

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 22, 2004

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in special session duly called at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Barbara J. Sharpe, chairman; Tina Turner Pinkoson, vice-chairman; Jeannine M. Cawthon, Virginia S. Childs, and F. Wesley Eubank, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., superintendent, and James F. Lang, attorney for the Board.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Mrs. Cawthon Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to adopt the agenda for the special meeting of July 22, 2004, as presented.

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

Mrs. Pinkoson arrived in the boardroom.

ADVERTISEMENT OF
THE 2004-2005
PROPOSED TENTATIVE
BUDGET AND
MILLAGE

Mr. Keith Birkett, deputy superintendent, stated that the purpose of this special meeting is to request that the School Board approve the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage for advertisement. An ad will appear in *The Gainesville Sun* on Thursday, July 29, 2004, and a Public Hearing is scheduled August 3, 2004, 6:30 p.m. He provided the Board with copies of the Tentative Budget and Millage for Advertising, the advertisement and budget information.

He reviewed the Budget Worksheet and noted that since the July 15, 2004, budget workshop, adjustments have been made which changed the Estimated Dollars Available for Expenditure Adjustments 2004-05 from \$952,780 to \$1,747,862.

Mr. Birkett reviewed the estimated additional compensation included in the proposed 2004-2005 budget. He noted the additional employee compensation added by the Board increases the compensation total to \$2 million and that dollars will need to be found to fund the increase.

The following documents were reviewed:

- Estimated Additional Compensation included in 2004-05 Proposed Budget totaling \$5,932,923
- Rolled Back Rates (RLE, Discretionary, Supplemental Discretionary, and Capital Outlay

He stated that the total Millage Rate to be levied exceeds the Rolled-Back Rate computed pursuant to section 200.065(1), F.S., by 0.96 Percent.

He reviewed the following schedules showing proposed millage rates, millage comparisons, and budget hearing notices as required by law.

Schedule I – Notice of Proposed Tax Increase

Schedule II – Percent Change Over Rolled Back Rate

Schedule III – Comparison of Proposed 2004-2005 to the 2003-2004 Actual Millage Rates

Schedule IV – Budget Summary Notice

Schedule V – Budget Ad Percent Decrease Over Prior Year Expenditures

Schedule VI – Historical Summary of Financial and Demographic Data

Schedule VII – Notice of Tax for School Capital Outlay

Schedule VIII – Budget Appropriations Approved for Advertisement, with a total budget of \$298,455,618

Mr. Birkett read the Budget Appropriations Approved for Advertisement into the record:

Be it resolved that the School Board of Alachua County, Florida, hereby adopts the tentative proposed budget for advertisement dated July 29, 2004, which contains the following funds and appropriations for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year: General Fund, \$187,582,708; Capital Projects, \$72,325,631; Debt Service, \$12,307,729; Special Revenue, \$26,239,550. Total Appropriations, \$298,455,618.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mrs. Pinkoson

Moved the administration's recommendation to approve the 2004-2005 proposed Tentative Millage and Budget for advertising.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Eubank stated that he has done a budget comparison based on the last ten years and noted that the operating budget has increased by 47.8% while student enrollment has declined. He pointed out that during the same period the total number of employees has increased by 10% and instructional employees increased by 17%. He expressed concern with the increase in instructional personnel with fewer students. He felt the Board should review where employees and resources are being placed.

Following Board discussion, the Board agreed to schedule an Informal Board meeting, Monday, August 9, 9 a.m., to review detailed budget information and develop priorities to fund employee salaries.

Superintendent Boyd stated that a detailed budget will be provided to the Board for review.

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Mr. Eubank volunteered to meet with Superintendent Boyd and Mr. Birkett prior to the Informal Board meeting to review budgetary documents and provide comparison information and additional suggestions for Board consideration prior to voting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.