



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

July 29, 2014, Special Board Meeting

Ms. Becki Couch, Chairman
Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present EXCEPT Becki Couch, Chairman, . Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER - SPECIAL MEETING](#)

Minutes:

The Vice Chairman opened the Special Budget meeting at 5:07 p.m.

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

None were offered.

[APPROVAL OF THE JULY 29, 2014, AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the July 29, 2014, Agenda, as submitted on July 24, 2014. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Not Present
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. PUBLIC HEARING - 2014-2015 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET](#)

Attachment: [Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget 2014.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution Adopting 2014 millage.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Lee was welcomed to the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Ms. LaTrell Edwards, Chief Financial Officer stated this is the first of two public hearings on the proposed millage levy and budget for FY 2014-2015 and that, as required by law, the hearing was advertised in the Florida Times-Union on Saturday, July 26, 2014. She reported the next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 5:05 at the School Board Building. She then read the 2014-2015 Tentative Millage Rate/ Resolution, Tentative Budget/ Resolution, scheduled public hearing on the final 2014-2015 Millage Levies, and Certification of School Taxable Value.

When a motion was on the floor to approve the 2014 Tentative Budget/Resolution the following discussion took place:

Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member

I just want to say this last year, since February when we started working on this, this is kind of a culmination of a lot of hard work, a lot of meetings that we went through and so I'm proud to support this budget. It's not perfect but it's definitely an improvement upon last year's budget which was also a lot of hard work and a lot of good decisions that were made. But this was definitely an improvement. It continues to shift money from the district office to the classroom; more child centric. It's a budget that better serves children, parents and the community. This 1.7 billion dollar budget creates more opportunities for our children while still protecting the taxpayer by lowering the tax rate. So I support this budget and hope that the rest of you do as well.

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

I would like to add although Mrs. Couch is not here as the Chair, I'd like to thank her for her leadership through the budget process and also to thank Ms. Edwards and her budget team. I thought we really built off of a lot of revamping from the year previous. I think we did a good job working collaboratively with the Board this year, problem solving and making some difficult decisions but ones that continue to focus on our strategic plan and student achievement. I'd also like to thank Ms. Begley, our auditor, who I thought worked very well with our CFO and budget staff this year.

Motions:

Vote 1 - Vote on Required Local Effort Millage Levy of 5.0570 mills, which includes prior period funding adjustment millage, for the Operating Fund. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Not Present

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

Vote 2- Vote on Capital Outlay Millage Levy of 1.5000 Mills for the Capital Projects Fund. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch - Not Present

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

Vote 3 - Vote on Basic Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 0.7480 Mills for the Operating Fund. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Not Present

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

Vote 4 - Vote on the 2014-2015 Tentative Budget. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Paula Wright

Rebecca Couch - Not Present

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

Vote 5 - Vote on the Final Public Hearing date and time for the 2014-2015 Final Millage Levies and 2014-2015 Final Budget. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch - Not Present

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

Vote 6 - Vote on acceptance of 2014 Certification of School Taxable Value for Duval County and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Not Present

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Adjournment

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes: No comments were given.

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes: The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman