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July 19 2016 Special School Board Meeting 9 00 AM

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

1. [Accept the Agenda of the July 19, 2016 School Board Meeting](#)

Motions:

Motion to accept the agenda of the July 19, 2016 School Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Dick Mullenax

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Lynn Wilson - Aye

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Special Recognitions

Public Comments on Agenda Items

2. [SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes: No speakers addressed items on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Consent Agenda

New Administrator Announcements

Consent

Regular

Business Services General Items

3. [R-1 Permission to Advertise the Superintendent's 2016-2017 Tentative Budget](#)

Minutes:

Jason Pitts, Director of Budget, stated the fund balance will be continually changing until the beginning of August. He discussed the increase from last year's millage rate.

Mr. Mullenax commented on the difference between the previously presented numbers and the current figures.

Mrs. Sellers asked if the tentative budget will change before the vote on the budget.

Mr. Pitts stated all of the numbers will shift over the next month.

Mr. Harris asked for additional information on the rollback rate.

Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer, explained this is the revenue that taxes

would have generated last year. The rollback rate this year is .62 less than last year.

Mr. Berryman commented on the \$10 million lapse.

Mr. Pitts explained historically lapse has not been budgeted.

Mrs. Sellers commented she thought the budget would include the lapse conservatively, and therefore be more reflective of what the actual fund balance is.

Mr. Berryman would like to budget the lapse or find a way to reduce expenditures in order to have a 5% fund balance.

Mr. Harris prefers the District start the school year with a 5% fund balance.

Mrs. Fields asked the financial team to take the information back and rework the calculations.

Mr. Mullenax stated his position is the fund balance should start with 5% but that suggested this be discussed at future Work Sessions.

Mr. Wilson stated he does not think the district is in a position to make major budget cuts this late in the game.

Superintendent Byrd stated in looking at upcoming year, the intent is to begin next year with 5% as the floor. More budget meetings are being scheduled to create guidelines.

Motions:

Motion to accept the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget for advertising. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Dick Mullenax

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Lynn Wilson - Aye

Motions:

Motion to advertise on July 23, 2016 for the Public Hearing to be held no earlier than 5:01 PM - PASS on July 26, 2016.

Vote Results

Motion: Dick Mullenax

Second: Lynn Wilson

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Lynn Wilson - Aye

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Report

4. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Minutes:

Superintendent Byrd commented on the selection of Mrs. Jessica Solano, a Teacher at Highlands Grove Elementary, as the Florida State Teacher of the Year. Polk County Schools are very excited and proud of this innovative and energetic educator.

Attorney's Report

Auditor's Report

Board Members' Report

Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

5. [SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes: No speakers attended to address items that were not on the agenda.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM. Minutes were approved and attested this 23rd day of August, 2016.

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Kay Fields, Board Chair

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Jacqueline M. Byrd, Superintendent