

Board of Education Tax Hearing

August 18, 2009 04:30PM
Central Office, Bardstown, Ky.

The Nelson County Board of Education held a special session at the District Central Office, 288 Wildcat Lane, Bardstown, Ky., beginning at 4:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, with the following members present: Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Damon Jackey, Mr. Larry Pate, Mr. Nicky Rapier, Mr. Adam Wheatley

I. Call to Order: Nelson County Board of Education Chairperson Frank Hall called the hearing to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. Guidelines for Hearing: Chairperson Frank Hall 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 the Recommended Tax Rates

Director of Administrative Services Tim Hockensmith recommended that the Nelson County Board of Education adopt the 4 percent rate of 59.8 cents per \$100 dollars of real property and 59.8 cents per \$100 dollars of personal property. This rate includes .5 to recover losses due to prior year exonerations. He further recommended that the Nelson County Board of Education levy a rate of 54.80 per \$100 dollars in valuation for motor vehicles.

IV. Guest Comments

Mr. David Davis questioned why the district increased taxes by 4% each year, and indicated that it would be a nice gesture to forego any increase this year due to economic conditions. Board member Frank Hall indicated that the district was receiving significantly less funds from the state, that everybody was struggling in these difficult times, and that he was confident that there is no "fat" in the system. Mr. Adam Wheatley pointed out that our incoming money has been greatly reduced and that failure to pass this increase would result in an immediate loss of teachers. Mr. Damon Jackey emphasized the impact on students, with larger class sizes a detriment to learning. Principals Cindy Phelps, New Haven, Glenn Spalding, Bloomfield Middle, and Scott Collier, Horizons, discussed the negative impact on students that further cuts would cause. Mr. Larry Pate indicated that the board would look for other ways to cut expenditures.

V. Adjournment

Primary Motion Passed: Action to adjourn the Tax Hearing of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson

Superintendent