

HOLMES COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
 BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR SESSION  
 AUGUST 3, 2015

The Holmes County School Board held a Public Hearing and met in Regular Session on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 5:05 p.m. in the Board Room at 701 East Pennsylvania Avenue in Bonifay. Board Members present: Rusty Williams - Chair, Sid Johnson – Vice-Chair, Debbie Kolmetz, Alan Justice, and Shirley Owens. Also present: Superintendent Eddie Dixon, Board Attorney Luke Taylor, Administrators Jim Goodman, Carmen Bush, Donnita Butorac, and Pamela Price and Finance Officer Larry Hawkins. Greg Johnson, Resource Officer, was also present.

Mr. Williams opened the meeting with a Public Hearing for the adoption of the tentative millage rates and budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Members of the public responding during the open hearing were: Jackie Webb and Robert Kolmetz.

After the public was allowed to respond Mr. Williams called the regular scheduled meeting to order and the adoption of the agenda. Sid Johnson moved to approve the agenda, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously.

**HEARING THE PUBLIC**

The following addressed the board concerning the pending transfer of Bethlehem Teacher Susan Steverson: Susan Steverson, Sally Brock, Abigail Watford, Rhonda Clyatt, Jackie Webb and Veronica Smith.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS –**

**A. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2015-2016**

**Whereas**, the School Board of Holmes County, Florida, did pursuant to chapters 200 and 1011, Florida Statutes, approve the tentative millage rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016;

**Whereas**, at the public hearing and in full compliance with Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, the Holmes County School Board adopted the tentative millage rates for fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amounts of:

	<u>Tentative Millage Levy</u>	<u>Proposed Amount to be Raised</u>
<b>Required Local Effort</b>	<b>4.941</b>	<b>2,335,358</b>
<b>Basic Discretionary</b>	<b>0.748</b>	<b>353,541</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b><u>1.500</u></b>	<b><u>708,973</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.189</b>	<b>3,397,872</b>

The total millage rate to be levied exceeds the roll-back rate by 1.47 percent.

**Resolved**, That the District School Board of Holmes County adopted each tentative millage rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 on August 3, 2015 by separate vote prior to adopting the tentative budget. Sid Johnson moved to adopt the resolution, second by Alan Justice which passed 4-1 with Debbie Kolmetz voting against the Resolution.

**B. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2015-2016**

**Whereas**, the School Board of Holmes County, Florida, did, pursuant to chapters 200 and 1011, Florida Statutes, approve the tentative millage rates and tentative budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; and

**Whereas**, the Holmes County School Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016;

**Whereas**, at the public hearing and in full compliance with Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, the Holmes County School Board adopted the tentative millage rates and the budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

**Resolved**, that the attached budget of the District School Board of Holmes County, including the millage rates as set forth therein, is hereby adopted by the School Board of Holmes County as a tentative budget for the categories indicated for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

**Adopted** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2015, on a motion by Alan Justice and second by Sid Johnson which passed unanimously.

**Resolved**, that the District School Board of Holmes County conduct its final budget hearing for the year 2015-2016 on September 15, 2015 at 5:05 p.m. following a workshop at 4:00 p.m. Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Alan Justice which passed unanimously. S. min. page \_\_\_\_\_

- C. 2015-2016 PERSONNEL HANDBOOK – Alan Justice moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens. Debbie Kolmetz moved to table the handbook for further discussion on the cell phone use at the next workshop, second by Sid Johnson which passed unanimously. The original motion and second were withdrawn. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. CONTRACT WITH CHEMICAL ADDICTIONS RECOVERY EFFORT (CARE) – Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Alan Justice which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. 2015-2016 2015-2016 STUDENT HANDBOOKS – (HCHS – PDLH – PS) – Shirley Owens moved to approve, second by Alan Justice which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. 2015-2016 DUAL ENROLLMENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH CHIPOLA COLLEGE – Debbie Kolmetz moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. 2015-2016 DUAL ENROLLMENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE – Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Alan Justice which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. 2012-2017 MASTER IN-SERVICE PLAN REVISIONS – Alan Justice moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- I. AGREEMENT WITH TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HEAD START – Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- J. AGREEMENT WITH ACCELIFY FOR MEDICAID SERVICES – Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_\_
- K. 2015-2016 CONTRACTED SERVICES BIDS – For year 2015-2016 – See bid folder 2015-\_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Teacher of Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility – Pat Wilson – Alan Justice moved to approve, second by Sid Johnson which passed unanimously.
  - 2) Behavior Intervention – Spectrum Counseling Services – Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Alan Justice which passed unanimously.
  - 3) Physical Therapy – Exodus Rehabilitation, Inc. – Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens which passed 3-1 with Debbie Kolmetz voting against and Alan Justice abstaining from voting due to a voting conflict.

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Alan Justice and second by Shirley Owens as follows: Invoices, Warrant List, P.O.'s over \$3000, Budget Amendments (none) and the 07/21/15 Workshop and Regular Session Minutes.

PERSONNEL – Superintendent Dixon made the following recommendations:

HIRE the following for the 2015-2016 school year: (effective 08/03/15)

- Nathan Castenada as Teacher at BMS.
- Leigh Ann Yates as Teacher at BES.
- Amy Chestnut as Teacher at BES.
- Kendall Walton as Math Teacher at PDLH.
- Zachary Marx as Teacher/Asst. Football Coach at HCHS.

AMEND the following for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Heather Bailey from Teacher to Guidance Counselor at PDLH.

ACCEPT the Resignation from Employment on the following:

Jeanette Bailes, ESE Aide III at BHS, effective 07/22/15.

Barbara Johnston, Aide III at PDLE, effective 09/30/15 at 3:00 p.m. (For Retirement)

TRANSFER the following for the 2015-2016 school year:

Susan Steverson, Teacher at BHS to the GAP. (Teacher and position)

Teaching position from PDLH to HCHS (Teacher hired as Guidance/not replacing teaching position at PDLH)

HIRE the following for the 2015-2016 WINGS After-School/Extended School Program:

**Poplar Springs**

Teachers – Melissa Whitledge, Barbara McSwain, Jana Trim, Deborah Jones, Brad Hall, Teresa Snell, Lacy Brown

Sid Johnson moved to approve, second by Alan Justice which passed 4-1 with Debbie Kolmetz voting against the recommendations stating she feels they should not be moving Susan Steverson, a teacher that has been there for 28 years. Mrs. Kolmetz also urged every board member to search their heart because she is totally against moving our good teachers and possibly losing them and stating she doesn't know why we are moving her to the GAP when she is an English teacher at Bethlehem.

**FEDERAL, STATE PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS**

A. 2015-2016 VPK PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH EARLY LEARNING COALITION – Alan Justice moved to approve, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously. S. min. p. \_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS –**

A. FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR RUSTY WILLIAMS - (For abstaining to vote at the 07/21/15 board meeting due to a conflict on personnel recommendation being related)

Sid Johnson moved to accept the form, second by Shirley Owens which passed unanimously.

B. Debbie Kolmetz expressed her disgust with the board for voting to put Mrs. Steverson at the GAP and stated, "She has my heart felt, my heart goes out to you. We need to keep good teachers and I don't understand how the board can vote against that."

There being no further business Alan Justice moved to adjourn, second by Sid Johnson which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Rusty Williams, Chairman

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Eddie Dixon, Superintendent