

MARENGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting Minutes and Second Budget Hearing  
September 14, 2022

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 of Agenda

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

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.

The proposed ending fund balance is the best the system has had for many years. The Superintendent mentioned that it is a good time to put away some funds for a time when needed.

The motion to approve item 1 was made by Mr. McAlpine and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.

#### Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting of the Board

Due to the possibility of a couple of the Board members not being able to attend at 4:00 p.m., the date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

#### Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. was made by Mrs. Joiner and seconded by Mr. McAlpine. It carried unanimously.