

Upon motion of Douglas Hogue, duly seconded by Frank Devono, Jr., the following Order was adopted.

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Harrison, 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 Harrison County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, and having ascertained that the amounts herein shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board of Education of the County of Harrison during each of the said five (5) fiscal years and that an election should be held to increase such levies under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code and hereby ORDERS and DECLARES:

1. The purposes for which such additional funds are needed for the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Harrison and in the approximate annual amounts shown during the next five years, are
 - (a) **Free textbooks, school and instructional equipment, technology hardware and software, and other instructional materials for all students.** To provide free textbooks and to provide and maintain instructional and school equipment, office and other instructional materials, and technology hardware and software for all pupils, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, approximately \$2,233,000 annually, for a total of about \$11,165,000 for the five-year levy period.
 - (b) **Library books, library supplies, library technology, and audiovisual supplies and equipment.** To provide library books, supplies, and technology and audiovisual supplies and equipment for all schools, approximately \$145,000 annually, for a total of about \$725,000 for the five-year levy period.
 - (c) **Science supplies and equipment for classrooms and labs.** To provide supplies and equipment for science programs in all schools in the amount of \$20,000 for the elementary schools and an \$80,000 total for the secondary schools, approximately, \$100,000 annually, for a total of about \$500,000 for the five-year levy period.
 - (d) **Special education.** To provide materials and supplies for the special education program, approximately \$44,000 annually, for a total of about \$220,000 for the five-year period.

- (e) **Guidance and speech therapy.** To provide materials and supplies for the guidance and speech therapy programs, approximately \$16,000 annually, for a total of about \$80,000 for the five-year period.
- (f) **Fine Arts.**
 - (1) **Band:** To provide materials, equipment, contracted services, and transportation for the school band programs, approximately \$125,000 annually, for a total of about \$625,000 for the five-year levy period.
 - (2) **Music.** To provide materials, supplies, and contracted services for the music programs, approximately \$50,000 annually, for a total of about \$250,000 for the five-year levy period.
 - (3) **Theater.** To provide materials, supplies, equipment, and contracted services for the theater arts programs, approximately \$35,000 annually, for a total of about \$175,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (g) **Physical education.** To provide classroom supplies for physical education, approximately \$25,000 annually, for a total of about \$125,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (h) **Vocational education.** To provide the share of Harrison County in the operational support of the United Technical Center at Gore, approximately \$410,000 annually, for a total of about \$2,050,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (i) **Art instruction.** To provide materials and supplies for the art instruction program, approximately \$42,500 annually, for a total of about \$212,500 for the five-year levy period.
- (j) **Support for extracurricular academic and athletic activities.** To provide transportation costs for high schools at \$11,000 per school plus \$3/pupil, middle schools at \$4,500 per school plus \$3/pupil, and elementary schools at \$3,000 per school plus \$2/pupil, approximately \$146,000 annually, for a total of about \$730,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (k) **Buildings.** To provide for maintenance, renovations, new construction, and equipment to school facilities as needed, approximately \$4,200,000 annually for a total of about \$21,000,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (l) **School buses and maintenance vehicles.** To provide for the replacement of school buses and/or maintenance and administrative vehicles and the purchase of additional buses and/or maintenance and administrative vehicles required, approximately \$175,000 annually, for a total of about \$875,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (m) **Athletic facilities' improvements, renovations, and additions to indoor and outdoor athletic facilities.** To provide improvements, renovations and additions to indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, approximately \$300,000 annually, for a total of about \$1,500,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (n) **Technology.** To provide computers, wiring, hardware and software, furniture, personnel and training, and electronic equipment for technological enhancement of the instructional and support programs, approximately \$2,000,000 annually, for a total of about \$10,000,000 for the five-year period.

- (o) **Duplication services and supplies.** To provide duplication machinery and supplies at approximately \$15 per student in grades Pre-K-12, approximately \$167,400 annually, for a total of about \$837,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (p) **Student accident insurance.** To provide student accident insurance for all students enrolled in Harrison County Schools, approximately \$35,000 annually, for a total of about \$175,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (q) **Middle school athletic supplies and equipment.** To provide supplemental supplies and equipment for the middle school athletic programs, approximately \$75,000 annually, for a total of about \$375,000 for the five year levy period.
- (r) **Free admission to regular county sporting events.** To provide funds to permit all middle and high school students enrolled in Harrison County Schools and all elementary students enrolled in Harrison County Schools that are accompanied by an adult free admission to all regular county sporting events with proper student identification, to provide all Harrison County School employees free admission to all regular county sporting events with proper employee identification, and to also provide all Harrison County residents 60 years and older free admission to all regular county sporting events in Harrison County with a school issued pass, approximately \$230,000 annually, for a total of about \$1,150,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (s) **Public library and 4-H support.** To provide funds for the county public libraries in the amount of approximately \$200,000 annually, for a total of about \$1,000,000 for the five year levy period. To provide funds for the county 4-H program in the approximate amount of \$50,000 annually, for a total of about \$250,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (t) **Free breakfast and lunch.** To provide free breakfast and lunch to all Harrison County Board of Education students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch programs, approximately \$500,000 annually, for a total of about \$2,500,000 for the five-year levy period.
- (u) **Supplementation of the budget.** Supplementation of the current operating budget of the Harrison County Board of Education to permit salary supplementation and benefits for all personnel employed by the Board. To provide staff, if necessary to address enrollment increases, and/or reduced teacher/student ratio, approximately \$17,493,182 annually, for a total of about \$87,465,910 for the five-year levy period.

2. The total approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes is \$28,797,082 annually net of allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and the assessor's valuation fund or a total approximate amount of \$143,985,410 for the five-year levy period.

3. The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County of Harrison certified on March 2, 2020, is as follows:

Class I \$ 0

Class II	\$ 1,478,130,924
Class III	\$ 1,807,545,921
Class IV	\$ 1,178,620,493
Aggregate	\$ 4,464,297,338

4. The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property will be as follows:

Class I	20.33 cents per \$100 assessed values
Class II	40.66 cents per \$100 assessed values
Class III	81.32 cents per \$100 assessed values
Class IV	81.32 cents per \$100 assessed values

5. The proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply is five, and are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.

6. The Board of Education of the County of Harrison reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and 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 section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code.

7. For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2021, the Board of Education of the County of Harrison shall reduce the levy rate proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuation, 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 such event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred four percent (104%) from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from recovery of natural resources and new acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

8. The Board of Education of the County of Harrison 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, for any one or more of the other above-stated purposes or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools.

9. In the event The Board of Education of the County of Harrison 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 said The Board of Education of the County of Harrison may from time to time determine.

10. Upon approval of the proposed increased levy, the Board of Education of the County of Harrison will not issue bonds obligating the receipts of this levy.
11. The question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at a special election to be held on December 12, 2020, and Notice calling such election shall be given by publication of this Order (including the form of Official Ballot set forth below) at least once each week for two successive weeks before said election in The Exponent Telegram.
12. The official ballot to be used in the special election herein provided shall be in the form as follows:

BEGINNING OF FORM OF OFFICIAL BALLOT

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT

**The Board of Education of the
County of Harrison
Special Election to Authorize
Continuation of Additional Levies
December 12, 2020**

Election to authorize continuation of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, in the approximate amount of \$28,797,082, annually net of allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and the assessor's valuation fund for the following purposes:

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20.33 cents, on Class II property, 40.66 cents, on Class III property, 81.32 cents, and on Class IV property 81.32 cents.

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

_____ **For the Levy**

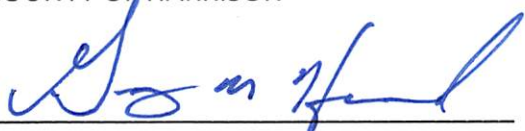
_____ **Against the Levy**

INSTRUCTION: Those favoring the continuation of additional levies, place an 'X' in the blank before "For the Levy"; those against such levies, place and "X" in the blank before Against the Levy"

_____ **END OF FORM OF OFFICIAL BALLOT** _____

Adopted the 15th day of September 2020.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE COUNTY OF HARRISON

BY  _____
Its President

ATTEST:


Its Secretary