

MARENGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

First Budget Hearing / Work Session  
September 13, 2022

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Mr. Rayvell Smith, President.

Establishment of a quorum.

Members present: Mr. Freddie Charleston, Mrs. Lynda Joiner, Mr. John McAlpine, and Mr. Rayvell Smith.

Mr. Chester Moore participated through ZOOM.

Members absent: none.

The invocation was given by Mr. Smith.

Approval

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Joiner and seconded by Mr. Charleston. It carried unanimously.

I, Luke Hallmark, Superintendent of Education of Marengo County Schools, do hereby make the following recommendation:

New Business

1. That the Board review the proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

Diana Luker, Chief School Financial Officer, reported the budget looks better because of the ESSER Funds and the addition of a portion of a new 1 cent sales tax that begin November 1, 2021.

As in FY 2022, this year's budget allows the school system to carry no local units, except for the Superintendent and a small piece of a whole unit. School systems throughout are still being allowed to move local units into federal units without supplanting. The total number of employees in FY 2023 will be 166. This does not include contracted and part-time personnel.

Mrs. Luker went over the FY 2023 Foundation Program for the entire system and then reviewed each school's FY 2023 budget. ADM numbers were down only 1.8 students while teacher units increased .25.

Mrs. Luker discussed the different line items in the Foundation Program with big concerns with the textbook funding. There is not near enough money funded for textbooks and it causes the system to pick up the difference. State funding showed a significant increase due to the new salary matrix. Also, teacher material funding increased from \$700 to \$900 per teacher unit.

The total expenditures and other fund sources are \$9,695,663 with instructional services making up \$4,909,974 and support services making up \$1,647,610 of this total. The total revenues projected are \$10,638,574. If the projected budget remains as reported, the ending fund balance would be \$922,977.

This is a good budget for the system to work with this upcoming year.

Date and Time of Second Budget Hearing

The date and time of the second budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting of the Board

The date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 4:59 p.m. was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.

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Luke Hallmark, Superintendent

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Rayvell Smith, President