

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2002

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in special session duly called at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Bill Cake, chairman; Jeannine Cawthon vice-chairman; Bev Carroll, Chester Lathers and Barbara Sharpe, members; Mary L. Chambers, superintendent; and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cake, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA The Chairman noted that Mrs. Carroll is on her way.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Dr. Leathers

Moved to adopt the agenda for the special meeting of August 1, 2002, as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

The special Board meeting was recessed and a public hearing convened.

PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER AND TAKE
ACTION ON THE
ADOPTION OF THE
TENTATIVE MILLAGE
AND THE TENTATIVE
BUDGET FOR THE 2002-
2003 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Keith Birkett, deputy superintendent, Planning, Budgeting and Systems Accountability, stated that the 2002-2003 Budget has emphasis on salary increases for all employees and the Board has provided additional dollars in the Budget over what the arbiter ruled. Funding this year basically brings us back to beginning level of 2001-2002. The focus will be on getting assistance to the district's one "F" and "D" schools through program initiatives and grants.

He explained the \$1.9 million increase in purchased services was due to an increase in the property and casualty insurance. He reviewed how Food Service supports the district through the operating fund, particularly payback in the area of utilities, which is based on square footage in the kitchen area.

He reviewed the comparison of proposed millages to the 2001-2002 actual millages and explained the millage impact. The total increase to all the millages is an increase of .03 mills, which means an additional 3 cents per \$1000 of taxable value on a house.

Mr. Birkett explained that a Rolled Back Millage is a millage that when applied to the new tax roll generates the same amount of money as it did in the previous year. We are required to advertise our proposed

millages compared to the Roll Back Rate to show the increase.

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, president, ACEA, noted that his objective is to make sure this budget is tight. He addressed the Food Service budget and highlighted energy services and the possible use of meters. He suggested the Board review this to determine if the district could stop subsidizing Food Service out of the general fund. The Food Service fund balance is \$1,700,000 plus, and he questioned how much is restricted and unrestricted.

Mr. Birkett clarified that all of the fund balance in Food Service is restricted for food service, and energy services include more than electricity, e.g., fuel.

Dr. Leathers suggested to Dr. Paulson that he should have sat down with staff prior to this step in the budget process and addressed items of differences, and he asked Dr. Paulson if he could address this with staff.

Dr. Paulson stated that he would like to go over a few things and make the Board aware of them and that he would sit down with staff.

Dr. Paulson stated that ACEA is going to look at how much is being saved with the reduction of the seven-period day and is requesting the number of positions allocated this year compared to the last couple of years and would like to have a scatter gram before September 1, 2002.

In reviewing areas in administration, Dr. Paulson stated the budget should be tighter with explanations. He needs expenditures, positions, and scatter grams. If a budget is for twice as much as the year before, he wants to know in writing why that is occurring, and would like to get the budget sooner.

Dr. Leathers pointed out that ACEA has every right to question the budget, but there should be at least two steps before this meeting tonight at which questions and items of differences can be addressed.

Superintendent Chambers stated that Food Service special revenue is a different fund. Not only do they pay for their entire staff, entire operations, and part of capital outlay, they are transporting and paying for about one million dollars or so into the general fund. She noted if, indeed, Food Service has additional funds that can be used elsewhere, we would welcome the opportunity to help put back some of the capital money that we have had to take to keep the operating budget where it is today. In the numbers there are some large discrepancies compared to last year. We deferred many, many items last year until this year. We can't defer everything forever and sometimes we do have to look at

what we are doing and make adjustments. Every effort will be made not to spend the money if we possibly can. There are things that we have to do and teacher training is one of them; we have a reading series we have adopted, and we need a tremendous amount of money for teacher reading and textbooks and supplements that we did not spend last year. There will be some very large swings in what we had last year and what we have this year.

Mr. Al Losch, citizen and tax payer, supports an increase in taxes for the benefit of the schools.

ADOPTION OF THE
TENTATIVE MILLAGE
FOR THE 2002-2003
FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Birkett read Millage Resolution #1 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR:

	ROLLED BACK RATE MILLS	PROPOSED 2002-2003 MILLS	INCREASE -DECREASE MILLS	PERCENT CHANGE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (2.000 MILLS)	1.928	2.000	0.072	
DISCRETIONARY	0.492	0.510	0.018	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY	0.217	0.208	-0.009	
REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT	5.598	5.928	0.330	5.89%
TOTAL	8.235	8.646	0.411	

THE TOTAL MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED IS MORE THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065(1), F.S., BY 4.99 PERCENT.

Motion by Mrs. Carroll

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to approve the adoption of Millage Resolution #1 as read.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Birkett read Millage Resolution #2 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR:

	ROLLED BACK RATE MILLS	PROPOSED 2002-2003 MILLS	INCREASE -DECREASE MILLS
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY	0.217	0.208	-0.009

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved to approve the adoption of Millage Resolution #2 as read.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Birkett read Millage Resolution #3 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR:

	2001-2002 ACTUAL MILLAGE	PROPOSED 2002-2003 MILLS	INCREASE -DECREASE MILLS	PERCENT CHANGE
DEBT SERVICE	1.895	1.820	-0.075	-3.96%

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Dr. Leathers

Moved to approve the adoption of Millage Resolution #3 as read.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOTION OF THE
TENTATIVE BUDGET
FOR THE 2002-2003
FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Birkett read the Budget Resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY ADOPTS THE TENTATIVE PROPOSED BUDGET DATED JULY 23, 2002, WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
GENERAL	\$169,708,998.00
SPECIAL REVENUE	23,875,237.00
DEBT SERVICE	14,048,205.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	65,356,911.00
TRUST AND AGENCY	<u>3,723,586.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$276,712,937.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAY EXPEND MONIES BASED ON ITS TENTATIVE BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.S. 200.065, 237.111.

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Dr. Leathers

Moved to approve the adoption of Budget Resolution as read.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

 The public hearing was adjourned and the special board meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.