

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 31, 2017

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting 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. Linda Moultrie (District III)
Vice Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone (District II)
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)
Mr. Bill Slayton (District V)

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Mrs. Patricia Hightower, School Board Member (District IV) and Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters, School Board General Counsel, were not present for this session.

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on July 1, 2017 – Legal No. [2232123](#)

NOTE: The minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Moultrie called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. On motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, adoption of the agenda carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

II. FINANCE

1. Presentation of [2017-2018 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget](#)

[NOTE: Documents outlining the 2017-2018 tentative millage rates and tentative budget were provided to School Board Members prior to the Special Meeting.] Ms. Theresa McCants, Director of Budgeting, recapped the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the [July 20, 2017 Special Meeting](#). She 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).*]

2017-2018 Tentative Millage Rates

Required Local Effort, 4.383 mills (*determined by the State*)
Discretionary – Operating, 0.748 mills
Capital Outlay, 1.500 mills
Total Millage, 6.631 mills

2017-2018 Tentative Budget

General Fund, \$355,689,412.19
Special Revenue – Food Services, \$27,731,070.73
Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs, \$33,084,385.08
Debt Service Funds, \$20,614,087.73
Capital Projects Funds, \$181,761,532.30
Internal Service Funds, \$54,062,786.00
Total Budget, \$672,943,274.03

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2017-2018 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES & TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mrs. Moultrie called for public hearing on the 2017-2018 tentative millage rates and tentative budget; however, there was no one who registered to speak.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Required Local Effort millage rate at 4.383 mills. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

2. Discretionary – Operating

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Discretionary–Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

3. Capital Outlay

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Capital Outlay millage rate at 1.500 mills. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

4. Total Millage

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative total millage rate at 6.631 mills. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

V. ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET

1. General Fund

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative General Fund budget in the amount of \$355,689,412.19, carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

2. Special Revenue – Food Services

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Special Revenue–Food Service budget in the amount of \$27,731,070.73, carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

3. Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Special Revenue–Other Federal Programs budget in the amount of \$33,084,385.08, carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

4. Debt Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$20,614,087.73, carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

5. Capital Projects Funds

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Capital Projects Funds budget in the amount of \$181,761,532.30, carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

6. Internal Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$54,062,786.00, carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

7. Total Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2017-2018 tentative total budget in the amount of \$672,943,274.03. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

VI. ADOPTION OF [RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-01](#) – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt Resolution Number 2018-01. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

VII. ADOPTION OF [RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-02](#) – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Motion was made by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt Resolution Number 2018-02. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

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

As recommended by the Superintendent, the School Board Members who were present, agreed to set the final Budget Hearing for September 14, 2017, beginning at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center.

IX. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair