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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting – Minutes [Approval 10/9/07]
Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Final Budget
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 – 5:05 P.M.

Attending

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D. Member
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member

Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Ms. Julie Nieminski, Board Auditor
Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Call To Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 5:07 P.M. in the School Board Meeting Room in the Lee County Public Education Center for a Special School Board Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Final Budget. Mrs. Dozier presided.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik and carried 5-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business, as presented.

II. Presentation

Mr. Lee Legutko 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 budget for this fiscal year. He added that the total final budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is \$1.657 billion.

Mrs. Desamours referred to a package of material that the Board received on September 7, 2007. She explained that this public hearing was noticed to the public through a direct mailing from the Property Appraiser's Office, as required by law.

Mrs. Ami Desamours continued with a PowerPoint presentation. *(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be filed with the official minutes.)* During her presentation, she outlined the proposed millage levy as follows:

	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed \$ to be Raised</u>
RLE (required local effort)	4.361	\$400,609,111
Basic Discretionary	0.510	\$ 46,849,495
Capital Outlay	2.000	\$183,723,509
Supplemental Discretionary	<u>0.089</u>	<u>\$ 8,175,696</u>
Total Mills	6.960	\$639,357,811

Dr. Browder stated that the Lee County School District is the 9th largest school district in Florida. He added that the District's budget supports almost 82,000 students and also mentioned some of the challenges facing the District as well as the successes that have been recognized. Dr. Browder concluded by explaining that the following actions would be taken at today's hearing: (1.) adopt all proposed millages for the 2007-2008 final budget; (2.) adopt the final budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year; and (3.) adopt all resolutions related to the millages and budget.

III. Public Hearing

Mrs. Dozier recessed the Special Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:28 P.M. to consider the adoption of the Proposed Millage Levies and the Final Budget for 2007-08.

Dr. Browder presented his recommendations:

- (1.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2007-08 final proposed supplemental discretionary millage of .089 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$8,175,696.
- (2.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2007-2008 final proposed required local effort millage of 4.361 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$400,609.111.
- (3.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2007-2008 final proposed basic discretionary millage of .510 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$46,849,495.
- (4.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2007-2008 final proposed capital outlay millage of 2.000 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$183,723,509. The total millage will equal 6.960 mills with a total amount to be raised of \$639,357,811. The total millage rate to be levied does not exceed the roll back rate. It is a decrease in the roll back rate of .33%.
- (5.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied and the Resolution adopting the Final Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.
- (6.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the final budget and related resolution adopting the final budget for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$789,021,297; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$90,052,899; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$53,541,948; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$613,523,172; Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$111,117,545, for a total Tentative Budget of \$1,657,256,861.

Mrs. Dozier asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the issues on the agenda for Public Hearing.

Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County, expressed concern regarding reductions to the number of support staff retained by the District.

There being no further requests, Mrs. Dozier closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 5:35 P.M.

IV. Adoption

(1.) Supplemental Discretionary Millage:

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel, and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2007-08 final proposed supplemental discretionary millage of .089 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$8,175,696.

(2.) Required Local Effort Millage:

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2007-2008 final proposed required local effort millage of 4.361 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$400,609.111.

(3.) Basic Discretionary Millage:

Motion by Mr. Teuber, **seconded** by Mr. Chilmonik, and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2007-2008 final proposed basic discretionary millage of .510 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$46,849,495.

(4.) Capital Outlay Millage:

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel, and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2007-2008 final proposed capital outlay millage of 2.000 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$183,723,509. The total millage will equal 6.960 mills with a total amount to be raised of \$639,357,811. The total millage rate to be levied does not exceed the roll back rate. It is a decrease in the roll back rate of .33%.

(5.) Resolution:

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied and the Resolution adopting the Final Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

(6.) FY08 Final Budget and Related Resolution:

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Dr. Scricca, and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the final budget and related resolution adopting the final budget for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$789,021,297; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$90,052,899; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$53,541,948; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$613,523,172; Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$111,117,545, for a total Final Budget of \$1,657,256,861.

V. Comments

Board Members: none.

Board Attorney: none.

Board Auditor: none.

Dr. Browder thanked the Budget Department staff for all of their time and effort.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Teuber, *seconded* by Dr. Scricca, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the September 11, 2007, Special School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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Jeanne S. Dozier., Chairman

ATTEST:

James W. Browder, Ed.D., Secretary and District Superintendent

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