

Nelson County Board of Education Tax Hearing

August 30, 2011 06:00PM

Central Office

Board members present: Mr. Frank Hall; Mr. Damon Jackey; Mr. Larry Pate; Mr. Nicky Rapier; Mr. Adam Wheatley

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Mr. Adam Wheatley

II. Guidelines for Hearing

Mr. Wheatley explained the public hearing guidelines – three minutes for individuals to address the board and five minutes for persons representing organized groups.

III. Presentation to the Board Regarding Recommended Tax Rates

Superintendent Mr. Anthony Orr recommended the adoption of the four per cent rate, citing increased costs to the district, including approximately \$600,000 in retirement funding, and decreased state and federal funding in the amount of approximately \$2,000,000 since 2009.

Finance Director Mr. Tim Hockensmith presented specific information regarding increased costs in several areas, including retirement funding and utilities, and detailed many efforts by the district to lower expenses, including staffing cuts and efforts to manage energy costs.

IV. Guest Comments

Mr. David Davis, Poplar Flat Road, asked for consideration for the population of Nelson County in these harsh economic times.

Ms. Michelle Simpson, representing Cox’s Creek teachers and staff, spoke in support of the 4% tax increase.

Ms. Meredith Reynolds, Cox’s Creek teacher, and Dr. Jan Lanham, principal, Cox’s Creek, spoke in favor of the 4% increase.

Mr. James Haydon, Bloomfield Road, indicated that he was looking for additional information.

Mr. Don Goodin, and Ms. Linda Goodin, Patton Road, both spoke in opposition to any tax increase, citing economic conditions and the need for additional cost-saving measures.

Ms. Peggy Schlesinger, speech therapist, closed out the comment section with remarks citing the need for additional funding for our schools.

V. Adjournment

Motion: Action to adjourn the Tax Hearing of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. At this time, it was determined that there was no need for an Executive Session.

Chairperson

Superintendent