

Approved in Open Board Meeting October 3, 2017

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

August 1, 2017
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
(First Budget Public Hearing)

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 5:31 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; Patricia Good; Donna P. Korn; 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 The Superintendent requested that the Board permit the following changes to the agenda:

- **Superintendent's Recommendations** - Revised: Item 2

The Chair approved the changes and announced the changes to the Agenda proposed by the Superintendent were accepted by the Chair after being determined that good cause had been established for said changes.

Close Agenda Upon motion by Ms. Korn, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Mrs. Brinkworth, Ms. Murray, and Mrs. Rich Levinson were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

Purpose of Meeting First Public Hearing for The School Board of Broward County, Florida to Act on the Proposed Millage Levy and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and any other items the Board deemed necessary.

Introduction by Chair

Welcoming the audience to the first public hearing on the Broward County School District's tentative 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 requires the public to be given the opportunity to provide input pertaining to the millage rates and budget. The Chair stated this was the first of two public hearings for the millage rates and budget.

Explaining the procedure to be followed for this hearing, the Chair stated after 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.

Statement by Superintendent

The Superintendent stated he was pleased to submit the 2017-2018 District budget for the School Board's consideration and tentative adoption.

He shared that the state had increased K-12 education funding by approximately \$100 per student. This year Broward School District's share was approximately \$48 million; however, the actual increase was approximately \$24 million when student growth was excluded from the increase, of which most would be used for unavoidable cost increases. The Superintendent indicated the Broward School District had the lowest tax rate among large school districts in Florida. In addition, the tax rate decreased since last year and most residential taxpayers with Homestead Exemption would pay less in school taxes this year, even with the issuance of the General Obligation Bond (GOB). He concluded by asking staff to provide a brief presentation of additional budget details and answer any questions from the Board.

Presentation – 2017-2018 Tentative District Budget

Judith Marte, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview, along with a slide presentation, as shown in the 2017-2018 Tentative District Budget book:

Millage and Taxes:

- Comparison of Millage Rates (Chart - page 6)
- Comparison of Rolled Back Rates (page 7)
- Comparison of Budgeted Revenue Sources (All Funds) (Chart - page 12)

General Fund:

- 2017-2018 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations (Chart - page 18)
- 2017-2018 Comparison of Revenue, Appropriations (pages 20-21)

Capital Projects Fund:

- 2017-2018 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations (page 35)
- 2017-2018 Comparison of Revenue, Appropriations (pages 36-37)

Superintendent's Recommendations

1. Resolution Adopting Tentative Millage Rates (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to adopt Resolution #18-01, approving the tentative millage rates for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (9-0 vote)

It was recommended that the School Board adopt Resolution #18-01, approving the tentative millage rates for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

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

Agenda Items 1 and 2 were moved concurrently.

The Chair received audience input on these items.

Following audience input, the General Counsel suggested that the two items be separated before discussion so they could be voted on individually.

Motion to Separate (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried to separate Items 1 and 2. (9-0 vote)

Ms. Myrick read the millage rate from the Resolution.

No discussion was held on Item 1.

A vote was taken on Item 1.

2. Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to adopt Resolution #18-02, approving the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (9-0 vote)

Chapters 200 and 1011 of the Florida Statutes require that the school district hold a public hearing to adopt a tentative budget and proposed millage rates not less than 2 nor more than 5 days after advertising a summary of the tentative budget and the proposed millage rates in the newspaper.

The recapitulation of this Budget is shown below:

Fund Title:

General Fund	\$2,410,233,140
Special Revenue (Food Service)	163,821,277
Special Revenue (Other Federal Programs)	209,205,946
Special Revenue (Miscellaneous)	6,668,220
Debt Service	181,224,495
Capital Projects	1,117,203,859
Internal Services	<u>1,144,000</u>
Sub-Total	\$4,089,500,937
Less Transfers Out	<u>(\$253,950,007)</u>
Total All Funds	<u>\$3,835,550,930</u>

The total annual budget for all funds, excluding Transfers Out, was \$3,835,550,930.

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There was a general consensus of support from Board Members for the addition of School Resource Officers (SROs). Some of the major concerns expressed by several Board Members included, but were not limited to, District Inflationary Items & Priorities on pages 42-43, specifically, #7 - Support for Applied Learning Department Programs, #17 - High School Activities Funds, as well as #19 - additional funding for the State and Federal Advocacy; the E-Rate and PECO Funding; coverings and walkways for playgrounds; carry-overs; possible millage going to Charters; and the exclusion of the Achieve 3000 program.

Some Board Members requested a breakdown under Special Revenue (pages 26-27) for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF), Community Services, and #7 - Support for Applied Learning Department Programs, as well as the realignment of those positions. In addition, it was stated that any expenditure of dollars should be noted and broken down as to how it was spent.

A vote was taken on Item 2.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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