

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 28, 2015

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting/Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower (*via speakerphone*)
Vice Chair: Mr. Bill Slayton
Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Gerald Boone
Mrs. Linda Moultrie

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on June 27, 2015 - Legal No. 1643835

NOTE: The minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. The video from this session is available at <http://escambiacountysdfl.swagit.com/play/07282015-718>

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Slayton called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the agenda carried unanimously.

II. FINANCE

1. Presentation of 2015-2016 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget

[NOTE: Documents outlining the 2015-2016 tentative millage rates and tentative budget were provided to School Board Members prior to the Special Meeting (Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A").] Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, recapped the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the July 21, 2015 Special Meeting. He provided the definition of "rolled-back rate" and reviewed other information as required by the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Act. [NOTE: The rolled-back rate is defined as the millage rate at which the current tax base would generate the same ad valorem tax revenue as the prior year when applied to the current year certified tax roll (with certain exclusions).] Mr. St. Cyr also narrated a brief PowerPoint® presentation that outlined various information related to the 2015-2016 tentative budget. He noted that the proposed budget had been structured in such a way that a notice of tax increase was not required; in particular, the current year total proposed millage rate (7.1130) was 0.01% less than the rolled-back rate (7.1134) so therefore, no tax increase would apply.

2015-2016 Tentative Millage Rates

Required Local Effort, 4.999 mills (*determined by the State*)

Discretionary – Operating, 0.748 mills

Capital Outlay, 1.336 mills

Total Millage, 7.113 mills

2015-2016 Tentative Budget

General Fund, \$348,746,735.78

Special Revenue – Food Service, \$26,403,928.23

Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs, \$35,333,511.26

Special Revenue– Race to the Top, \$15,791.82

Debt Service Funds, \$10,192,068.00

Capital Project Funds, \$121,243,988.75

Internal Service Funds, \$52,243,234.00

Total Budget, \$594,179,257.84

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2015-2016 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES & TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Slayton called for public hearing on the 2015-2016 tentative millage rates and tentative budget. Mike Horgan advocated for an even further decrease in the millage rates for 2015-2016.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2015-2016 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Required Local Effort millage rate at 4.999 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discretionary – Operating

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Discretionary–Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Capital Outlay

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Capital Outlay millage rate at 1.366 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Total Millage

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative total millage rate at 7.113 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

V. ADOPTION OF 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET

1. General Fund

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative General Fund budget in the amount of \$348,746,735.78, carried unanimously.

2. Special Revenue – Food Service

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Special Revenue–Food Service budget in the amount of \$26,403,928.23, carried unanimously.

3. Special Revenue – Other

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Special Revenue–Other budget in the amount of \$35,333,511.26, carried unanimously.

4. Special Revenue – Race To The Top

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Special Revenue-Race To The Top budget in the amount of \$15,791.82, carried unanimously.

5. Debt Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$10,192,068.00, carried unanimously.

6. Capital Project Funds

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Capital Project Funds budget in the amount of \$121,243,988.75, carried unanimously.

7. Internal Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$52,243,234.00, carried unanimously.

8. Total Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2015-2016 tentative total budget in the amount of \$594,179,257.84. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Bergosh felt it important to note for the record, that the School Board had conducted a series of special sessions at which the proposed budget had been thoroughly reviewed and discussed; in addition, individual School Board Members had personally spoken with the Superintendent and his staff throughout the budget process. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

On motion by Mrs. Moultrie and second by Mr. Boone, adoption of Resolution Number 2016-01, passed unanimously.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

On motion by Mr. Bergosh and second by Mr. Boone, adoption of Resolution Number 2016-02, passed unanimously.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh and seconded by Mrs. Moultrie to set the final Budget Hearing for September 15, 2015, beginning at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Slayton called for public forum; however, there was no one who registered to speak.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair