


September 11, 2012

TO: Members, School Board of Pinellas County

FROM: Kevin Smith, Associate Superintendent
Finance and Business Services 

RE: Materials for the Second Public Hearing 2012-13 Budget and Millage

The Second Public Hearing on the proposed 2012-13 District Budget and Millage Rates is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. There is a board meeting at 5:00 p.m. that same evening. If the board meeting agenda is not completed by 7:00 p.m., it will be necessary to recess the meeting in order to hold the legally-advertised Budget/Millage Public Hearing. However, the consent item # 6 – Request Approval of the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Adoption of the (Tentative) Five-Year Facilities Work Program for 2012-13 through 2016-2017 must be approved by the board prior to the start of the Budget Hearing as required by State Statute 1013.35(2)(a).

The enclosed Second Public Hearing Budget Book provides comparative information relative to the actual close out results for fiscal year 2011-12. Although the final closing position improved slightly over the first public hearing, the budget for the Operating fund contains approximately \$12 Million in proposed budget reductions, which includes a reduction in the board's expense for health insurance of approximately \$6 Million. It also includes a reclassification of some general fund expenditures to the food service fund, a potential reduction in departmental discretionary budgets, reductions in contracted services, purchased services, and overtime payments.

The proposed total tax millage rate of 8.302 mills is slightly lower than the actual rate levied for the 2011-12 fiscal year of 8.385 mills. As a result of a 2.3% decrease in the tax roll, the proposed tax millage of 8.302 mills represents a 3.44% decrease when compared to the 8.5982 mills "rolled-back" rate. The proposed taxes to be raised by the total millage rate will be \$16.3 Million less than the proceeds generated by last year's millage rate. Capital Outlay funding accounts for \$2.1 Million of this reduction and the remaining \$14.2 Million is attributable to the Operating budget.

If you have any questions pertaining to any of these materials or about the budget in general, please either call Karen Coffey (588-6171) or me (588-6172). Thank you for your support and interest in our budget and finances.

KS:sa
Attachment

cc: John A. Stewart, Ed. D., Superintendent
Jim Madden, Deputy Superintendent
David Koperski, General Counsel
Karen Coffey, Executive Director, Budget & Resource Allocation