

The mission of the Washington County School District is to empower all students to become well educated, productive citizens by providing appropriate, high quality, and rigorous educational programs in a safe learning environment.

**BUDGET HEARING**  
Of The  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
FOR  
**Approval to Set the Millage and Tentative Budget**  
**July 31, 2017 – 5:05 P.M.**  
**Board Room – Administrative Building**  
**Chipley, Florida**

**MINUTES**

The Washington County School Board met in a public hearing to approve the 2017-2018 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget. Chairman Mr. Vann Brock, Vice Chairman Ms. Susan Roberts, Mr. Milton Brown, Mr. Terry Ellis, Dr. Lou Cleveland, and Superintendent Joseph Taylor were present.

There was a prayer by Superintendent Joseph Taylor followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Call to Order/Adoption of the Agenda:**

Chairman Vann Brock called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Terry Ellis and a second by Dr. Lou Cleveland.

**II. Approval to Set the Tentative Millage:**

**A. Superintendent/Staff Presentation:** Superintendent Joseph Taylor, reviewed the information on the millage with the Board.

(1) The state roll-back rate is **6.9082** mills. This rate would generate the same tax revenues as the prior year when applied to the current year adjusted taxable value.

(2) The proposed Required Local Effort millage rate for **2017-2018** is **4.4150**, which is less than the rolled-back rate. The total proposed millage is broken down as follows:

	<b><u>MILLS</u></b>
Required Local Effort (R.L.E)	4.4150
Basic Discretionary Operating	0.7480
Capital Outlay	<u>1.5000</u>
<b>TOTAL Millage</b>	<b>6.6630</b>

**B. Public Input:** None

**C. Board Action:**

- (1) Mr. Vann Brock, Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the millage beginning with the Required Local Effort. The Required Local Effort of 4.4150 mills was approved with four (5) votes by the Board on a motion by Ms. Susan Roberts and a second by Mr. Milton Brown.
- (2) Mr. Vann Brock, Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the Discretionary millage of 0.7480 mills. The Discretionary Millage of 0.7480 mills was approved with four (5) votes by the Board on a motion by Mr. Milton Brown and a second by Mr. Terry Ellis.
- (3) Mr. Vann Brock, Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the Capital Outlay millage of 1.5000 mills. The Capital Outlay Millage of 1.5000 was approved with five votes (5) votes by the Board on a motion by Dr. Lou Cleveland and a second by Mr. Terry Ellis.

**III. Approval of the Tentative Budget:**

**A. Superintendent/Staff Presentation:** Superintendent Taylor presented the 2017-2018 tentative budget to the Board. The total of the tentative budget for 2017-2018 is **\$82,932,044.**

**B. Public Input:** None

**C. Board Action:** Mr. Vann Brock, Chairman, asked for a recommendation to approve the tentative budget.

The Board unanimously approved the 2017-2018 tentative budget on a motion by Ms. Susan Roberts and a second by Mr. Milton Brown.

The **Final Budget Hearing** will be held on **September 11, 2017**, at **5:05 P.M.** CST at the WCSB Board Room.

**IV. Adjourn:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**Budget Hearing Minutes**  
**July 31, 2017**

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**VANN BROCK, CHAIRMAN**  
**SUSAN ROBERTS, VICE CHAIRMAN**  
**TERRY ELLIS**  
**MILTON BROWN**  
**DR. LOU CLEVELAND**

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**JOSEPH TAYLOR, SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY**