

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 22, 2008

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: Janie S. Williams, Chairman; Virginia S. Childs, F. Wesley Eubank, , and Eileen F. Roy, members; W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent; and James F. Lang, Attorney for the Board. Vice-Chairman Tina Pinkoson was absent.

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

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

Moved to adopt the agenda for the special meeting of July 22, 2008, as presented.

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

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THE 2008-2009
PROPOSED TENTATIVE
BUDGET AND MILLAGE

Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Budget, stated that the purpose of this special meeting is to request that the School Board approve the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage for advertisement. He reviewed the TRIM Bill dates. Mr. Birkett noted that, once again, the total millage is actually going down, but a tax increase has to be advertised because of the Required Local Effort.

The required advertisement appeared in *The Gainesville Sun* on Friday, July 11, 2008, and a Public Hearing is scheduled for July 29, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Scott Ward, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a PowerPoint presentation of the Tentative Budget and Millage for Advertising. Included in the presentation was information on:

- Taxable Value of Property
- Rolled Back Rates (RLE, Discretionary, Supplemental Discretionary, and Capital Outlay)
- Millage Recap
- Appropriations approved for advertisement

Board members' questions were responded to.

The total millage rate to be levied exceeds the Rolled-Back Rate computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1), F.S., by 4.24 percent.

Mr. Birkett provided the Board with 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 2008-2009 to the
- 2007-2008 Actual Millage Rates
- Schedule IV - Budget Summary Notice
- Schedule V - Budget Ad Percent Decrease Over
- Prior Year Expenditures
- Schedule VI - Historical Summary of Financial & Demographic Data
- Schedule VII - Notice of Tax for School Capital Outlay
- Schedule VIII - Budget Appropriations Approved for Advertisement,
with a total budget of \$336,236,058.

(This subject continues, following Preliminary Information on Capital Projects.)

PRELIMINARY
INFORMATION ON
CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mr. Ed Gable, Executive Director, Facilities, presented information on capital outlay projects.

Mrs. Roy asked whether the District is purchasing buses that run on biofuel. Mr. Birkett stated that this would be a Board decision, but reported that the manufacturer of the District's fleet of International buses will not honor the warranty on the fuel system, if more than B-5 biodiesel is burned. He reviewed other considerations, such as stocking additional parts and separate fuel storage. Mrs. Roy stated that her interest is in continuing to monitor the situation and to ascertain how other counties are handling the factors associated with their biofuel fleets.

Mr. Eubank stated that, with the difficult funding issues facing the District, he favors delaying any bus and technology purchases, and administrative renovations. He does not want to commit to projects until after seeing what the holdbacks are going to be.

Mrs. Childs suggested changing the list to *Tentative* Districtwide Needs, so it is understood that completion of these projects is not assured.

Mr. Birkett stated that the money for projects that are not considered immediately essential could be placed in reserve and used as projects are approved.

Mrs. Williams urged that discretion be used in such projects as bleacher replacement and painting.

Mrs. Childs encouraged close review of Safety-to-Life projects. Mr Gable reviewed the need for Kanapaha and Oakview to have energy efficiency upgrades, since they are newer schools. He also explained the costs involved with school concurrency implementation.

Mr. Eubank urged a proactive approach to assuring that other agencies involved with school concurrency pay their share of the technology costs. Mr. Gable stated that the role of developers is also being considered in

these costs. A legal challenge in another area of the state, concerning the financial responsibility of developers, is being monitored.

At a question from Mrs. Roy, Mr. Gable explained the energy management system in use at the schools. He also reviewed the energy management 'report card' system that he hopes to implement.

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(continued)

Mr. Ward reported that, in addition to the 25 cent increase in student meal fees, the adult fees have also been raised from \$2.50 per meal to \$3.00.

Motion by Mr. Eubank

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2008-2009 proposed Tentative Millage and Budget for advertising.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.