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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting – Minutes
Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Final Budget
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Attending

Ms. Mary Fischer, Chairman
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Melisa W. Giovannelli, Member
Mrs. Chris N. Patricca, Member
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, 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

Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Final Budget. Board Chairman Ms. Mary Fischer presided and called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Teuber and carried 7-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.

Presentation

Dr. Adkins turned the presentation over to Dr. Ami Desamours, the District's Chief Financial Officer.

Dr. Desamours noted that this is the second 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 2017-2018 Fiscal Year budget. She stated that the public hearing for the tentative budget, held on July 25, 2017, was advertised in *The News-Press*, and that today's meeting was noticed through a direct mailing to the public from the Property Appraiser's office via a document known as the TRIM (truth in millage) notice.

Mrs. Kelly Letcher, Director of Business Services, continued the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation. *(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file with the official minutes.)* She noted that the actual calculated roll back rate is 6.5792 mills; however, 6.679 mills is actually being levied, which represents a 1.52% increase from the roll back rate. Mrs. Letcher explained that the 6.679 mills represents a decrease of .310 mills from last year's millage rate of 6.989 mills. She added

that the new millage rate will generate \$16.8 million more than the previous year because of the increase in the tax roll.

Mrs. Letcher outlined the proposed millage levy as follows:

	<u>Final Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Amount To Be Raised</u>
Required Local Effort	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>

Mrs. Letcher stated that the total 2017-2018 budget for all funds is \$1,508,771,993. She explained that this figure is comprised of:

- the General (Operating) Fund at \$875,546,812, which is earmarked for the education of students and the operating expense of the District;
- the Special Revenue/Food Service Fund at \$70,205,148, which supports the breakfast and lunch program for all students;
- the Special Revenue/Federal Grants Fund at \$85,340,451, which must be used for the specific purpose of the grant;
- the Debt Service Fund at \$59,015,542, which is earmarked for the payment of debt;
- the Capital Projects Fund at \$288,500,250, which is used to build schools, buy equipment, and provide maintenance services; and
- the Internal Services Fund at \$130,163,790, which accounts for the insurance costs of the District.

Mrs. Letcher stated that the general fund is the major source of revenue for the District's daily operations. She added that it is currently budgeted at \$875.5 million (approximately 58% of the total budget) and supports over 92,000 students.

Mrs. Letcher reviewed additional information/facts contained in the PowerPoint presentation related to the following: FEFP Revenue, sources of Operating Revenues and how the funds are apportioned, Food Services, Special Revenue, the Capital Budget, the Debt Service Fund, and the Budget Shortfall Fund/Reserves.

At Ms. Fischer's request, Dr. Adkins presented his recommendations for this evening's public hearing items.

1. That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2017-2018 Final 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 Final 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 Final Proposed Capital Outlay Millage of 1.500 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 Final Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
5. That the Lee County School Board adopt the Final Budget and Related Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for the 2017-18 School Year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$875,546,812; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$155,545,599; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$59,015,542; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$288,500,250; Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$130,163,790; for a total Final Budget of \$1,508,771,993.

Public Hearing

Ms. Fischer recessed the Special Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:24 P.M. to consider the adoption of the Final Millage Rates, the Final Budget for 2017-18, and all of the related Resolutions. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the issues on the agenda for Public Hearing, as outlined by the Superintendent. There was one speaker.

Ms. Fischer closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 5:28 P.M.

Adoption

(1.) Required Local Effort Millage:

Motion by Mrs. LaRiviere, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 7-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the 2017-2018 Final 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 Dr. Kuckel, and carried 7-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the 2017-2018 Final Proposed Basic Discretionary Millage of .748 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$58,863,613.

(3.) Capital Outlay Millage:

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mrs. Patricca, and carried 7-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the 2017-2018 Final Proposed Capital Outlay Millage of 1.500 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.) Resolutions:

Motion by Mrs. Patricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 7-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied and the Resolution Adopting the Final Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

(5.) FY18 Final Budget and Related Resolution:

Motion by Mrs. Giovannelli, *seconded* by Ms. Morgan, and *carried 7-0* to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Final Budget and Related Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for the 2017-18 School Year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$875,546,812; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$155,545,599; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$59,015,542; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$288,500,250; Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$130,163,790; for a total Final Budget of \$1,508,771,993.

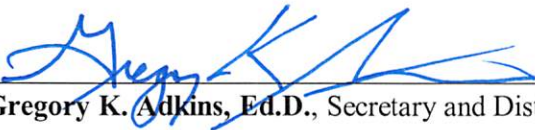
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Fischer adjourned the meeting at 5:44 P.M.



Mary Fischer, Board Chairman

ATTEST:



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

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