

Upon a motion of Fred Amick, duly seconded by Phil Berry, the following order was adopted:

ORDER

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Nicholas, 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 Nicholas 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 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 Nicholas 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:

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 Nicholas, as follows:
 - a. To provide free breakfast and lunch to Nicholas County Board of Education students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch programs at an annual approximate cost of \$325,000.
 - b. To provide increased school safety and security by placing police officers in secondary schools and/or by purchasing student and employee safety related supplies and equipment, at approximate annual cost of \$187,500.
 - c. To provide parents notification of school and emergency events via an automated calling system at an annual approximate cost of \$8,000.
 - d. To provide materials, supplies, equipment, officials, staffing costs, and transportation for the following programs at an approximate annual amount of:

Athletics \$48,000, to be divided as follows:

\$15,000	Nicholas County High School
\$15,000	Richwood High School
\$ 9,000	Richwood Middle School
\$ 9,000	Summersville Middle School



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Bands \$40,000, to be divided as follows:

\$10,000 Nicholas County High School
\$10,000 Richwood High School
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\$10,000 Nicholas County Career and Technical Center

- e. To provide opportunities for students to enhance educational opportunities such as, but not limited to, Math Field Day, Spelling Bee, Science Bowl, Superintendent Super Scholars, Know Your State Government Day, Model UN, Career Technical Student Organization Competitions, and Advanced Placement at an annual approximate cost of \$35,000.
- f. To provide for the purchase of instructional materials, instructional resources, technology devices, computers, wiring, software, furniture, training, electronic equipment, and other necessary supplies and services to supply and enhance the Pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade instructional program at approximately \$ 800,000 annually.
- g. To provide for all instructional materials, supplies, equipment, furniture, copier and duplicating cost for classroom instruction in grades Pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade including but not limited to regular and special needs instruction programs, choir, library, physical education, science, and art at approximately \$200,000.
- h. To provide free admission for Nicholas County Students to all regular school athletic events at an approximate annual cost of \$45,000 to be distributed to high schools and middle school based submission of gate receipts, at approximately \$28.00 per high school student enrolled and \$14.00 per middle student enrolled. Any excess funds will be used for student and employee identification supplies.
- i. To provide for professional, service, and substitute staffing costs including, but not limited to the following costs; professional and service substitutes, staffing costs above and beyond state allowances, and dental and vision insurance for employees at approximate annual cost of \$961,946.

j. To provide for maintenance, supplies, staffing costs, equipment, and renovations of school facilities as needed at approximately \$976,008 annually.

k. To provide additional individual school, campus, and related school facility improvements, upgrades, and renovations at an annual approximate cost of \$100,000.

Schools will receive the following minimum allocation over the life of the excess levy:

Birch River Elementary	\$25,000
Cherry River Elementary	\$25,000
Gauley River Elementary	\$25,000
Glade Creek Elementary	\$25,000
Mt. Lookout Elementary	\$25,000
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Renovations will be allocated from remaining funds based upon priority and facility needs on a countywide basis. Any unspent funds will be reallocated based upon countywide facility need.

l. To provide educational and intervention programs for at-risk students, driver's education, summer school, and after school educational opportunities which may include, instructional supplies, staffing costs, and equipment at an estimated annual cost of \$237,500.

m. To provide assistance for community educational programs and services for the following agencies at an approximate annual amount of:

4-H Extension Service	\$30,000
Nicholas County Health Department	\$20,000
Craigsville Public Library,	\$20,000
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The Board of Education of the County of Nicholas 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 Nicholas.

2. The approximate amount considered necessary for said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years is the sum of \$4,083,954, annually.
3. The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$20,419,770, or the sum of \$4,083,954, annually.
4. The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Nicholas County School District, is as follows:

<u>CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
Class I	\$ -0-
Class II (Less Homestead)	\$ 423,169,062
Class III	\$ 379,814,914
Class IV	\$ 144,565,629
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$ 947,549,605.

5. The proposed additional rate of levy, in cents per each one hundred dollars in value on each class of property within Nicholas 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	15.14¢
Class II	30.28¢
Class III	60.56¢

6. The Board of Education of the County of Nicholas reserves unto itself, as the levying body, the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy, should increase 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.
7. 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.
8. The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Nicholas County School District, which embraces Nicholas County, West Virginia, at an election to be held in said county on May 12, 2020.
9. If a majority of the voters at the election to be held on May 12, 2020, approves 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 Board of Education of the County of Nicholas will not issue bonds.
10. In the event The Board of Education of the County of Nicholas realizes less money primarily due to the decrease in Nicholas County assessed values, the decrease will be prorated across all excess levy call items.
11. In the event The Board of Education of the County of Nicholas 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 Board of Education of the County of Nicholas may from time to time determine.
12. 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. The notice shall be published in the Nicholas Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in Nicholas County.

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT
The Board of Education
of the County of Nicholas
Election to Authorize Additional Levies

Special 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 \$ 4,083,954 annually, for the purpose of paying the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Nicholas, for the following purposes:

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The additional levies, per each one hundred dollars in value, shall be on Class I property, 15.14¢; on Class II property, 30.28¢; on Class III property, 60.56¢; and, on Class IV property, 60.56¢.

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 NICHOLAS

By *Ann Lewis*, Its President

ATTEST

Ann Lewis
Secretary