

**Public Hearing on Budget**  
**Tuesday, September, 10, 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 September 10, 2013 at the School Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL.

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

Michael Bessette	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Operations	Present	
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## II. Welcome by the School Board Chairperson

Mrs. Cook welcomed the public to the second of two public hearings on the 2013/14 millage rates and budget. Mrs. Cook presented a brief overview regarding the material that will be provided during this evening's meeting.

## III. Introductory Comments by the Superintendent

Dr. Grego welcomed the public and thanked Mr. Kevin Smith and his staff for their efforts in planning the budget and sharing that information with the School Board Members during recent workshops.

## IV. Adoption of the Agenda

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rene Flowers, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

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

Mr. Smith presented a brief explanation as to the process prescribed by law for school boards in adopting their budget and 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 school taxes are calculated

Example of how your taxes may change

Reasons for millage

### ***Presentations From the Audience***

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the proposed millage rate:

## 1. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho stated that the process used by the Board is backwards; and, that they should approve the budget prior to approving the millage rates. Mr. Klutho stated that this is money going up in smoke.

Mrs. Cook stated that, as it has been explained, the Board must follow the process dictated by law.

**1. Approval of Discretionary Local Effort Millage**

To approve the levying of a 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.

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

**2. Adoption of Total Millage Rates**

To adopt a 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 Millage	8.060 Mills

This rate is **0.17%** higher than the rolled-back rate.

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

**VII. 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  
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/>

### ***Presentations From the Audience***

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the proposed district budget:

1. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho stated that the capital outlay will bring about more waste; and, shared his disagreement with the dollars allocated to school administrators. Mr. Klutho referenced a newspaper article reporting on the proposed raises for teachers and said there is much animosity among teachers. Mr. Klutho also took this opportunity to say that the lighting in this building is incorrect.

1. ***Approval of the Final Budget for 2013/2014***

To approve the 2013/14 Budget as advertised.

*This motion was reconsidered under VIII. Other Considerations and Concluding comments.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robin L Wikle, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

2. ***Approval of the Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages***

To adopt the required Resolution as presented, without formal reading.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

## **VIII. Other Considerations and Concluding Comments**

Dr. Grego thanked the Board for taking time to go through this process and Mr. Kevin Smith and his staff for their hard work.

Mr. Koperski stated that the Board will need to reconsider their action taken in Item VII.2, Approval of Final Budget for 2013/14 to state that it was approved as advertised and amended.

**It was moved by Mrs. Krassner, seconded by Ms. Flowers and carried with a 7-0 vote to reconsider the action taken by the Board to approve the 2013/14 Budget as advertised, Item VII.1.**

**It was moved by Mrs. Krassner, seconded by Ms. Flowers and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the 2013/14 Budget as advertised and amended.**

## **IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this Public Hearing adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary