

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MAX D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.
QUINCY, FLORIDA

July 30, 2013

6:00 P.M.

This tentative budget hearing was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Chairman; Mr. Roger P. Milton; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Ms. Audrey D. Lewis. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The tentative budget hearing was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Isaac Simmons, at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Tentative Budget and Millage Rate

a. Approval of 2013 – 2014 Tentative Budget

Fund Source: All Funds

Amount: Total Estimated Revenue and Fund Balances - \$56,457,807.00
Total Projected Expenditures - \$51,871,085.00

Mrs. Wood stated that pursuant to Sections 200.065 and 1011.03 Florida Statutes, the Board is requested to adopt the Tentative Budget for the 2013 – 2014 school year. She stated that the proposed state law required local effort millage rate was 5.303, the proposed local discretionary millage rate was .498, the proposed supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage rate was .25, and the proposed capital improvement millage rate was 1.50 mills, when all combined amount to less than the rolled back rate by negative 2.81 percent.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to adopt the recommended state law required local effort millage rate of 5.303, the local discretionary millage rate of 0.498 and a capital improvement millage rate of 1.50 mills, as the tentative millages to be levied for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year. When all the millages are combined, they amount to less than the rolled back rate by negative 2.81 percent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger P. Milton and carried unanimously.

Mr. Roger P. Milton made a motion to adopt the recommended tentative supplemental discretionary millage rate of .25 as necessary for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wood stated that the total estimated revenue and fund balances equal \$56,457,807.00, and the total projected expenditures equal \$51,871,085.00. She stated that the total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and fund balance was \$44,375,554.08.

Following discussion of the tentative budget, Mr. Charlie D. Frost made a motion to adopt the tentative budget for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year as it was presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Judge B. Helms and carried unanimously.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

Board members scheduled a Retreat on Thursday, August 8th at 12:00 p.m. to discuss goals for the district.

Mr. Frost stated that he was proud of the students who made a positive impact on their lives who were headed in the wrong direction. He stated that he love making a difference in the lives of students.

Mr. Helms stated that everyone should follow the golden rule and treat others the way they want to be treated. He stated that some of the district's former students are teachers, doctors, lawyers, etc. He stated that customer service training was needed for the district.

Mr. Milton invited the Board to the Tallahassee Community College End of the Summer Program on Wednesday, July 31st, 6:00 p.m. at the Turner Auditorium.

5. The tentative budget hearing adjourned at 6:36 p.m.