



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Landings Administrative Complex
1980 Landings Blvd.
5:15 PM

July 30, 2024

Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage and Budget

LEGAL NOTICE

Florida Statute 200.065(2)(e), states that: "The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida will soon consider a budget for 2024-2025. A public hearing to make a decision on the budget and taxes will be held on July 30, 2024 at 1980 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida. During such discussion, the governing body shall hear comments regarding the proposed millage rate. The general public shall be allowed to speak and to ask questions prior to adoption of any measures by the governing body. The governing body shall adopt its tentative or final millage rate prior to adopting its tentative or final budget."

Call to Order

The Chair convened the July 30, 2024, Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage and Budget Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Present:

- Karen Rose, Chair
- Tim Enos, Vice Chair - via telephone
- Tom Edwards
- Robyn Marinelli
- Bridget Ziegler

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Statement Regarding the Proposed Millage and Tentative Budget

1. STATEMENT REGARDING THE 2024 PROPOSED MILLAGE AND 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Description

On July 23, 2024 the Board authorized to advertise the 2024 proposed millage rates and 2024-25 tentative budget. The Notice of Proposed Tax Increase, Budget Summary, and Capital Outlay Notice were duly advertised on the District's and Sarasota County's publicly accessible websites beginning July 27, 2024.

The Sarasota County School Board's 2024 taxable assessed property values represent a 5.8% increase from the 2023 certified tax value. The 2024 proposed Required Local Effort Millage rate of 2.883 mils represents an 1.28% increase from last year's rolled-back millage rate. The total 2024 proposed millage rate represents a 2.18% increase from last year's rolled-back millage rate. The Required Local Effort millage must be levied by the School Board if the district is to participate and receive any Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funds in fiscal year 2024-2025. The operating millage is required to hire staff for the school district, pay negotiated salary and fringe benefits to staff, the cost of fuel, electricity, and other goods and services.

Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Contact:

PENNER

The Chair read the Statement Regarding the 2024 Proposed Millage and 2024-2025 Tentative Budget.

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget

2. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED 2024 MILLAGE RATE AND THE 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Description

Open the Public meeting for the Board to hear public comments regarding the tentative millage rates and tentative budget and answer questions related thereto.

Recommendation

Financial Impact:

Contact:

PENNER

Speakers:

- Rhana Bazzini
- Carol Lerner

Adoption of Proposed Millage Rates

3. ADOPTION OF 2024 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

Description

MILLAGE LEVY	2024 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE
Required Local Effort	2.883
Basic Discretionary	0.748
Capital Outlay	1.500
Voted Operating (Referendum)	1.000
TOTAL Millage Rate	6.131

Recommendation

That the Board adopt the millage rates as presented.

Financial Impact:

Contact:

PENNER

Motion: (Voice Vote)

That the following millage rates be adopted as presented: Required Local Effort - 2.883; Basic Discretionary - 0.748; Capital Outlay - 1.500; Voted Operating (Referendum) - 1.000; Total Millage Rate - 6.131

MOTION Passed

Vote Results:

Ayes: Edwards, Enos, Marinelli, Rose, Ziegler

Adoption of Tentative Budget

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Description

Recommendation

That the Board adopt the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget as presented in the attachment.

Financial Impact:

Contact:

PENNER

Motion: (Voice Vote)

That the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget be adopted as presented.

MOTION Passed

Vote Results:

Ayes: Edwards, Enos, Marinelli, Rose, Ziegler

Adjournment

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m.

The Final Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at 1980 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida.

The Chair adjourned the Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage and Budget Meeting at 5:27 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage and Budget Meeting held on July 30, 2024, and approved at the Regular Board Meeting on August 21, 2024.

Terrence Connor, Secretary

Karen Rose, Chair