PADUCAH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
Paducah Innovation Hub Seminar Room
500 S. 25th Street, Paducah, KY 42003
5:00 PM CT/6:00 PM ET - Monday, September 14, 2026
A Special Board Meeting will follow this hearing.

OUR VISION
To know each and every student by name and need.
OUR MISSION
To inspire all students to achieve excellence, explore opportunities, and realize their full potential with the goal of preparing each and every student to be college or career ready upon graduation.

BOARD TEAM COMMITMENTS

To improve our effectiveness, the members of the Paducah Board of Education commit to:

- Provide high quality education for all our students
- Get on with the task; make the best decision, most favorable to our diverse student population
- Approach all issues with an open mind
- Keep each other informed (no surprises!)
- Treat others and their ideas with respect even though we may disagree
- Participate in continuous education
- Retain quality management/leadership
- Promote/market our strengths, and
- Respectfully remind each other of these commitments

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Establish Quorum
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY

The superintendent recommends that the Paducah Board of Education establish the tax rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year with a proposed general fund tax levy of 86.2 cents on real property and 88.2 cents on personal property. This reflects a decrease of 2.0 cents under the prior year's property rate.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 88.2 cents on real property and 88.2 cents on personal property and produced revenue of $12,174,377.27. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 86.2 cents on real property and 88.2 cents on personal property is expected to produce $13,813,420.34. Of this amount, $2,307,887.06 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 81.1 cents on real property and 88.2 cents on personal property and is expected to produce $13,125,254.81.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of $688,165.53 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, $15,483.53; building fund, $131,608; increased costs of school health clinics, $25,000; Infinite Campus online registration that is no longer funded by KDE, $26,300; transportation costs not fully funded by the state SEEK formula as set forth in KRS 157.370 and 702 KAR 5:020, $373,675; and, school safety, $116,099, which includes $75,000 for an additional school resource officer to meet the requirements of KRS 158.4414(2).

- 2.1 Comments from Dr. Shively, Superintendent
- 2.2 Comments from the Public against the tax levy
- 2.3 Comments from the Public in favor of the tax levy

3.0 ADJOURN

Members of the Paducah Board of Education
Felix Akojie, Mary Hunter Hancock, Janice Howard, Carl LeBuhn (Chairman), Amina Watkins (Vice Chair)

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2.0 ACTION ITEMS

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3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – potential litigation

4.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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Superintendent: Dr. Donald Shively
Board Secretary: Lisa Chappell
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