

Public Hearing on Budget

Tuesday, July, 30, 2013 7:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on July 30, 2013 at the School Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Deborah Beaty	Pinellas County Schools	Adm. Assistant and Clerk to the Board	Present	
Michael A. Grego	Pinellas County Schools	Superintendent	Present	
William Corbett	Pinellas County Schools	Deputy Superintendent	Present	
Michael Bessette	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Operations	Present	
Kevin Smith	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
David Koperski	Pinellas County Schools	Board Attorney	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Pinellas County Schools	Chairperson	Present	
Peggy O' Shea	Pinellas County Schools	Vice Chairperson	Present	
Rene Flowers	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Robin L Wikle	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Janet R. Clark	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Terry Krassner	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Linda S. Lerner	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	

II. Welcome by the School Board Chairperson

Mrs. Cook welcomed the public to this meeting; stated that there will be two opportunities for the public to speak this evening, first to the proposed millage and second to the proposed budget; and, thanked those present for taking their time to attend this meeting and share their input.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Robin L Wikle, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

IV. Introductory Comments by the Superintendent

Dr. Grego thanked the Board for their work and for allowing the district staff the time needed to present the budget materials in recent workshops. Dr. Grego extended his appreciation to Mr. Smith and his finance team for their hard work.

V. Overview of Budget Process and Truth in Millage (TRIM) Requirements by the Associate Superintendent, Finance and Business Services

Mr. Kevin Smith presented a brief overview of the TRIM requirements.

VI. Millage to Support the Budget

Ms. Karen Coffee, Executive Director for Budget and Resource Allocation, presented the following information through a PowerPoint pertaining to the proposed millage:

The composition of the School District's proposed millage

The explanation of what is a "mill"

Millage comparison - 2012/13 to 2013/14

What is the "rolled-back" millage rate

Proposed millage vs. "rolled-back" rate

Gross taxable value trend

Property tax revenue comparison

How taxes are calculated

Example of how your taxes may change

Reasons for millage

Public Comments

Mr. Mark Klutho stated that presenting the proposed millage rate before the budget is backward; and, this is another case of "smoke and mirrors." Mr. Klutho stated that the millage is going down but everyone's tax value is being increased.

1. Approval of Tentative Discretionary Local Effort Millage

To approve the levying of a Tentative Discretionary Local Effort Millage of **0.748 mills** as part of the total millage to be certified to the Property Appraiser and Florida Department of Revenue.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

2. Adoption of Total Millage Rates

To adopt a tentative millage rate of **8.060 mills** to be set and certified to the Property Appraiser and to the Florida Department of Revenue. The millage rates are as follows:

For Required Local Effort	5.312 Mills
For Discretionary Local Effort	0.748 Mills
For Local Referendum	0.500 Mills
For Capital Outlay	1.500 Mills
Total Tentative Millage	8.060 Mills

This rate is .17% greater than the rolled-back rate.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

VII. Tentative 2013/2014 Budget

Ms. Lou Ann Jourdan, Budget Specialist, presented the following information through a PowerPoint pertaining to the proposed budget:

- Budget calendar
- Budget Parameters
- Budget Summary
- Budget Summary - all sources
- Legislative Issues 2013-2014
- Operating Fund Resources
- Operating Budget Revenue Sources
- Proposed Operating Budget
- Operating Budget by Object
- Capital Fund Sources
- Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan & Facilities Work Program
- Proposed Capital Projects
- Proposed Special Revenue
- Proposed Debt Service Budget
- Proposed Internal Service Budget

Ms. Jourdan stated that the Tentative Budget is on file in the Office of Budget and Resource allocation in the Administration Building; that additional information may be received by calling 727-588-6479; and, that the materials may also be found by going to <https://www.pcsb.org/budget/>

Public Comments

Mr. Klutho commented on the amount of money designated for instructional staff training; and, stated that what his wife went through was nothing but harassment. Mr. Klutho pointed out budgeted amounts for the Board of Education, General Administration, etc; and, stated that the district continues to build "stupid buildings."

1. Approval of Tentative Budget for 2013/14

To approve the tentative 2013/14 Budget, as advertised.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
SECONDER:	Robin L Wikle, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

VIII. Additional Board Actions**1. Approval to Establish the Second Public Hearing**

To establish that the Second Public Hearing on the 2013/14 District Budget be held on September 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Hall of the School Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

2. Approval to Authorize Submittal of "Certification of School Taxable Value"

To authorize the Superintendent to advise the Property Appraiser of the millage rates, including the required rolled-back rates, approved at the First Public Hearing held on July 30, 2013.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Linda S. Lerner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

IX. Other Considerations and Concluding Comments

Additional comments were offered by Mrs. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wikle, Mrs. Lerner and Mrs. Krassner.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this Public Hearing adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary