

I. Call to Order

Call to Order: Chairman Morgan

Present: District 1 – Joe Arnold
 District 2 – Malissa Morgan, Chairman
 District 3 – Dixie Ball
 District 4 – Amanda Fuchswanz

Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools
 Tom Conely, School Board Attorney

Absent: District 5 – Jill Holcomb, Vice Chairman

Invocation: Tom Conely
 Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Morgan

II. Recognition Items

- ★ **Student Recognition**
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- FFA Division and State Agri-Science Winner
 - YMS FFA Citrus Evaluation Team
 - YMS FFA Tool Identification Team
 - YMS FFA Dairy Evaluation Team
 - YMS FFA Livestock Evaluation Team
 - YMS FFA Land Evaluation Team
 - YMS FFA Poultry Evaluation Team
 - YMS FFA Vegetable Evaluation Team
 - YMS FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies
 - YMS FFA Conduct of Meetings Team
- ★ **Staff/Community Recognition**
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- Florida Healthy School District – Gold Level Award

III. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting of July 11, 2017
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| Motion: | Dixie Ball |
| Second: | Joe Arnold |
| Vote: | 4-0 In Favor |

IV. Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2017-18

Chairman Morgan asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2017-18*.

Motion To Approve Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2017-18:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Amanda Fuchswanz
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

- A. TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2017-18
- Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding tentative millage rates:
- For the 2017-18 budget year, the gross taxable value for Okeechobee County is \$1,883,689,939.00. This is an increase from the previous year of \$108,155,765.00 or 6%. For millage purposes, 96% of the certified tax roll is used which is \$1,808,342,341.00, an increase of \$103,829,534.00.
 - The Required Local Effort millage is set by the state at 4.358, a decrease of 0.246 mills, and is expected to generate \$7,880,756.00, an increase of \$33,179.00.
 - 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

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mills generating \$1,352,640.00, an increase of \$77,664.00. The operating fund millage rate is 5.356 mills, a decrease of 0.246 mills, and will generate \$9,233,396.00, an increase of \$110,843.00.

- The maximum Capital Improvement Effort millage is unchanged at 1.50 mills and is expected to yield an estimated \$2,712,514.00, an increase of \$155,745.00.
- This brings the total millage rate to 6.606 mills, a decrease of 0.246 mills, and the total estimated tax receipts are expected to be \$11,945,910.00, an increase of \$266,588.00.
- The Estimated FEFP Funds are \$31,503,038.00, an increase of \$826,225.00.
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is also referred to as unweighted FTE. The District is predicting 6,523.21 students for 2017-18, a decrease of 13.83 students from last year. The weighted FTE, which takes into consideration special needs of students, is estimated to increase to 6,900.30, an increase of 11.45.
- The Base Student Allocation (BSA) set by the State for 2017-18 is \$4,203.95, an increase of \$43.24. 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 1.00, the District's BSA is actually \$4,105.00 rather than the full \$4,203.95.
- The Final Budget Totals are:

Operating General Fund	\$55,384,372.23
Debt Service Funds	196,812.22
Capital Projects Funds	5,173,191.77
Food Service Funds	4,096,012.18
Federal Program Funds	<u>6,183,193.77</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$71,033,582.17

Millage Background Information:

<u>Millage Type</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Required Local Effort	5.215	5.143	4.954	4.604	4.358
Discretionary	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748
SUBTOTAL	5.963	5.891	5.702	5.352	5.106
Capital Outlay	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>
TOTAL MILLAGE	7.463	7.391	7.202	6.852	6.606
Millage Increase					
Millage Decrease	(0.435)	(0.072)	(0.189)	(0.350)	(0.246)

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative Required Local Effort millage rate of 4.358 for the 2017-18 operating budget be adopted.

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative Discretionary Local Effort millage rate of 0.748 for the 2017-18 operating budget be adopted.

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Amanda Fuchswanz
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative millage rate of 1.500 for the 2017-18 Capital Outlay budget be adopted.

Motion:	Dixie Ball
Second:	Joe Arnold
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

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B. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2017-18

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Resolution #18-001 adopting tentative millage rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, be adopted.

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor Superintendent Kenworthy read the Resolution into record.



Resolution
18-001

**A Resolution of the Okeechobee County School Board
Adopting Tentative Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

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, 2017, to June 30, 2018; and

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 2017-18 in the amounts of:

<u>Millage Type</u>	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Amount To Be Raised</u>
Required Local Effort	4.358	\$ 7,880,756.00
Basic Discretionary	0.748	1,352,640.00
Capital Outlay	1.500	2,712,514.00
Additional	0	0
Debt	0	0

The total millage rate to be levied is less than the roll-back rate by .21 percent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Okeechobee County School Board adopted each tentative millage rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, on July 27, 2017, by separate vote prior to adopting the tentative budget.

Signature on File
Malissa Morgan
Chairman
Okeechobee County School Board

July 27, 2017
Date

C. TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2017-18

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding the tentative budget:

Federal and State Revenue

- Total Federal Through State revenue is expected to be \$433,000.00, a decrease of \$13,146.00.
- Total FEFP revenue is expected to be \$31,503,038.00, an increase of \$1,174,256.00.
- 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 \$38,964,557.00, an increase of \$1,123,001.04.

Local Revenue

- The 4.358 Required Local Effort millage is expected to generate \$7,880,756.00.
- The 0.748 Discretionary Local Effort millage is expected to generate \$1,352,640.00.

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- 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 \$11,945,910.00, an increase of \$266,588.00 over last year.
- Total Revenue from All Sources is \$50,593,203.00, an increase of \$1,272,210.49. This figure sets the threshold for the District's fund balance.

Appropriations

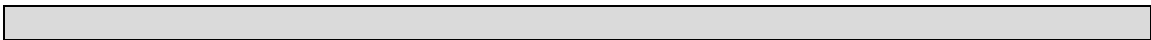
- The bulk of appropriations are appropriately placed at school sites. This year's Cost Center appropriations are \$40,539,624.00, which is a decrease of \$1,730,208.40 over last year's Cost Center appropriations.
- A noticeable increase in Virtual education due to an increase in McKay Scholarships. Most of the local McKay Scholarships go to Okeechobee Christian Academy.
- Appropriations for State and Local Projects totals \$11,783,665.
- Total Appropriations are estimated to be \$52,323,289.00, a decrease of \$1,465,061.27 from last year.

Fund Balance

- Total Appropriations combined with Projects and Categoricals Forward, and Encumbrances Forward, produces an estimated ending fund balance is \$2,503,031.24.
- The ending fund balance divided by the total revenue of \$55,384,372.23 leaves an estimated 5.00% fund balance.

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

- The Debt Service Budget total is \$196,812.22, and appropriations are equal to revenue.
- The District will not receive PECO Maintenance funding this year. The total Capital Projects budget is \$5,173,191.77, an increase of \$334,257.58 from last year's budget.
- The Food Service Budget for 2017-18 is \$4,096,012.18.
- The Federal Programs Budget includes several Federal grants that are applied for on an annual basis. The Total Federal Programs budget is \$6,183,193.77.



Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative budget in the amount of \$71,033,582 for the 2017-18 fiscal year be approved as presented.

Motion:	Dixie Ball
Second:	Joe Arnold
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

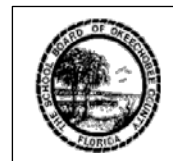
D. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2017-18

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Resolution #18-002 adopting the tentative budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, be adopted.

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor Superintendent Kenworthy read the Resolution into record.

Resolution
18-002

**A Resolution of the Okeechobee County School Board
Adopting The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18**



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, 2017, to June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Okeechobee County School Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the budget for fiscal year 2017-18.

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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 and the budget in the amount of \$71,033,582 for the fiscal year 2017-18.

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, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

Signature on File

Malissa Morgan
Chairman
Okeechobee County School Board

July 27, 2017

Date

The public hearing for adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and the Tentative Budget for 2017-18 concluded at 7:00 p.m.

The School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, hereby certifies that pursuant to a legal notice, a meeting for public hearing was held in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office, 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, at 5:01 p.m., in the City of Okeechobee on the 27th day of July, 2017, for the purpose of adopting Tentative Millage Rates and the Tentative Budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The Board further certifies that it remained in session until 7:00 p.m. and there appeared no citizens to discuss or oppose millage rates or the final budget.

V. Items for Action

Chairman Morgan asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Items for Action*. Superintendent Kenworthy requested that Item A. School Starting and Dismissal Times for 2017-18 be pulled for revision.

Motion To Approve <i>Items for Action</i> Agenda with Item. A. pulled for revision:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

A. SCHOOL STARTING AND DISMISSAL TIMES FOR 2017-18 PULLED FOR REVISION

A. SCHOOL STARTING AND DISMISSAL TIMES FOR 2017-18

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approved the starting and dismissal times for students for the 2017-18 school year as follows:

	Starting Time	Ending Time
Central, Everglades and Seminole Elementary	8:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
North, South and Okeechobee Achievement Academy Elementary	8:10 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Middle Schools	9:00 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
Okeechobee Freshman Campus	7:18 a.m.	1:47 p.m.
Okeechobee High School	7:05 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Okeechobee Achievement Academy	7:20 a.m.	1:50 p.m.
OAA- Pre K	8:15 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

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B. DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT WITH INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve a Dual Enrollment Agreement with Indian River State College, effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Motion:	Dixie Ball
Second:	Amanda Fuchswanz
Discussion/Additional Information	Mr. Kenworthy stated that this is a renewal agreement. Joe Arnold will abstain from the vote due to full time employment at Indian River State College.
Vote:	3-0 In Favor Abstain from vote: Joe Arnold

C. RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSORTIUM

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board adopt a resolution for participation in the Small School District Council Consortium (SSDCC) for the 2017-18 fiscal year and payment of an annual membership fee of \$2,850.00.

Motion:	Dixie Ball
Second:	Amanda Fuchswanz
Discussion/Additional Information	Superintendent Kenworthy read the Resolution into record.
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

**RESOLUTION
AFFIRMING PARTICIPATION IN THE
SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, the Okeechobee County School Board believes there is a need to have educational information, interpretation, and consultation on issues relating to small and rural communities that is not independently available, and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing such services independently for the School Board would make the cost prohibitive, and

WHEREAS, the needed services are provided through the Small School District Council Consortium, and

WHEREAS, the Okeechobee County School District has participated in the consortium in previous years by official action of the Board and payment of the annual fee,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Okeechobee County School Board authorizes the participation in the Small School District Council Consortium for fiscal year 2017-2018 and as such agrees to pay \$2,850.00 to the designated Fiscal Agent upon invoice for participation fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall authorize the Okeechobee County School District participation in the SSDCC in future years contingent upon the approval of the SSDCC Annual Invoice for Participation Fees as part of a regularly scheduled School Board meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SSDCC Fiscal Agent shall be the contracting agent for the employment and payment of consulting services and associated program costs.

Adopted by the Okeechobee County School Board in Regular Session at 700 S.W. Second Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida on the 27th day of July, 2017.

BY:
Signature on File
Malissa Morgan, Chairperson
Okeechobee County School Board

ATTEST:
Signature on File
Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent
Okeechobee County School District

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AT WASHINGTON SPECIAL

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve the FTE associated with Washington Special be reported by the Washington County School District effective with October 2017, FTE survey.

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Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Discussion/Additional Information	Mr. Kenworthy read the statement, "The Department of Education shall work with the Washington County school district and the Okeechobee County school district to determine, pursuant to section 1003.52(3), Florida Statutes, which district shall be the educational service provider for the full-time equivalent (FTE) students currently associated with Washington Special. Effective with the October 2017 FTE Survey, the FTE associated with Washington Special in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) will be reported by either the Washington County school district or the Okeechobee County school district. The FTE changes required shall be incorporated into the 2017-2018 third FEFP Calculation as determined by the FEFP Allocation" Conference." Per the above language, Washington County will be the educational service provider and will report and receive the full-time equivalent (FTE) for students currently associated with Okeechobee Youth Development Center (formerly Washington Special, District 69)". House Bill 3A in Special Session made a decision to eliminate the Washington Special/OYDC funding category. It was decided that DOE would work with either Okeechobee County Schools or Washington County to see who would run and receive funding for program. There were three (3) options to consider. It was decided that Washington County Schools would continue to report FTE for the program.
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

E. REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017-18

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Board approve the following revisions to personnel allocations for the 2017-18 fiscal year:

Instructional Personnel

Action		#	Position	Location	Effective Date
Add	Delete				
	✓	1	Teacher, Flex Day/Night	Okeechobee High School	08-01-2017
	✓	1	Teacher, Instructional Coach	District-Wide	07-27-2017
	✓	1	Behavior Interventionist	Exceptional Student Education	07-27-2017

Non-Instructional Personnel

Action		#	Position	Location	Effective Date
Add	Delete				
✓		1	Paraprofessional, ESOL (Title III funding)	Everglades Elementary School	08-03-2017

Motion:	Amanda Fuchswanz
Second:	Dixie Ball
Discussion/Additional Information	Superintendent Kenworthy stated that in balancing the budget, these three (3) positions were deleted. One (1) paraprofessional position was added with ESOL funding.
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

VI. Consent Agenda

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

Motion To Approve Consent Agenda:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Amanda Fuchswanz
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

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A. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School or Center</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Close, Byron	Teacher, 7 th Grade Science	Yearling Middle School	08/01/2017
Bosworth, Hunter	Teacher, 6 th grade Math	Yearling Middle School	08/01/2017
Halliday, Lauren	Teacher, 3 rd Grade	Central Elementary School	08/01/2017
Maggard, Sara	Guidance Counselor, M/J	Osceola Middle School	08/01/2017
Moore-Kelly, Kerry	Teacher, 5 th Grade	Central Elementary School	08/01/2017

B. RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School or Center</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Muller, Shelby	Paraprofessional, ESE	Okeechobee Achieve Academy	06/01/2017
Wooten, Cristen	Paraprofessional, ESE	Seminole Elementary School	06/01/2017

That the resignation of Staci Hale, Teacher, Health Occupation, Okeechobee High School, be accepted with prejudice effective June 1, 2017, due to lack of sufficient notice.

That the resignation of Alyssa Regan, Teacher, First Grade, Everglades Elementary School, be accepted with prejudice effective June 1, 2017, due to lack of sufficient notice.

C. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Alaniz, Ami	Secretary, K-12 Accountability Student Services District Office	Paraprofessional, Instructional (TAPP) Okeechobee High School	08/03/2017
Ammons, Katie	Paraprofessional, Elementary South Elementary School	Aide, Clerical Okeechobee High School	08/03/2017

To correct effective date of transfer for the following originally approved July 20, 2017:

Clay, Dana	Custodian II Central Elementary School	Custodian II South Elementary School	06/21/2017 07/03/2017
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D. LEAVE REQUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Leave Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Through</u>
Kemp, Jimmy	Seminole Elementary	Short Term	06/19/2017	07/04/2017

E. ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR 2017-18

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
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Estrada, Johnny

III

Rank I – Less than 60 college credit hours

Rank II – 60 or more college credit hours

Rank III – Bachelor's degree or higher

F. DJJ COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the Board approved an amendment to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Cooperative Agreement for the provision of educational and social services to students in DJJ facilities in Okeechobee County effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2019.

G. ANNUAL ACCOUNTING AND RETENTION AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA, INC.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the Board approved an Annual Accounting and Retention Agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. effective through September 30, 2019.

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H. CONTRACT FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR TEEN PARENTING PROGRAM

Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the Board approved the contract with the childcare facility listed below to provide childcare services for the Teen Parenting Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- Okeechobee Children's Academy

VII. Information Items

A. SUPERINTENDENT

- Superintendent Kenworthy announced new teachers will begin next Tuesday and invited members to attend New Teacher Luncheons at Peace Lutheran and First United Methodist Church.
- Thursday, August 3, 1:00, there will be an important Special Facilities Committee meeting to present Okeechobee's case to the Department of Education in Tallahassee. The committee will decide if Okeechobee High School is a critical need school and if so, rank the school along with two other districts. Superintendent Kenworthy quickly reviewed the power point presentation seeking input from the Board. Member Arnold asked that the presentation focus on what the new facility will do for the students and community. Chairman Morgan suggested including student letters or a video clip.

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – None

C. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY -

- Attorney Conely stated that the District received a request for due process; the District's primary focus is the student. Superintendent Kenworthy recommended that the District may need to seek outside counsel, specializing in ESE. This may need to take place prior to the next Board meeting. Member Arnold asked if a retainer should be placed in the annual budget. Attorney Conely stated that school starts next week and he would like to get this resolved prior to school starting. The Board will need to approve counsel. If needed, a recommendation will be brought to the August 15, Board meeting.

D. PUBLIC -

- Pat McCoy invited Board members to the annual District Pep Rally, Okeechobee High School, 8:30, August 3. Focus groups will meet later in the day regarding ReadyGen and the new social studies series.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Dixie Ball, seconded by Joe Arnold, the Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m. A regular meeting of the School Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. 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 Thursday, September 7, 2017. All meetings will be held at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Signature on File _____
Malissa Morgan
Chairman

Signature on File _____
Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools