

Upon motion of Donald Ashby, duly seconded by Thomas Denne, the following Order was adopted:

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Mineral, 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 Mineral 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 have 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 Mineral during each of said five (5) fiscal years and that an election should be held to increase such levies, in conformity with the law, it is hereby ordered and declared:

(1) 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 Mineral, including for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the table below, and the approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose, subject to variation from year to year as provided herein, are as follows:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE
To continue the present practice of furnishing: textbooks, instructional supplies, and contract classes; student accident insurance; PTO/school matching funds; instructional equipment and repairs; nutrition; technology (hardware, software, infrastructure, and related expenses); student academic competitions; and school health & safety needs.	\$1,175,000.00
To continue support of the instructional program through salaries, wages, benefits and fixed costs at a minimum of current levels: professional salaries; professional substitute salaries; extracurricular salaries, including athletics, band, vocational agriculture, Outdoor School; service personnel salaries; service personnel substitute salaries; service personnel extracurricular salaries; dental insurance; optical insurance; and fixed costs for health insurance, social security, retirement, unemployment and workers' compensation.	\$5,080,000.00

<p>To maintain the present status and improve the transportation system by funding costs not provided in the School Aid Formula, including student transportation.</p>	<p>\$200,000.00</p>
<p>To maintain an improvement fund for school building grounds; to maintain, improve or correct environmental structural factors of all schools and grounds and to ensure adequate protection against fire hazards, health hazards, and to provide a safe atmosphere conducive to good learning. To provide a contingency for inflation, utilities, insurance premiums and other unforeseen costs. Items in this area include: buildings and grounds, including maintenance and repairs, supplies and equipment; insurance; utilities; and school security systems.</p>	<p>\$1,202,484.00</p>
<p>To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Mineral County Health Department; Mineral County libraries; Mineral County Sheriff's Department; WVU 4-H Extension; Highland Arts; and Camp Minco.</p>	<p>\$64,000.00</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>\$7,721,484.00</p>
<p>The Board of Education of the County 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 Mineral</p>	

As noted above and in Section 3 hereof, the amounts set forth in the table above are the average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose will likely 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.

(2) The approximate amount considered necessary for said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years is the sum of \$7,721,484.00 annually.

(3) The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$38,607,420.00 or the sum of \$7,721,484.00 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 Mineral 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 amount shall be carried over and spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

(4) The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Mineral County School District for the assessment year ending June 30, 2021, is as follows:

CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	ASSESSED VALUATION
Class I	\$0.00
Class II (Less Homestead)	\$603,986,612.00
Class III	\$486,731,381.00
Class IV	\$96,292,331.00
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$1,187,010,324.00

(5) The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property within Mineral County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, is as follows:

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

(6) The years to which the additional levy shall apply if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.

(7) The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Mineral County School District, which embraces Mineral County, West Virginia, at the general election to be held in said County on Tuesday,

November 3, 2020.

(8) If a majority of the voters at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, approve the proposed additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, the said The Board of Education of the County of Mineral will not issue bonds as provided by Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

(9) In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine in its discretion (i) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (ii) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.

(10) In the event The Board of Education of the County of Mineral 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 Mineral may from time to time determine.

(11) Notice of said election to authorize the renewal of 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 *Mineral Daily News-Tribune* a newspaper of general circulation in Mineral County.

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

[SAMPLE BALLOT APPEARS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.]

OFFICIAL BALLOT
The Board of Education of the County of Mineral
Election to Authorize Renewal of Additional Levies
November 3, 2020

An election to authorize 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 total amount of \$7,721,484.00 annually for the purpose of paying the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Mineral, including the following purposes, provided that the approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose is subject to variation from year to year as provided herein:

PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE
To continue the present practice of furnishing: textbooks, instructional supplies, and contract classes; student accident insurance; PTO/school matching funds; instructional equipment and repairs; nutrition; technology (hardware, software, infrastructure, and related expenses); student academic competitions; and school health & safety needs.	\$1,175,000.00
To continue support of the instructional program through salaries, wages, benefits and fixed costs at a minimum of current levels: professional salaries; professional substitute salaries; extracurricular salaries, including athletics, band, vocational agriculture, Outdoor School; service personnel salaries, service personnel substitute salaries; service personnel extracurricular salaries; dental insurance; optical insurance; and fixed costs for health insurance, social security, retirement, unemployment and workers' compensation.	\$5,080,000.00
To maintain the present status and improve the transportation system by funding costs not provided in the School Aid Formula, including student transportation.	\$200,000.00
To maintain an improvement fund for school building grounds; to maintain, improve or correct environmental structural factors of all schools grounds and to ensure adequate protection against fire hazards, health hazards, and to provide a safe atmosphere conducive to good learning. To provide a contingency for inflation, utilities, insurance premiums and other unforeseen costs. Items in this area include: buildings and grounds, including maintenance and repairs, supplies and equipment; insurance; utilities; and school security systems or programs.	\$1,202,484.00

To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Mineral County Health Department; Mineral County Libraries; Mineral County Sheriff; WVU 4-H Extension; Highland Arts; and Camp Minco.	\$64,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,721,484 .00

As noted above, the amounts set forth in the table above are the average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose will likely 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 of Education of the County 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 Mineral.

In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine in its discretion (i) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (ii) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year.

In the event The Board of Education of Mineral County 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 Mineral may from time to time determine. The proposed additional levies shall be on Class I property, 22.95¢; on Class II property, 45.90¢; on Class III property, 91.80¢; and on Class IV property, 91.80¢; for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.

For the Levies

Against the Levies

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

Those favoring the renewal of 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 MINERAL

By Lara Courrier

Lara Courrier, Its President

ATTEST

Troy L. Ravenscroft

Troy L. Ravenscroft, Secretary