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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting – Minutes
Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Tentative Budget
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, July 31, 2008 – 5:05 P.M.

Attending

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman	Michael P. McNerney, Secretary and District Superintendent
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D. Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member	

I. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met Tuesday, July 31, 2008, at 5:05 P.M. in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Tentative Budget. Chairman Jeanne Dozier presided.

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

II. Presentation

Mr. Lee Legutko 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 2009 Fiscal Year budget. He added that the total tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$1.541 billion. Mr. Legutko provided a brief fiscal overview prior to turning the presentation over to Mrs. Desamours.

Mrs. Desamours referred to a package of material that the Board previously received, which included a copy of the July 28, 2008, public advertisement related to today's public hearing. She explained that the notice of the September 9, 2008, public hearing 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.

Mrs. Ami Desamours continued with a PowerPoint presentation. *(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be filed with the official minutes.)* She noted that the actual calculated roll back rate is 7.9856 mills; however, only 6.868 mills is actually being levied, which represents a 14% decrease from the roll back rate. Ms. Desamours explained that this is the second year in a row that there is a decrease in the roll back rate and that this is occurring as a result of last year's tax roll increase (8%), combined with this year's decrease (8%).

Mrs. Desamours further stated that the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is 6.868, which represents a decrease of .092 mills from last year's millage rate of 6.960. She

explained that this is the sixth year in a row that the overall millage rate has decreased and that the new millage rate will generate \$61 million less than last year because of a decrease in the tax roll.

Mrs. Desamours outlined the proposed millage levy as follows:

	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed \$ to be Raised</u>
RLE (required local effort)	4.523	\$380,697,137
Basic Discretionary	0.498	\$ 41,916,245
Capital Outlay	1.750	\$147,296,040
Supplemental Discretionary	<u>0.097</u>	<u>\$ 8,164,409</u>
Total Mills	6.868	\$578,073,831

Mrs. Desamours stated that the total proposed 2008-2009 budget for all funds is \$1,541,390,264. She explained that the operating fund at \$752 million represents approximately 49% of the budget; the debt service fund at \$51 million approximately 3.2%; the capital projects fund at \$540 million represents approximately 35%; the special revenue fund at \$70 million represents approximately 4.5%; and the internal service fund at \$129 million represents approximately 8.3%.

Mrs. Desamours referred to a pie chart to explain that the budget funds are apportioned as follows: instruction and direct school expenses, 64%; operations/maintenance, 12%; contingency reserve, 12%; student transportation, 7%; support services, 3%; and other, 1%.

III. Public Hearing

Mr. McNerney presented his recommendations for this evening's Public Hearing items.

- (1.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2008-09 Tentative Proposed Supplemental Discretionary Millage of .097 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$8,164,409.
- (2.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Proposed Required Local Effort Millage of 4.523 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$380,697,137.
- (3.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Proposed Basic Discretionary Millage of .498 mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$41,916,245.
- (4.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Proposed Capital Outlay Millage of 1.750 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$147,296,040. The total millage will equal 6.868 Mills with a total amount to be raised of \$578,073,831. The total millage rate to be levied does not exceed the roll back rate. It is a decrease in the roll back rate of 14%.
- (5.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the Resolution determining revenues and millages levied and the Resolution adopting the tentative millage rates for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- (6.) That the Lee County School Board adopt the Tentative Budget and related Resolution adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2008-2009 school year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$751,666,358; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$69,926,711; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$50,604,691; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$540,504,204; Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$128,688,300, for a total Tentative Budget of \$1,541,390,264.

- (7.) That the Lee County School Board accept the 2008 Certification of Taxable Value for Lee County, Form DR420S, and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.

Mrs. Dozier recessed the Special Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M. to consider the adoption of the Proposed Millage Levies and the Tentative Budget for 2008-09. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the issues on the agenda for Public Hearing.

There being no requests, Mrs. Dozier closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 5:26 P.M.

IV. Adoption

(1.) Supplemental Discretionary Millage:

***Motion** by Dr. Kuckel and **seconded** by Mr. Chilmonik to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2008-09 Tentative Proposed Supplemental Discretionary Millage of .097 Mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$8,164,409.*

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he would be unable to support the budget.

***Motion carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.*

(2.) Required Local Effort Millage:

***Motion** by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Proposed Required Local Effort Millage of 4.523 Mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$380,697,137.*

(3.) Basic Discretionary Millage:

***Motion** by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Proposed Basic Discretionary Millage of .498 Mills with a proposed amount to be raised of \$41,916,245.*

(4.) Capital Outlay Millage:

***Motion** by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Proposed Capital Outlay Millage of 1.750 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$147,296,040. The total millage will equal 6.868 Mills with a total amount to be raised of \$578,073,831. The total millage rate to be levied does not exceed the roll back rate. It is a decrease in the roll back rate of 14 %.*

(5.) Resolution:

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Resolution determining revenues and millages levied and the Resolution adopting the tentative millage rates for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

(6.) FY08 Tentative Budget and Related Resolution:

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Tentative Budget and related Resolution adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2008-2009 School Year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$751,666,358; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$69,926,711; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$50,604,691; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$540,504,204; Internal Service Budget in the amount of \$128,688,300,700 for a total Tentative Budget of \$1,541,390,264.

(7.) Acceptance of the 2007 Certification of Taxable Value:

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Dr. Scricca, and **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the 2008 Certification of Taxable Value for Lee County, Form DR420S, and to authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.

(8.) Scheduling of Final Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel, and **carried 5-0** for to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to schedule a Public Hearing on the Final 2008-09 Millage Levies and Final Budget for the 2008-2009 School Year for Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at a Special Board Meeting to begin at 5:05 P.M. in the Board Room at the Lee County Public Education Center Board Room.

V. Comments

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that while moving funds from capital to operating via a referendum would not be recurring, it could save some jobs.

None of the other Board Members had any comments.

Mr. Martin had no comments.

Mr. McNerney thanked all of the staff members who were involved in the budget process for their hard work and diligence.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Chilmonik, and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the July 31, 2008, Special School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

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Jeanne S. Dozier., Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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