WITH THE RENEWAL OF EXTRA LEVIES TO PROVIDE
SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY THE GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSES OF SAID
BOARD.**

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Boone, (hereinafter "Board" or "the Board") being of the opinion that the levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of general current expenses of schools in Boone County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019 and having ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by the Board during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that the question of increase of such levies should be submitted to the voters of Boone County at the Primary Election to be held November 4, 2014 in conformity with law, it is hereby ORDERED and DECLARED:

(1) The purpose for which additional funds are needed is the payment of the general current expenses of the Board, including, but not limited to, payment of salaries of teachers and other employees who are paid exclusively from local Board funds; fixed employee costs, and supplemental salaries and benefits; provision of optical /dental insurance for retirees of the Board; the repair, maintenance, and operation of school buildings and equipment; the purchase of textbooks, library books, and instructional supplies and equipment; the provision of capital improvements of existing schools and/or athletic facilities; the purchase of new technology, replacement of dated technology, as well as the expansion of technology infrastructure in the schools; support the provision of free meals for all students; the provision of three (3) School Resource Officers/school security improvements; and the provision of school buses and the transportation of pupils including transport to extra-curricular activities.

(2) The approximate annual amount considered necessary for each purpose is as follows:

Employee salaries that are paid exclusively from local funds,	\$7,500,000.00
Fixed employee costs and benefits, including county salary supplements	\$1,606,290.00
Instructional supplies and equipment	\$400,000.00
Support the provision of free meals for all students	\$125,000.00
Textbooks	\$200,000.00

Optical/dental insurance for retirees	\$75,000.00
Support the purchase of school buses and transportation of students	\$100,000.00
Transport of students to athletic contests and other extra-curricular activities	\$75,000.00
Provision of three (3) School Resource Officers/school security improvements	\$150,000.00
Building operation, repair and maintenance	\$650,000.00
Capital Improvements to existing schools and/or athletic facilities	\$375,000.00
New Technology, replacement of dated technology, and expansion of technology infrastructure	\$400,000.00
TOTAL	\$11,656,290.00

(3) The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$58,281,540.00 or the sum of \$11,656,290.00 annually.

(4) The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the Boone County for the assessment year 2014 is as follows:

Class I	\$ 0.00
Class II	\$205,434,677.00
Class III	\$1,201,058,960.00
Class IV	\$60,078,058.00

TOTAL \$ 1,466,571,695.00

(5) The proposed additional rate of levy in cents for each \$100 of value on each class of property within Boone County for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019 is as follows:

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

(6) If authorized by the voters the additional levy shall apply to the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019.

(7) The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in Boone County, West Virginia, at the General Election to be held in said County on November 4, 2014.

(8) If a majority of the voters at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014 approve the proposed additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019, the Board will *not* issue bonds as provided by Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

(9) If a majority of the voters at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014 approve the proposed additional levies, and if sufficient State, Federal, or other special funds become available to provide monies for any of the above purposes, or if funds are generated due to increased assessed valuations, levy monies specified for the purposes specified herein will be used for the general operation of the school system. If the voters approve the additional levy, the Board will be authorized and empowered to expend at the end of each fiscal year, during the term of the levy, the surplus, if any, in excess of the amount needed for any of the above-stated purposes for the enrichment, supplementation and advancement of all educational programs in Boone County, and other purposes pertinent to the operation of Boone County Schools.

(10) Such election shall be conducted by electronic voting system. The issue of the excess levy shall be separated from the general election ballot and separately headed in display type with a title clearly identifying the purpose of the levy election in conformity with the requirements of §§ 3-4A-11(a)(5) and 3-4A-11a(b)(1). The election officials shall be such as are appointed to serve with respect to the general election held at the same time. Canvassing of the returns from said Levy Election shall be by the Boone County Commission as provided by law. All other provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable. The Secretary of The Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to acquire and furnish to election officials all proper election supplies, and attend to the publication of the relevant parts of this order, and to do all things necessary to present the question proposed by this order to the voters in the Boone County School District at said General Election.

(11) Notice of said election to authorize the renewal of such additional levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof on October 22, 2014 and again on October 29, 2014 in The Coal Valley News, a newspaper of general circulation in Boone County.

(12) The official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

The Board of Education of the County of Boone Election to Authorize **Renewal of Additional Levies**

Special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019, in the total amount of \$11,656,290.00 annually for the purpose of the payment of the general current expenses of the Board of Education of the

County of Boone, (hereinafter “the Board”) including, but not limited to, payment of salaries of teachers and other employees who are paid exclusively from local Board funds; fixed employee costs, and supplemental salaries and benefits; provision of optical /dental insurance for retirees of the Board; the repair, maintenance, and operation of school buildings and equipment; the purchase of textbooks, library books, and instructional supplies and equipment; the provision of capital improvements of existing schools and/or athletic facilities; the purchase of new technology, replacement of dated technology, as well as the expansion of technology infrastructure in the schools; support the provision of free meals for all students; the provision of three (3) School Resource Officers/school security improvements; and the provision of school buses and the transportation of pupils including transport to extra-curricular activities all according to the order of The Board entered on the 4th day of August, 2014.

The approximate annual amount considered necessary for each purpose is as follows:

Employee salaries that are paid exclusively from local funds,	\$7,500,000.00
Fixed employee costs and benefits, including county salary supplements	\$1,606,290.00
Support the provision of free meals for all students	\$125,000.00
Instructional supplies and equipment	\$400,000.00
Textbooks	\$200,000.00
Optical/dental insurance for retirees	\$75,000.00
Support the purchase of school buses and transportation of students	\$100,000.00
Transport of teams to athletic contests and other extra-curricular activities	\$75,000.00
Provision of three (3) School Resource Officers/school security improvements	\$125,000.00
Building operation, repair and maintenance	\$650,000.00
Capital Improvements to existing schools and/or athletic facilities	\$375,000.00
New Technology, replacement of dated technology, and expansion of technology infrastructure	\$400,000.00

TOTAL

\$11,656,290.00

The additional levies 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.

If a majority of the voters at this General Election approve the proposed additional levies, and if sufficient State, Federal, or other special funds become available to provide monies for any of the above purposes, or if funds are generated due to increased assessed valuations, levy monies specified for the purposes specified herein will be used for the general operation of the school system. If the renewal of the additional levy is approved at this election, the Board will be authorized and empowered to expend at the end of each fiscal year, during the term of the levy, the surplus, if any, in excess of the amount needed for any of the above-stated purposes for the enrichment, supplementation and advancement of all educational programs in Boone County, and other purposes pertinent to the operation of Boone County schools.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Those favoring the renewal of the additional levies shall darken the oval after "FOR THE LEVIES". Those against such levies shall darken the oval after "AGAINST THE LEVIES".

VOTE BELOW

FOR THE LEVIES

AGAINST THE LEVIES

Given under our hands this 4th day of August, 2014.

Signed: 

John Hudson, Secretary of the
Board of Education of the
County of Boone

Signed: 

Mark Sumpter, President of the
Board of Education of the County
of Boone