

## Communiqué

### **Tax Millage Rate Hearings Held July 18, 2016: 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

The Douglas County School System held its first two public hearing on the 2016 millage rate. There was no audience participation at either hearing. The third hearing will be July 25, 8 a.m. The district recommendation is that the millage rate stay at the current rate of 19.85. Any taxpayer who has not had their property reassessed during the year will not see a tax increase. Those whose property was reassessed higher will see an increase because of the reassessment and not due to the board increasing the millage rate.

### **Board of Education Meeting**

A summary of the July 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting follows. Meeting agendas for each board meeting are posted online. For an agenda from the July 18 board meeting, please click [here](#). To see supporting documents, click on agenda items.

### **Tax Millage Rate Hearing**

The second public hearing on the 2016 millage rate was held during the Board meeting.

### **New Business**

Board approved the GSBA Distinguished Board 2016 application as presented.

Board approved the Local School Board Governance Annual Training Report as presented.

### **Consent Agenda**

Certified and classified personnel were approved. Mr. Rueben Pitts was named School Improvement Specialist: Social Studies and Fine Arts effective July 25, 2016. He previously served as a social studies teacher at Turner Middle School.

The following recommendations were approved:

- Payment to Ombudsman for the 2016-2017 school year for alternative educational services for middle and high school students at the Annex East
- Contract with Maxim Healthcare Services for one-to-one nursing services for special education students
- Contract with Fuller Sports Floors to refinish hardwood gym floors at schools in July and November
- Contract renewal with Gordon Food Service for food supply and distribution services for all school kitchens for FY2017
- Contract renewal with Dade Paper for paper product supply and distribution services for all school kitchens for FY2017
- Contract renewal with Cowart Industrial Services for cleaning and maintenance of grease traps for FY 2017
- Surplus of certain furniture, books, and various other items that are obsolete and/or broken and are no longer of use to the school system

## **Discussion Agenda**

### **Student Achievement and Leadership**

Recommendation was made to approve by August 1, 2016, the Brighten Academy Charter Renewal for the 2017-2018 school year.

Recommendation was made to approve at the August 1, 2016, meeting the agreements with Comprehensive Therapy consultants for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services for special education students.

Recommendation was made to approve at the August 1, 2016, meeting the agreement with Edgenuity for online learning, credit recovery options and My Path for students in grades 6-12.

### **Student Services**

Recommendation was made to approve at the August 1, 2016, meeting:

- MyOn Reader subscription for all Title I schools
- Consultant agreement for School of Americas, Dr. Barry Bogan, for implementation and monitoring of the system tutoring program for Title I
- Consultant agreement with Dr. Jim Wright for technology consulting services and training for all 12 Title I schools
- Consultant agreement with Dr. Maurice Wilson/MLW Consulting for Number Talks Training, implementation and monitoring of the math tutoring program, and math bowl coordination for all 12 Title I schools

## **Action Agenda**

### **Operations**

Board approved the easement with Douglas County for construction and permanent location of sanitary sewer structures.

### **Policies**

Board approved changes to Board Policy IDE(3): Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12.

Present were Board Members D.T. Jackson, District II, Chair; Carol Lindstrom, District I, Vice Chair; Tracy Rookard, District III; Michelle Simmons, District IV; and Jeff Morris, District V. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Gordon Pritz; Chief Academic Officer Pam Nail; Assistant Superintendent of District Operations Dr. Tim Scott; Chief Financial Officer Greg Denney; Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Policy Dr. Michelle Ruble; Assistant Superintendent of Student Services E. Renee Davis; Community Relations Director Karen Stroud; and Secretary to the Superintendent Melanie Nicholson.

### **Upcoming meetings of the Douglas County Board of Education**

Tax Millage Rate Hearing July 25, 8:00 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m.