

Approved in Open Board Meeting November 21, 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 19, 2017  
(Rescheduled from September 12, 2017 due to Hurricane Irma)  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
(Second Budget Public Hearing)

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Present were: School Board Members Abby M. Freedman, Chair; Nora Rupert, Vice Chair; Robin Bartleman; Heather Brinkworth (via teleconference); Patricia Good; Donna P. Korn (absent); Laurie Rich Levinson; Ann Murray; Dr. Rosalind Osgood; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools; and Barbara J. Myrick, Esq.

**Call to Order** The Chair called the meeting to order and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Added/Changed Items** None.

**Close Agenda** Upon motion by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Mrs. Brinkworth and Ms. Korn were absent for the vote. (7-0 vote)

**Purpose of Meeting** For The School Board of Broward County, Florida to act on the millage levy and adopted budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018, and any other items the Board deemed necessary.

**Introduction by Chair**

Welcoming the audience to the second public hearing on the Broward County School District's 2017-2018 budget, the Chair indicated that the purpose of this hearing was to keep the public and the School Board fully informed as to whether the District was using sound policies and practices that met the needs of students and warranted public confidence in the District's operations. The law required the public to be given the opportunity to provide input pertaining to the millage rates and budget. The Chair stated this was the second of two public hearings for the millage rates and budget.

The Chair stated that at the end of the Superintendent's presentation speakers would be called to the floor and would be given three minutes to address the Board.

The Chair thanked the audience for their support of Broward County Public Schools and for attending this meeting. She then turned the meeting over to the Superintendent to give a brief overview of the 2017-2018 budget.

### **Statement by Superintendent**

The Superintendent said he was pleased to submit the 2017-2018 District budget for the School Board's consideration and adoption. He indicated the state increased K-12 education funding and Broward School District's share was approximately \$48 million, in which nearly half of it was due to expected student growth. He stated most of that increase would be needed to fund unavoidable cost increases.

At the Tentative Budget Hearing on August 1, 2017, a number of District priorities were approved by the Board. The Superintendent advised the Board there were two (2) small changes to those priorities that would be proposed at this final hearing, in addition there was a significant increase to the Fund balance from favorable year-end results.

The Superintendent stated the finance staff would make a brief presentation of the budget details and answer any questions.

Judith Marte, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview, along with a slide presentation, of the 2017-2018 District budget.

Explaining the procedures to be followed for public speakers, the Chair received input from the audience on these items.

### **Superintendent's Recommendations**

#### **1. Resolution Adopting Millage Rates (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt Resolution #18-93, approving tentative millage rates for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Ms. Korn was absent. (8-0 vote)

It was recommended that the School Board adopt Resolution #18-93 approving the millage rates for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The item had no changes since the first hearing.

Adoption of the millage rates would generate \$1,214,582,221.

Agenda Items 1 and 2 were moved and discussed concurrently.

#### **Motion to Amend (Withdrawn)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to add \$4.00 per student to Junior Achievement (J.A.).

Mrs. Good inquired what was the total amount.

Mrs. Rich Levinson stated the amount last year was about \$33,000 for each dollar, which would amount to an additional \$132,000.

Ms. Marte added it would not exceed \$140,000.

Mrs. Good asked if there was a commitment last year to increase it to ten dollars.

Mr. Runcie replied it was not a firm commitment but rather a consideration. It was not clear from that conversation if it could be done, so it needed to come back to the Board.

Mrs. Good stated although she supported the program, the amount of dollars attributed to three (3) SROs. She wanted to know how it would impact the budget and if there were any other requests for SROs in the pipeline.

Mr. Runcie responded there were no other requests at this time.

Mrs. Rich Levinson clarified when she made the request last year to increase the amount to \$6.00, it was to reach the \$10 threshold.

Dr. Osgood commented that both the city and J.A. were contributing.

Mrs. Rich Levinson added that other municipalities and counties were piggybacking and contributing as well. As a separate note, she asked if there would be a workshop scheduled regarding additional SROs.

Jeffrey Moquin, Chief of Staff, replied there would be a workshop in the next couple of months.

Ms. Myrick advised the Board that the items were motioned together but would have to be voted on separately due to the amendment.

Mrs. Rich Levinson withdrew her amendment and Dr. Osgood withdrew her second.

Mrs. Good amended her motion to only bring Item 1 to the floor, agreed to by Mrs. Rupert as the second.

A vote was taken on Item 1.

## **2. Resolution Adopting Final Budget (Adopted as Amended)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt Resolution #18-94, approving the final budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Ms. Korn was absent. (8-0 vote)

It was recommended that the School Board adopt Resolution #118-94 approving the final budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Chapters 200 and 1011 of the Florida Statutes require that the School District approve the final budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The total annual budget for all funds, including transfers out of \$253,950,007 was \$3,869,749,810.

Agenda Items 1 and 2 were moved and discussed concurrently.

Motion to Amend (Withdrawn)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to add \$4.00 per student to Junior Achievement (J.A.).

Ms. Myrick advised the Board that the items were motioned together but would have to be voted on separately due to the amendment.

Mrs. Rich Levinson withdrew her amendment and Dr. Osgood withdrew her second.

Mrs. Good amended her motion to only bring Item 1 to the floor, agreed to by Mrs. Rupert as the second.

Motion (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to bring Item 2 to the floor for discussion.

Second Motion to Amend (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to add \$4.00 per student to the Budget for Junior Achievement, not to exceed \$140,000 from the Fund balance. Ms. Korn was absent. (8-0 vote)

The Chair received audience input on the Second Motion to Amend.

A vote was taken on the Second Motion to Amend.

Mrs. Bartleman questioned if the District would be able to recoup the costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for staff that worked overtime during the hurricane or would it come from the Fund balance.

Ms. Marte replied they would submit all allowable costs to FEMA, including any overtime worked by staff in the recovery. She said the FEMA process would take a long time, however, the Fund had resources available now.

Mrs. Rupert stated she liked the format on page 24 and it was very easy to read. She wanted to know what had happened in the prior years and said staff could email her the information.

Ms. Marte shared information on the Title I Budget - Part A and said she would provide a follow-up with the rest of the requested information.

A vote was taken on this item.

**Adjournment** This meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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