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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting – Minutes
Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

Attending

Ms. Mary Fischer, Chairman
Mrs. Melisa W. Giovannelli, Member
Mrs. Chris N. Patricca, Member
Mrs. Pamela H. LaRiviere, Member
Ms. Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, Member

Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Secretary and District Supt.
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Susan Johnson, Recording Secretary

Absent

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, Member

Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday July 25, 2017, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget. Ms. Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

Motion by Mrs. LaRiviere, seconded by Mrs. Giovannelli, and carried 5-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.

Presentation

Dr. Adkins commented that the budget process is one that is complex and lengthy, lasting several months. He commended the team that worked on the budget, noting that it was a team effort, and that the budget is aligned with the Board-approved Strategic Plan. At this time Dr. Adkins turned the presentation over to Dr. Ami Desamours.

Dr. Desamours noted that this is the first of two public hearings required under Florida Statutes to allow the public an opportunity to provide input with regard to the proposed millage levy and the 2018 Fiscal Year budget. She added that the Superintendent submitted his proposed tentative budget packet to the Board on July 20th.

Dr. Desamours explained that notice of this evening's Public Hearing was advertised in the July 21st edition of *The Fort Myers News-Press*; and that the notice of the second and final budget Public Hearing, if approved by the Board, will be scheduled for September 5th and will be through a direct mailing to the public from the Property Appraiser's office. She added that the manner in which these hearings are advertised is prescribed by law.

Dr. Desamours continued with a PowerPoint presentation. (A copy of which is on file with the official minutes.) She noted that the calculated roll back rate is 6.5792 mills. We are actually levying 6.679 mills, an increase of 1.52% from the roll back rate. Dr. Desamours explained that the proposed millage rate for the 2017-2018 school year is 6.679 mills, a decrease of .310 mills from the 2016-2017 millage rate of 6.989 mills. She added that the new millage rate will generate \$16.9 million more than the previous year because of the increase in the tax roll.

Dr. Desamours outlined the total proposed millage levy as follows:

	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed \$ to be Raised</u>
Required Local Effort (RLE)	4.431	\$348,696,080
Basic Discretionary	0.748	\$ 58,863,613
Capital Outlay	<u>1.500</u>	<u>\$118,042,004</u>
Total	<u>6.679</u>	<u>\$525,601,697</u>

Dr. Desamours stated that the total proposed 2017-2018 budget for all funds is \$1,475,962,110. She noted that each budget fund is earmarked for a specific purpose: general (operating) fund is for the education of students and the operating expenses of the District; food service fund supports the breakfast and lunch programs for all students; federal grants fund may only be used for the specific purpose of the grant; debt service fund is for debt payments; capital projects fund is for building schools, buying equipment, and providing maintenance services; and internal service funds account for the insurance costs of the District. Dr. Desamours provided a breakdown of this amount by fund type as follows: general operating fund, \$873,733,673; debt service, \$58,534,821; capital projects, \$285,358,136; special revenue – Federal grants, \$55,406,943; special revenue - food service, \$65,857,423; and internal services, \$137,071,114.

Dr. Desamours explained that 58.80% of operating revenues comes from local sources, 40.61% comes from the state, and .59% from federal sources. She noted that the budget funds are apportioned as follows: instruction and direct school expenses, 69%; operations/maintenance, 12%; contingency reserve, 9%; student transportation, 6%; support services, 3%; and other, 1%.

Dr. Desamours stated that the budget for the Lee County School District supports 121 schools and over 92,000 students, and supports the initiatives of the state, the District's vision and mission and is centered on student achievement and Vision 20/20.

Public Hearing

Ms. Fischer recessed the Special Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:29 P.M. to consider the adoption of the tentative proposed Millage Rates and the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget. She asked Dr. Adkins to present his recommendations for this evening's Public Hearing items.

- (1.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 tentative proposed required local effort millage of 4.431 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$348,696,080. The RLE millage includes basic RLE of 4.413, and a prior period adjustment millage of .018.
- (2.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 tentative proposed basic discretionary millage of .748 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$58,863,613.

- (3.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 tentative proposed capital outlay millage of 1.50 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$118,042,004. The total millage will equal 6.679 mills with a total amount to be raised of \$525,601,697. The total millage rate to be levied exceeds the roll back rate. It is an increase in the roll back rate of 1.52%.
- (4.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied and the Resolution Adopting the Tentative Millage Rates for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
- (5.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the tentative budget and related resolution adopting the tentative budget for the 2017-18 school year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$873,733,673; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$121,264,366; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$58,534,821; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$285,358,136; and Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$137,071,114, for a total Tentative Budget of \$1,475,962,110.
- (6.) That the Lee County School Board accept the 2017 Certification of Taxable Value for Lee County, Form DR420S, and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.
- (7.) That the Lee County School Board schedule a Public Hearing on the Final 2017-2018 Millage Levies and Final Budget for the 2017-2018 school year for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at a specially scheduled Board Meeting, to begin at 5:05 P.M. in the Lee County Public Education Center Board Room.

Ms. Fischer asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the aforementioned issues on the agenda for Public Hearing.

There were no requests to speak regarding these seven items. Ms. Fischer closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 5:33 P.M.

Adoption

(1.) Required Local Effort Millage:

Motion by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. LaRiviere, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 tentative proposed required local effort millage of 4.431 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$348,696,080. The RLE millage includes basic RLE of 4.413, and a prior period adjustment millage of .018.

(2.) Basic Discretionary Millage:

Motion by Mrs. LaRiviere, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 tentative proposed basic discretionary millage of .748 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$58,863,613.

(3.) Capital Outlay Millage:

Motion by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. LaRiviere, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 tentative proposed capital outlay millage of 1.50 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$118,042,004. The total millage will equal 6.679 mills with a total amount to be raised of \$525,601,697. The total millage rate to be levied exceeds the roll back rate. It is an increase in the roll back rate of 1.52%.

(4.) Resolution:

Motion by Mrs. LaRiviere, seconded by Mrs. Giovannelli, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board adopt the Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied and the Resolution Adopting the Tentative Millage Rates for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

(5.) FY18 Tentative Budget and Related Resolution:

Motion by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. LaRiviere, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board adopt the tentative budget and related resolution adopting the tentative budget for the 2017-18 school year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$873,733,673; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$121,264,366; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$58,534,821; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$285,358,136; and Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$137,071,114, for a total Tentative Budget of \$1,475,962,110.

(6.) Acceptance of the 2017 Certification of Taxable Value:

Motion by Mrs. LaRiviere, seconded by Mrs. Giovannelli, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board accept the 2017 Certification of Taxable Value for Lee County, Form DR420S, and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.

(7.) Scheduling of Final Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Mrs. Patricca, seconded by Mrs. Giovannelli, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Lee County School Board schedule a Public Hearing on the Final 2017-2018 Millage Levies and Final Budget for the 2017-2018 school year for Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at a specially scheduled Board Meeting, to begin at 5:05 P.M. in the Lee County Public Education Center Board Room.

Adjournment


Motion by Mrs. Patricca, seconded by Mrs. Giovannelli, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the July 25, 2017, Special School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.



Mary Fischer, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D., Secretary and District Superintendent

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