

The Indian River County District School Board met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 5:01 p.m. The special meeting was held in the Teacher Education Center located at the J.A. Thompson Administrative Center, 1990 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. School Board Members attending were: Chairman Jeff Pegler, Vice Chairman Carol Johnson, and Board Members: Matthew McCain, and Claudia Jiménez. Dr. Frances J. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta were also present. Board Member Karen Disney-Brombach was not present.

**Public Hearing to Adopt
Tentative 2012-2013 Budget & Millage Rates**

- I. Chairman Pegler called the meeting to order.
- II. Purpose of Meeting – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt millage rates and to adopt a tentative budget for the 2012-2013 school year after receiving public input. The Truth in Millage (TRIM) advertisements were placed according to the specifications of law. TRIM required that the proposed taxes be the first issue discussed and adopted at this public hearing. The District School Board would make two separate motions before completing their task. The first motion would be to set all millage rates. The second motion would be to adopt the budget. Major issues on taxes would be reviewed, followed by input from the public prior to the motions.
- III. Discussion of Taxes – Mr. Morrison
Mr. Morrison presented to the Board a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the memorandum dated July 18, 2012, from Gerard Robinson from the Florida Department of Education. The memorandum was in regard to the Certification of the 2012-13 School District Millage Rates and Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage with an attached copy of the *2012-13 FEFP Second Calculation Certification required for Local Effort Millage Rates*.

Mr. Morrison began his review with page 2 of the PowerPoint on the *Proposed 2012-13 Millage*. The total proposed millage rate was 8.313 mills that resulted in a 0.069 decrease from the 2011-12 fiscal year. Mr. Morrison, referencing page 3 of the PowerPoint, presented the *Roll-back Rate vs. Proposed Millage*. The total 2012-2013 Proposed millage was 3.86% lower than the roll back rate. Mr. Morrison stated that, by law, the roll back rate calculation excluded Debt Service millage.

Referencing page 4 of the PowerPoint, Mr. Morrison presented the proposed tax on a residential home, scenario 1. Assuming no increase in assessed valuation of a \$200,000 home, with a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, the 2012-2013 taxes would be \$1,454.78, for a tax increase of \$12.08 per year or 0.84%. Mr. Morrison said that the most realistic scenario would be Scenario 2 that assumed

a -3.77% decrease in assessed valuation of a \$200,000 home, with a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption. The 2012-2013 taxes would be \$1,392.09, for a tax decrease of \$50.61 per year or -3.5%.

IV. Public Hearing on Millage Rates – Chairman Pegler

Public Hearing

Chairman Pegler asked the Superintendent if the Public Hearing was properly advertised in accordance with State Statutes. Dr. Adams said, "Yes". Chairman Pegler recessed the meeting to conduct the Public Hearing.

Chairman Pegler announced that the Public Hearing was in session. He asked Dr. Adams if there were any written responses to be read. Dr. Adams said, "No". The public was invited to address this issue.

Hearing no requests to speak, Chairman Pegler announced that the Public Hearing was conducted pursuant to notice and that ample opportunity to address this issue was provided to all. The Board meeting was reconvened.

V. Motions for Setting Tax Rates – Chairman Pegler

Chairman Pegler called for a motion. Mr. McCain moved approval of the millage rates as advertised for 8.313 mills, representing Required Local Effort, Basic Discretionary, Critical Operating Needs Millage, Debt Service, and Capital Outlay. Ms. Jiménez seconded the motion. Hearing no requests to speak, Chairman Pegler called for a roll call vote.

Mr. McCain	Yes
Ms. Jiménez	Yes
Mrs. Johnson	Yes
Chairman Pegler	Yes

The motion carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

VI. Discussion of Budget – Mr. Morrison

Mr. Morrison began presentation of the 2012-2013 tentative budget referencing page 7 of the PowerPoint. He reviewed the *Proposed Tentative Budget* figures. The total proposed budget for 2012-2013 was \$267,960,232. The total resulted in a decrease of -\$40,848,572 from the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Mr. Morrison reviewed the major items that affected the respective funds as compared to last year's figures.

VII. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget – Chairman Pegler

Public Hearing

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- VIII. Motion for Adoption of Budget and Final Public Hearing Date – Mr. Morrison
Chairman Pegler called for a motion. Mrs. Johnson moved approval to adopt the tentative budget as presented at this hearing and to establish the final public hearing for 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Hearing no requests to speak, Chairman Pegler called for a roll call vote.

Mr. McCain	Yes
Ms. Jimenez	Yes
Mrs. Johnson	Yes
Chairman Pegler	Yes

The motion carried unanimously, with a 4-0 vote.

- IX. Closing Comments – Dr. Adams
Dr. Adams stated that staff would notify the Property Appraiser of the millage rates and adopted budget. She said that until the final hearing on September 11, 2012, the District would operate within this budget. Dr. Adams thanked Mr. Morrison and the Finance Department Staff for their work in preparing the millage and budget proposals.

- X. Adjournment – Chairman Pegler

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.