

Upon motion of Craig Spicer, duly seconded by Jack Coyner, the following Order was adopted:

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, 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, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the general current expenses of schools in Putnam County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, and has ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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:

The purpose for which such additional funds are needed is the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, as follows:

<u>PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</u>	<u>AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE</u>
<i>To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings</i>	\$1,300,000
<i>To continue to provide financial support toward employee salaries/benefits: Including, but not limited to 1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges 2) Extended employment for summer maintenance; 3) Overtime wages; 4) Extra-duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips; 5) Extra duty salary supplements for Curricular positions and Athletic positions; and 6) Dental and optical insurance</i>	\$13,602,266
<i>To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Putnam County Public Library [\$165,000]; Putnam County 4-H [\$35,000]</i>	\$200,000
<i>To provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks and library books</i>	\$2,000,000
<i>To provide for allowances to retired employees</i>	\$600,000
TOTAL	\$17,702,266

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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 Putnam.

The approximate amount considered necessary for said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years is the sum of \$17,702,266, annually.

The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$88,511,330, or the sum of \$17,702,266, annually.

The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Putnam County School District certified in March 2009 is as follows:

<u>CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
Class I	\$.00
Class II (Less Homestead)	\$1,552,744,990
Class III	\$1,173,520,823
Class IV	\$190,578,920
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$2,916,844,733

The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property within the Putnam County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, is as follows:

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

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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 section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code.

For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2016, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall reduce the levy rates proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In that event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred and four percent from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

The years to which the additional levy shall apply, if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020.

The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Putnam County School District, which embraces Putnam County, West Virginia, at an election to be held in said county on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

If a majority of the voters at an election to be held on May 30, 2015, approves the proposed additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, the said The Board of Education of the County of Putnam will not issue bonds as provided by Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

In the event The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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 of Education of the County of Putnam may from time to time determine.

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools. Provided, however, that subject to the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in an amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

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 in the *Hurricane Breeze* and the *Putnam Standard*, newspapers of general circulation in Putnam County.

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Election to Authorize Additional Levies
According to the Order of The Board of Education
of the County of Putnam entered on March 9, 2015

An election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, in the total amount of \$17,702,266 annually, for the purpose of paying the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, for the following purposes:

<u>PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED</u>	<u>AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE</u>
<i>To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings</i>	\$1,300,000
<i>To continue to provide financial support toward employee salaries/benefits: Including, but not limited to 1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges 2) Extended employment for summer maintenance; 3) Overtime wages; 4) Extra-duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips; 5) Extra duty salary supplements for Curricular positions and Athletic positions; and 6) Dental and optical insurance</i>	\$13,602,266
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TOTAL	\$17,702,266

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The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools. Provided, however, that subject to the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in an amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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 section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code.

For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2016, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall reduce the levy rates proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In that event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred and four percent from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

For the Levies

Against the Levies

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

Those favoring the additional levies shall mark after "For the Levies"; those against such levies shall mark after "Against the Levies."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY
OF PUTNAM

By 
William Legg, Its President

ATTEST


Harold Hatfield, Secretary

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Election to Authorize Additional Levies
The Board of Education of the County of Putnam
May 30, 2015

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**PURPOSE FOR WHICH
 ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED**

**AMOUNT FOR
 EACH PURPOSE**

To provide for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings **\$ 1,300,000**

To continue to provide financial support toward employee salaries/benefits: including, but not limited to: 1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges; 2) Extended employment for summer maintenance; 3) Overtime wages; 4) Extra-duty bus wages for academic and athletic trips; 5) Extra duty salary supplements for Curricular positions and Athletic positions; and 6) Dental and optical insurance **\$13,602,266**

To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Putnam County Public Library (\$165,000); Putnam County Public Library (\$35,000) **\$ 200,000**

To provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks and library books **\$ 2,000,000**

To provide for allowances to retired employees **\$ 600,000**

TOTAL \$17,702,266

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The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools. Provided, however, that subject to the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in an amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam 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 section six-9, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code.

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FOR THE LEVIES
 AGAINST THE LEVIES

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
 Those favoring the additional levies shall mark an (X) in the square opposite "FOR THE LEVIES"; those against such levies shall mark an (X) in the square opposite "AGAINST THE LEVIES."

BOARD OF CANVASSERS' CERTIFICATE OF VOTES CAST
FOR THE MAY 30, 2015, SCHOOL LEVY ELECTION

Office of County Commission
Putnam County, West Virginia

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The Board of Canvassers of the County of Putnam, State of West Virginia, having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the election in said county, in each district thereof, on the 30th day of May, 2015, do hereby certify that the results of the election in said county, are as follows:

May 30, 2015, School Levy Election

"For" the levies One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven (1,927) votes

"Against" the levies Three Hundred Ninety-Six (396) votes

Given under our hands this 9th day of June, 2015.

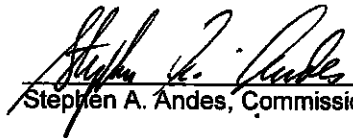
BOARD OF CANVASSERS:



R. Andrew Skidmore, President



R. Joseph Haynes, Commissioner



Stephen A. Andes, Commissioner



Brian Wood, County Clerk

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, PUTNAM COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
I, Brian Wood, Clerk of Putnam County Commission do
hereby certify that this foregoing is a true and correct
copy and transcript from the record of my office.
Given under my hand and seal of said commission.

at Winfield, West Virginia, this the 17th day of August 15
BRIAN WOOD, CLERK, PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION

By C Stone Deputy