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MINUTES

BAY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2020

WORKSHOP – TENTATIVE BUDGET – 4:30 P.M.

GINGER LITTLETON BOARD ROOM

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY AND

THE TENTATIVE BUDGET – 5:01 P.M.

Present: School Board Chair Steve Moss, Board Member Jerry Register, Superintendent Bill Husfelt and Board Attorney Franklin Harrison. Vice Chair Pamm Chapman and Board Member Ryan Neves were connected electronically.

The workshop was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Chair Steve Moss.

James Loyed, Executive Director of Business Support Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the tentative budget covering the following:

- ❖ Budget Calendar
- ❖ Part I: Millage
 - Millage Levy Comparison
 - Millage Levy Revenue
 - Millage Levy
 - Proposed Millage Impact on Homeowners
 - Rolled-Back Millage Rate
- ❖ Part II: Budget
 - Budget Components by Fund
 - District Summary Budget Comparison
 - General Fund Appropriations by Object
 - General Fund Appropriations by Function
 - Budget Highlights

The Board Members were given the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

The workshop concluded at 4:59 p.m.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY AND THE TENTATIVE BUDGET – 5:01 P.M.

Present: School Board Chair Steve Moss, Board Member Jerry Register, Superintendent Bill Husfelt and Board Attorney Franklin Harrison. Vice Chair Pamm Chapman and Board Member Ryan Neves were connected electronically.

The hearing was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Steve Moss.

Chair Moss stated that the Board was in session for the purpose of hearing the public concerning the tentative millage levy and tentative budget and for the Board to adopt a Tentative Millage Levy and a Tentative Budget.

Board Attorney Harrison advised that Section 1011.03(5), Florida Statutes, requires that the School Board hold a public hearing to adopt the Tentative Budget pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes. The hearing shall be primarily for the purpose of hearing requests and comments from the public regarding the budget and proposed tax levies and to explain the budget. The adoption of the budget and the millage levy shall be by separate votes.

Prior to the conclusion of the hearing, the School Board shall amend the Tentative Budget as it sees fit, adopt the amended Tentative Budget, re-compute its proposed millage rate, and publicly announce the percent, if any, by which the re-computed proposed millage rate exceeds the roll-back rate.

The general public shall be allowed to speak and to ask questions prior to adoption of any measure by the Board. The Board shall adopt its tentative millage rate prior to adopting its Tentative Budget.

The first issue to be discussed shall be the percentage increase in millage over the roll-back rate necessary to fund the budget. Attorney Harrison advised the public that the proposed millage necessary to fund this Tentative Budget **exceeds** the roll-back rate by **7.66 percent**. The School Board is required to levy **3.7200** mills as Required Local Effort to participate in the Florida Education Finance Program and receive **\$82,758,443** in State Education funds. The Required Local Effort is **.1420** mills less than the mills levied in the previous fiscal year. Additionally, the Superintendent has proposed a total Discretionary Millage of **.7480** mills to support the General Fund Budget and a levy of **1.5000** mills for Capital Outlay Projects. The funds derived from Capital Improvement Tax are to be used exclusively for construction and remodeling; maintenance, renovation and repair; motor vehicle purchases; new and replacement equipment, computer and device hardware and operating system software necessary for gaining access to or enhancing the use of electronic and digital instructional content and resources, and enterprise resource software; payments for educational facilities and sites due under a lease-purchase agreement; payment of loans approved pursuant to F.S. 1011.14 and 1011.15; payment of costs of compliance with environmental statutes and regulations; payment of premiums for property and casualty insurance necessary to insure the educational and ancillary plants of the district.

The total proposed millage levy is **5.9680** mills which is **.0204** mills more than the 2020 levy of **5.9476**. The Required Local Effort which is required by the State has **decreased** by **3.68%** and represents approximately **six tenths** of the total proposed taxes.

The second issue to be discussed is the Tentative Budget. The general public shall be allowed to speak and ask questions prior to adoption of any measures by the School Board.

The Board Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and then Chair Moss opened the floor up to members from the public who wanted to address the Board on the millage rate and/or the tentative budget.

Superintendent Husfelt wanted the record to show that the 1.5000 mills levy for Capital Outlay Projects was not his original recommendation.

No one from the public asked to speak.

James Loyed, Executive Director of Business Support Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the tentative budget covering the following:

❖ What is the Roll-Back Millage Rate?

The millage rate that will, after the value of new construction is deducted, produce the same amount of revenue as the previous year.

❖ Roll-Back Millage Rate

Tax increase over roll-back rate.

The FY 20/21 Roll-Back Rate is 5.5435 mills.

The Proposed Millage Rate is 5.9680 mills.

The Proposed Millage Rate is 7.66% more than the Roll-Back Rate.

A. Adoption of the Proposed Millage Rate

Neves made the motion that the School Board adopt a millage rate of 5.9680 mills to support the 2020-2021 District Summary Budget which includes 3.7200 mills Required Local Effort; a Basic Discretionary Millage of .7480 mills to support the General Fund; and 1.5000 mills as a Capital Improvement Tax to be used for construction and remodeling; maintenance, renovation and repairs; motor vehicle purchases; new and replacement equipment, computer and device hardware and operating system software necessary for gaining access to or enhancing the use of electronic and digital instructional content and resources, and enterprise resource software; payments for educational facilities and sites due under a lease-purchase agreement; payment of loans approved pursuant to F.S. 1011.14 and 1011.15; payment of costs of compliance with environmental statutes and regulations; payment of premium for property and casualty insurance necessary to insure the educational and ancillary plants of the district. Chapman seconded.

Register stated that he will be voting no. He promised that if the half cent sales tax was approved that he would not support an ad valorem increase.

Motion passed three to one, with Register voting no.

B. Tentative District Summary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Neves made the motion to adopt the Tentative District Summary Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$567,702,968.
Chapman seconded.

Motion passed three to one, with Register voting no.

C. Resolution No. 21-01 – A Resolution of the Bay County School Board Adopting the Tentative Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Attorney Harrison read Resolution 21-01.

Neves made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-01, a Resolution of the Bay County School Board Adopting the Tentative Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
Chapman seconded.

Motion passed three to one, with Register voting no.

D. Resolution No. 21-02 – A Resolution of the Bay County School Board Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Attorney Harrison read Resolution 21-02.

Neves made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-02, a Resolution of the Bay County School Board Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
Chapman seconded.

Motion passed three to one, with Register voting no.

The public hearing concluded at 5:21 P.M.



Steve Moss, Chair



Bill Husfelt, Superintendent