

I. Call to Order

Call to Order: Chairman Arnold

Present: District 1 – Joe Arnold, Chairman
District 2 – Malissa Morgan
District 3 – Gay Carlton, Vice Chairman
District 5 – David Williams
Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
Tom Conely, School Board Attorney

Absent: District 4 – India Riedel

Invocation: Rev. Rick Giles, Northside Baptist Church
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Arnold

II. Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2014-15

A. TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2014-15 FOR ADVERTISEMENT

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding tentative millage rates:

- The Required Local Effort is set at 5.143, a decrease of 0.072 mills, and is expected to generate \$7,875,211.00, an increase of \$10,139.00.
- The maximum Discretionary Local Effort millage rate is also set by the state. The School Board has the discretion to levy this millage rate for the upcoming budget year at 0.748 mills generating \$1,145,374.00, an increase of \$17,268.00.
- The operating fund millage rate is 5.891 mills, a decrease of 0.072 mills, and will generate \$9,020,585.00, an increase of \$24,407.00.
- The maximum Capital Improvement Effort millage is unchanged at 1.50 mills and is expected to yield an estimated \$2,296,873.00, an increase of \$34,628.00.
- This brings the total millage rate to 7.391 mills, a decrease of 0.072 mills, and the total estimated tax receipts are expected to be \$11,317,458.00, an increase of \$62,035.00.
- The Estimated FEFP Funds are \$27,908,144.00, an increase of \$534,682.00 or 1.95%.
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is also referred to as unweighted FTE. The District predicted 6,317.41 students for 2014-15, a decrease of 87.11 students from last year. The weighted FTE, which takes into consideration special needs of students, is estimated at 6,677.55, a decrease of 112.71.
- The Base Student Allocation (BSA) set by the State for 2014-15 is \$4,031.77, an increase of \$279.47 for the upcoming school year. The District Cost Differential is a multiplier applied to each District's BSA in order to equalize funding in all Florida school districts. Since the District's Cost Differential is less than 1 (which means that it is less expensive to live in Okeechobee County than other counties in Florida), the District's BSA is actually \$3,895.51 rather than the full \$4,031.77.
- The Final Budget Totals are:

Operating General Fund	\$52,492,386.11
Debt Service Funds	237,792.16
Capital Projects Funds	3,427,669.77
Food Service Funds	4,162,251.32
Federal Program Funds	<u>5,531,747.04</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$65,851,846.40

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Millage Background Information:

<u>Millage Type</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
Required Local Effort	5.623	5.678	5.650	5.215	5.143
Discretionary	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748
SUBTOTAL	6.621	6.246	6.398	5.963	5.891
Capital Outlay	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>
TOTAL MILLAGE	8.121	7.926	7.898	7.463	7.391
Millage Increase	0.052				
Millage Decrease		(0.195)	(0.028)	(0.435)	(0.072)

School Board Member David Williams asked if Capital funds may be used to purchase buses. Superintendent Kenworthy responded that Capital funds may be used to purchase buses and will be used to purchase four (4) new buses this year. The District has been purchasing six (6) new buses each year; but due to the age of the fleet, the District will only purchase four (4) buses this year. Capital funds will also be used to complete roof repairs, demolish the New Endeavor High School building (the former South Elementary School), and to upgrade lighting in the gymnasium at Osceola Middle School.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative Required Local Effort millage rate of 5.143 for the 2014-15 operating budget be adopted.

Motion:	Gay Carlton
Second:	Malissa Morgan
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative Discretionary Local Effort millage rate of 0.748 for the 2014-15 operating budget be adopted.

Motion:	Malissa Morgan
Second:	Gay Carlton
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative millage rate of 1.500 for the 2014-15 Capital Outlay budget be adopted.

Motion:	Gay Carlton
Second:	David Williams
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

B. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2014-15

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Resolution #15-001 adopting tentative millage rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, be adopted.

Motion:	Malissa Morgan
Second:	Gay Carlton
Vote:	4-0 In Favor



Resolution

15-001

**A Resolution of the Okeechobee County School Board
Adopting Tentative Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, did, pursuant to Chapters 200 and 1011, Florida Statutes, approve tentative millage rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, at the public hearing and in full compliance with Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, the Okeechobee County School Board adopted tentative millage rates for the fiscal year 2014-15 in the amounts of:

<u>Millage Type</u>	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Amount To Be Raised</u>
Required Local Effort	5.143	\$ 7,875,211.00
Basic Discretionary	0.748	1,145,374.00
Capital Outlay	1.500	2,296,873.00
Additional	0	0
Debt	0	0

The total millage rate to be levied is less than the roll-back rate by 2.37 percent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Okeechobee County School Board adopted each tentative millage rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, on July 29, 2014, by separate vote prior to adopting the tentative budget.



 Joe Arnold
 Chairman
 Okeechobee County School Board

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C. TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2014-15

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding the tentative budget:

Federal and State Revenue

- Total Federal Through State revenue is expected to be \$393,095.40, an increase of \$49,420.40.
- Total FEFP revenue is expected to be \$27,908,144.00, an increase of \$946,273.00.
- North and Everglades Elementary Schools are expected to receive recognition dollars, and the budget will be amended upon release of funds.
- When combining Other State Funding Resources such as those listed above with Federal Through State, FEFP, Class Size and Lottery dollars, the Total State Funding is \$34,991,055.05, an increase of \$582,328.77.

Local Revenue

- The 5.143 Required Local Effort millage is expected to generate \$7,875,211.00.
- The 0.748 Discretionary Local Effort millage is expected to generate \$1,145,374.00.
- In addition to millage revenue, proceeds are collected locally through facility rental, wellness incentives through health insurance, transfers from capital, etc.
- Total Local Revenue will yield \$10,902,777.17, a decrease of \$181,483.48 from last year.
- Total Revenue from All Sources is \$46,302,927.62, an increase of \$430,265.69 or less than 1%. This figure sets the threshold for the District's fund balance.

Appropriations

- The bulk of appropriations are appropriately placed at school sites. This year's Cost Center appropriations are \$39,082,544.00.
- Appropriations for State and Local Projects totals \$9,709,709.30.
- Total Appropriations are estimated to be \$48,792,253.30.

Fund Balance

- Total Appropriations combined with Projects and Categoricals Forward, and Encumbrances Forward, produces an estimated ending fund balance is \$3,269,906.44.
- The ending fund balance divided by the total revenue of \$46,302,927.62 is an estimated 7.06%.

Debt Service, Capital Projects, Food Service, and Federal Programs Budgets

- The Debt Service Budget total is \$237,792.16.
- For the first time in several years, the District will once again receive PECO Maintenance funding in the amount of \$128,617.75. The total Capital Projects budget is \$3,427,669.77, and increase of \$648,334.50 from last year's budget.
- The Food Service Budget for 2014-15 is \$4,162,251.31.
- The Federal Programs Budget includes several Federal grants that are applied for on an annual basis. The most notable change to the Federal Budget is the deletion of most of the RTTT grants. There were also significant declines in the Title I areas. The District will have access to the Title II grant in the future and will amend the budget at that time. The Total Federal Programs budget is \$5,531,747.04.

Chairman Arnold asked how the Digital Classroom Appropriation will be used. Superintendent Kenworthy responded that it will be used to purchase computer hardware and for professional development for teachers. Chairman Arnold asked when the District is required to have 1 to 1 computers, and Superintendent Kenworthy answered that it will be required in 2017-18.

Board Member Malissa Morgan commented that there is a significant increase in the Food Service Budget for the purchase of food, and asked if the appropriated amount takes into consideration the new Federal guidelines for school meals. Superintendent Kenworthy responded that it does reflect the increased cost involved in purchasing more fresh fruits and vegetables to be served in school cafeterias.

Board Member David Williams asked if the estimated fund balance of \$3,269,906.44 includes the cost of raises for employees. Superintendent Kenworthy responded that raises would need to come from the fund balance.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative budget in the amount of \$65,851,846.40 for the 2014-15 fiscal year for the Okeechobee County School District be approved for advertisement for public hearing.

Motion:	Gay Carlton
Second:	Malissa Morgan
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

B. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2014-15

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Resolution #15-002 adopting the tentative budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, be adopted.

Motion:	Malissa Morgan
Second:	Gay Carlton
Vote:	4-0 In Favor



Resolution

15-002

**A Resolution of the Okeechobee County School Board
 Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, did, pursuant to Chapters 200 and 1011, Florida Statutes, approve tentative millage rates and tentative budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Okeechobee County School Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

WHEREAS, at the public hearing and in full compliance with Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, the Okeechobee County School Board adopted tentative millage rates and the budget in the amount of \$ 65,851,846.40 for the fiscal year 2014-15.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the attached budget of the Okeechobee County School Board, including the millage rates as set forth therein, is hereby adopted by the School Board of Okeechobee County as a tentative budget for the categories indicated for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.



 Joe Arnold
 Chairman
 Okeechobee County School Board

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III. Items for Action

Chairman Arnold asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Items for Action*. None were requested.

A. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the following District Administrative Personnel be appointed for the 2014-15 fiscal year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ard, Joni	Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Barrett, Brian	Director of Operations
Chandler, Pamela	School Psychologist
Coker, Wendy	Coordinator of Exceptional Student Education
Downing, Tracy	Director of Student Services
Garcia, Donna	Coordinator of Staff Development
Geeting, Renee	Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services
Jones, Rashan	Coordinator of Network Systems
May, Shawna	Director of Information Technology
Murray, Laura	School Psychologist
Perkins, Michelle	Supervisor of Food Service
Piper, Louise	Supervisor of Transportation
Reno, Julie	Director of Human Resources
Robinson, Tuuli – through 7/28/2014	Coordinator of Information Technology
Steiert, Yolanda	Coordinator of Grants and Special Programs
Suits, Sharon – through 7/31/2014	Director of K-12 Accountability and Assessment
Turbeville, Joi	Director of Finance

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Note: Joseph Stanley was appointed as Coordinator of K-12 Accountability & Assessment by the School Board on May 13, 2014, for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Motion:	Malissa Morgan
Second:	David Williams
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

B. APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the following Principals and Assistant Principals be appointed for the 2014-15 fiscal year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Brewer, Andy	Principal, Yearling Middle School
Downing, Sean	Principal, Osceola Middle School
Koff, Matt	Principal, Seminole Elementary School
Lundy, Leslie	Principal, Everglades Elementary School
McCoy, Pat	Principal, North Elementary School
Radebaugh, Mike	Principal, South Elementary School
Revels, Carol	Senior Administrator, OHS/Freshman Campus
Weigum, Randal	Principal, Okeechobee Achievement Academy
Wiersma, Toni	Principal, Okeechobee High School
Ball, Billy	Assistant Principal, Everglades Elementary School
Hays, Jody	Assistant Principal, Osceola Middle School
Lewis, Margaret	Assistant Principal, Central Elementary School
Markham, Kim	Assistant Principal, Yearling Middle School
Paulson, Mary	Assistant Principal, South Elementary School
Ellinger, Erin	Assistant Principal, Seminole Elementary School
Robinson, Tuuli	Assistant Principal, North Elementary School
Tedders, Dylan	Assistant Principal, Okeechobee High School
VanCamp, Bryan	Assistant Principal, OHS/Freshman Campus
Wise, Sherry	Assistant Principal, Okeechobee High School

Note: Vanessa McAllister was appointed as Principal of Central Elementary School by the School Board on May 13, 2014, for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Motion:	Gay Carlton
Second:	Malissa Morgan
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

IV. Consent Agenda

Chairman Arnold asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Consent Agenda*. There were no requests.

Motion To Approve Consent Agenda:	Gay Carlton
Second:	Malissa Morgan
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

A. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Calzada, Oscar	Custodian II Okeechobee High School	Custodian I Okeechobee High School	07-07-2014

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B. PAYMENTS TO PERSONNEL

<u>Name/Group</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Time Period (Maximum)</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Correction to Payments to Personnel approved by the Board on 06-10-14:				
2 Migrant Advocates Elida Villalpando Elmo Urbina	Title I, Part A & Part C Noncapitalized Inventory	\$12.00 Per Hour	40 50 Hours Each 6/1/14-8/1/14 6/30/14 – 7/10/14	#4517 – Title I Migrant #4531 – Title I, Part A #4417 – Title I Migrant
Karen Browning	Develop Parent Involvement Plan	\$8.00 Per Hour	15 Hours 7/1/14 – 8/11/14	#4531 – Title I Schoolwide

Note: All professional development shall comply with provisions in the negotiated personnel contracts.

C. AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC.

The Board approved an agreement with Family Preservation Services of Florida, Inc. for behavior management services effective August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015.

VII. Information Items

A. SUPERINTENDENT

- There are currently 14 instructional vacancies. Chairman Arnold asked how many bus driver positions are still vacant. Superintendent Kenworthy replied that although he was not certain of the number of bus driver positions unfilled, that there are currently eight (8) new drivers in training.
- Superintendent Kenworthy announced a districtwide kick-off event for all employees to be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 8:15 a.m. in the Okeechobee High School gym. The event will feature Dorina Sackman, 2014 Florida Teacher of the Year, and motivational speaker.

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - NONE

- Malissa Morgan – Ms. Morgan asked that the Board consider having the Superintendent install video cameras on campuses for safety and security purposes. David Williams agreed with Ms. Morgan that security cameras in strategic areas of school campuses would be beneficial. Superintendent Kenworthy responded that he would investigate and report back to the School Board with feasibility and prices for installation and operation of security cameras.
- Gay Carlton – Peace Lutheran Church will host a New Teacher Luncheon on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at noon.

C. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY - None

D. PUBLIC - NONE

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Gay Carlton, seconded by David Williams, the Board adjourned at 6:45 p.m. A regular meeting of the School Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. The final public hearing for millage rates and the budget as well as a regular business meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. All meetings will be held at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD



Joe Arnold
Chairman



Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools