

## Public Hearing on Budget

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 6:30 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW  
Largo, FL 33770

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### Public Hearing on Budget - Time Certain 6:30 p.m.

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on July 26, 2016 at the School Board Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, Florida.

| Attendee Name    | Title  | Status  | Arrived |
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| Rene Flowers     | Board Member                                       | Present |         |
| Ken Peluso       | Board Member                                       | Present |         |
| Carol J. Cook    | Board Member                                       | Present |         |
| Janet R. Clark   | Board Member                                       | Present |         |
| Terry Krassner   | Vice Chairman                                      | Present |         |
| Linda S. Lerner  | Board Member                                       | Present |         |
| Peggy O' Shea    | Chairperson  | Present |         |
| Michael A. Grego | Superintendent                                     | Present |         |
| David Koperski   | Board Attorney                                     | Present |         |
| Kevin Smith      | Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services | Present |         |
| William Corbett  | Deputy Superintendent                              | Present |         |
| Clinton Herbic   | Associate Superintendent/Operations                | Present |         |
| Ann Simonetti    | Administrative Assistant and Clerk to the Board    | Present |         |

#### II. Welcome by the School Board Chairperson

Mrs. O'Shea welcomed the public to the first of two public hearings on the 2016-17 budget; tonight's actions are to approve tentative millage rates and the tentative budget. The order of business and actions taken at this meeting must follow specific directions set forth in the state statutes. She asked the public for their cooperation as they proceed with this legally required format.

There are two opportunities to speak, one regarding the proposed millage rates and the

other on the proposed budget. The public was advised to sign up if they want to speak.

Following the meeting, the school board will continue to review the tentative budget. Changes may be made or reduction in millage rates may be made prior to the final public hearing which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The proposed millage rate cannot be raised higher than the rate tentatively set at this meeting.

She thanked the public for attending.

Mrs. O'Shea then requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

She stated that following the adoption of the agenda, the superintendent will have an opportunity to make some introductory remarks prior to the presentation and public comments.

### III. Adoption of the Agenda

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                              |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rene Flowers, Board Member                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea |

### IV. Introductory Comments by the Superintendent

Dr. Grego said the budget reflects operational improvements, improved staffing models, and the 5% contingency. More of the district's dollars are being put into the classroom. The district also intends to continue to increase contingency funds.

He introduced Kevin Smith, associate superintendent, finance and business services, and his staff who will deliver a presentation on the proposed millage rates and tentative budget.

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

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

Mr. Kevin Smith, associate superintendent, finance and business services, stated that the public hearing notices and Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices from the County Property Appraiser's office follow the legal requirements outlined in Chapter 200 of the Florida State Statutes. The public hearing notice ran in the Tampa Bay Times on Saturday, July 23, 2016. The budget reflects funds from certificates of participation (COPs) and our move to self-insure the district's health insurance coverage which began in January 2015. In September, when the final budget hearing is held, the budget will reflect the final state allocations and hopefully final negotiations made with our bargaining units. The final public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

### VI. Millage to Support the Budget, including Public Comments

Ms. Karen Coffey, executive director, budget and resource allocation, presented the following information through a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the proposed millage:

- The composition of the School District's proposed millage
- The explanation of a "mill"
- Millage comparison 2015/16 to 2016/17
- What is the "rolled-back" millage rate
- The proposed millage vs. "rolled-back" rate
- The gross taxable value trend
- The property tax revenue comparison
- How are school taxes calculated?
- Reason for millage
- Motions necessary to adopt millage rates

Public Comments regarding the proposed millage rates:

Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on technology.

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

The motion was read by Rene Flowers 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.

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

### 2. ***Adoption of Total Millage Rates***

The motion was made by Janet Clark to adopt a tentative millage rate of **7.318 mills** to be set and certified to the Property Appraiser and to the Florida Department of Revenue. The millage rates are as follows:

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| For required local effort      | 4.570 mills |
| For discretionary local effort | 0.748 mills |
| For local referendum           | 0.500 mills |
| For capital outlay             | 1.500 mills |
| Total tentative millage        | 7.318 mills |

This rate is **0.21%** greater than the rolled-back rate.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                              |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Janet R. Clark, Board Member                            |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Ken Peluso, Board Member                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea |

## VII. Tentative 2016/17 Budget, including Public Comments

Ms. LouAnn Jouran, budget specialist, presented the following information through a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the proposed budget.

- Budget calendar
- Budget parameters
- Budget summary
- Budget summary all sources
- 2016-2017 Legislative issues
- 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
- Proposed self-insurance health budget

Ms. Jourdan stated that the tentative budget is on file in the Office of Budget and Resource Allocation in the Administration Building, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Largo, Florida. Additional information is available by calling 727-588-6479 or on the web at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)

Public comments regarding the tentative budget:

Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho expressed his concern with our budget for capital outlay.

## 1. ***Approval of Tentative Budget for 2016/17***

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Ken Peluso, Board Member                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea |

## VIII. **Additional Board Actions**

### 1. ***Approval to Establish the Second Public Hearing***

Ken Peluso moved that the Second Public Hearing on the 2016/17 District Budget be held on September 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the conference hall of the School Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, Florida.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Ken Peluso, Board Member                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea |

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

Linda Lerner moved that the Board 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 26, 2016.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Linda S. Lerner, Board Member                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Carol J. Cook, Board Member                             |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea |

## IX. **Other Considerations & Concluding Comments**

## X. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this Public Hearing adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary