

I. Call to Order

Call to Order: Chairman Holcomb

Present: District 1 – Joe Arnold
District 3 – Dixie Ball, Vice Chairman
District 4 – Amanda Riedel
District 5 – Jill Holcomb, Chairman

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

Absent: District 2 – Malissa Morgan

Invocation: Attorney Tom Conely
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Holcomb

II. Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2018-19

Chairman Holcomb asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the *Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2018-19*. None were requested.

Motion To Approve Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for 2018-19:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

A. TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2018-19

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding tentative millage rates:

- For the 2018-19 budget year, the gross taxable value for Okeechobee County is \$2,098,620,428. This is an increase from the previous year of \$214,930,489 or 11.4%. For millage purposes, 96% of the certified tax roll is used which is \$2,014,675,611, an increase of \$206,333,270. The budget is built on this number.
- The Required Local Effort millage is set by the state at 4.111, a decrease of 0.247 mills, and is expected to generate \$8,282,331, an increase of \$401,575 from the previous year.
- The maximum Discretionary Local Effort millage. The School Board has the discretion to levy this millage rate for the upcoming budget year at 0.748 mills generating \$1,506,977, an increase of \$154,337. The operating fund millage rate is 4.859 mills, a decrease of 0.247 mills, and will generate \$9,789,308, an increase of \$555,512.
- The maximum Capital Improvement Effort millage is unchanged at 1.50 mills and is expected to yield an estimated \$3,022,013, an increase of \$309,499.
- This brings the total millage rate to 6.359 mills, a decrease of 0.001 mills, and the total estimated tax receipts are expected to be \$12,811,321, an increase of \$865,411. Most of these funds are in Safe Schools and Mental Health.
- The Estimated FEFP Funds are \$30,642,140, a decrease of \$860,898.
- The total millage rate to be levied exceeds the roll-back rate by 3.86 percent.
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is also referred to as unweighted FTE. The District is predicting 6,353.68 students for 2018-19, a decrease of 169.53 students from last year. The weighted FTE, which takes into consideration the special needs of students, is estimated to decrease to 6,711.47, a decrease of 188.83.
- The Base Student Allocation (BSA) set by the State for 2018-19 is \$4,204.42, an increase of \$.47. 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 \$4,107.30 rather than the full \$4,204.42.

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- The Final Budget Totals are:

Operating General Fund	\$54,718,615
Debt Service Funds	42,712
Capital Projects Funds	6,420,544
Food Service Funds	4,235,155
Federal Program Funds	<u>6,511,066</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$71,928,092

Millage Background Information:

<u>Millage Type</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Required Local Effort	5.143	4.954	4.604	4.358	4.111
Discretionary	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748	0.748
SUBTOTAL	5.891	5.702	5.352	5.106	4.859
Capital Outlay	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>	<u>1.500</u>
TOTAL MILLAGE	7.391	7.202	6.852	6.606	6.359
Millage Increase					
Millage Decrease	(0.072)	(0.189)	(0.350)	(0.246)	(0.247)

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative Required Local Effort millage rate of 4.111 for the 2018-19 operating budget be adopted.

Motion:	Joe Arnold, motion withdrawn; Joe Arnold
Second:	Amanda Riedel motion withdrawn; Amanda Riedel
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative Discretionary Local Effort millage rate of 0.748 for the 2018-19 operating budget be adopted.

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

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative millage rate of 1.500 for the 2018-19 Capital Outlay budget be adopted.

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

B. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2018-19

That Resolution #19-001 adopted July 26, 2018 be rescinded due to an error in the roll-back rate.

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

That the attached Resolution #19-001 adopting tentative millage rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, be adopted.

Motion:	Joe Arnold
Second:	Dixie Ball
Vote:	4-0 In Favor Superintendent Kenworthy read the Resolution into record, noting that the resolution reflects the corrected roll-back rate of 3.86 percent.



Resolution
19-001

**A Resolution of the Okeechobee County School Board
 Adopting Tentative Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2018-19**

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, 2018, to June 30, 2019; 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 2018-19 in the amounts of:

<u>Millage Type</u>	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Amount To Be Raised</u>
Required Local Effort	4.111	\$ 8,282,331.00
Basic Discretionary	0.748	1,506,977.00
Capital Outlay	1.500	3,022,013.00
Additional	0	0
Debt	0	0

The total millage rate to be levied exceeds the roll-back rate by 3.86 percent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Okeechobee County School Board adopted each tentative millage rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, on August 2, 2018, by separate vote prior to adopting the tentative budget.

 Signature on File
 Jill Holcomb
 Chairman
 Okeechobee County School Board

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 Date

C. TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2018-19

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding the tentative budget:

Federal and State Revenue

- Total Federal Through State revenue is expected to be \$602,377, a decrease of \$601.
- Total FEFP revenue is expected to be \$30,916,700, an increase of \$469,481.
- 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 \$38,219,127, an increase of \$394,613.

Local Revenue

- The 4.111 Required Local Effort millage is expected to generate \$8,282,331.
- The 0.748 Discretionary Local Effort millage is expected to generate \$1,506,977.
- In addition to millage revenue, proceeds are collected locally through facility rental, transfers from capital, etc.
- Total Local Revenue will yield \$10,892,116, a decrease of \$147,713 over last year.
- Total Revenue from All Sources is \$49,785,620, an increase of \$246,299. 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 \$40,282,426, which is a decrease of \$428,335 over last year's Cost Center appropriations.
- Appropriations for State and Local Projects totals \$11,737,946.
- Total Appropriations are estimated to be \$52,020,372, a decrease of \$672,013 from last year.

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Fund Balance

- Total Appropriations combined with Projects and Categorical Forward, and Encumbrances Forward, produces an estimated ending fund balance is \$2,224,905.
- The ending fund balance divided by the total revenue of \$54,718,615 leaves an estimated 5.00% fund balance.

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

- The Debt Service Budget total is \$42,712 and appropriations are equal to revenue.
- The total Capital Projects budget is \$6,420,544, an increase of \$1,091,656 from last year's budget.
- The Food Service Budget for 2018-19 is \$4,235,155.
- The Federal Programs Budget includes several Federal grants that are applied for on an annual basis. The Total Federal Programs budget is \$6,511,066.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the tentative budget in the amount of \$71,928,092 for the 2018-19 fiscal year be approved as presented.
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Motion:	Dixie Ball
Second:	Amanda Riedel
Vote:	4-0 In Favor

D. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2018-19

That Resolution #19-002 adopted July 26, 2018 be rescinded due to an error in the roll-back rate.

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

That the attached Resolution #19-002 adopting the tentative budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, be adopted.

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

Resolution
19-002

**A Resolution of the Okeechobee County School Board
Adopting The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19**



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, 2018, to June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Okeechobee County School Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the budget for fiscal year 2018-19.

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 \$71,928,092 for the fiscal year 2018-19.

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, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

Signature on File
Jill Holcomb Chairman Okeechobee County School Board
August 2, 2018
Date

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The public hearing for adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and the Tentative Budget for 2018-19 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 6:00 p.m., in the City of Okeechobee on the 2nd day of August, 2018, for the purpose of adopting Tentative Millage Rates and the Tentative Budget for the 2018-19 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.

III. Information Items

A. SUPERINTENDENT

- Distributed two hand-outs: Family Nights at Indian River State College and Behavioral Health Provider Fair.
- Announced that the August 7, Negotiations have been cancelled as the District is not quite ready and it is the first week of school. The Union cancelled Negotiations on August 28, and added August 29. Superintendent Kenworthy asked members to select a date for an Executive Session regarding collective bargaining. Members chose Tuesday, August 14, 5:00 p.m.

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – None

C. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY - None

D. PUBLIC -

- Daniel Willis, Park Manager, Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve/Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park, shared information on a park/school program in Marion County that he would like to see replicated in Okeechobee. The program is for all 4th and 5th graders in the district with an emphasis on History and Science. The local park will write a ten year plan within the next two years, Mr. Willis would like to see this program written into the plan. Member Riedel asked about the frequency of use by public school students. Mr. Willis stated that all 4th and 5th grade students in Marion County visit the site once a year in addition to twice a year special events. The special events and admission fees help sustain the program. The program is offered free to public schools while the general public and private schools pay admission fees.

Mr. Willis, spoke as a father of three children in the District, requesting better communication between the schools, classroom and families. He mentioned a number of communication tools being used by classroom teachers, schools and the District and said that he felt parents would be more engaged if everyone communicated using the same method. Mr. Willis suggested that resources available at one school be offered and advertised to students at another local school.

Mr. Willis expressed concern with the retention of teachers and administrators and its effect on the District maintaining or improving its "C" grade.

Chairman Holcomb thanked Mr. Willis and invited him to the Strategic Plan Workshop on August 21, 5:00.

IV. 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 14, 2018. 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 6, 2018. All meetings will be held at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Signature on File
Jill Holcomb
Chairman

Signature on File
Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools