The Okeechobee County School Board met in special session on the above date with the following members present: Chairman David Williams, Vice Chairman India Riedel, Joe Arnold, Gay Carlton; and Malissa Morgan. Also present were Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent of Schools, and Tom Conely, School Board Attorney.

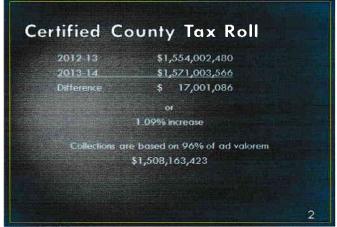
Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Rev. Jim Benton, Faith Farms Tabernacle, opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by Malissa Morgan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2013.

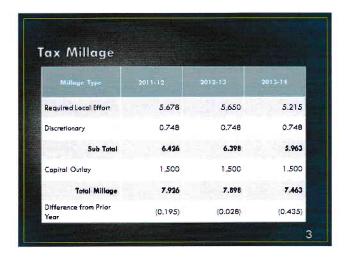
Chairman Williams asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. Superintendent Kenworthy requested that Item III.A., *Tentative Millage Rates for 2013-14 for Advertisement*, be pulled and replaced for correction of the Local Required Effort millage rate; and that Item III. G., *Approval of Agenda for Legislative Hearing*, be added to the agenda. On a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by Gay Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the replacement of Item III.A. and the addition of Item III.G.

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the following information regarding proposed millage rates for 2013-14:





Comments: The Okeechobee County Property Appraiser certified the tax roll on or about July 1st. For the 2013-14 budget year, the gross taxable value of \$1,571,003,566.00 represents a 1.09% increase from the previous year. As directed by the state, 96% of the certified tax roll is used for calculations.

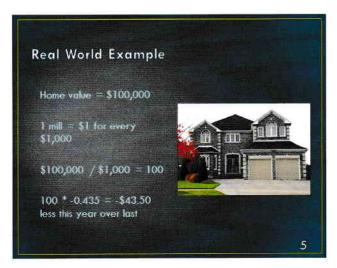


Comments: The Required Local Effort millage rate is set by the State. The rate of 5.215, a decrease from last year, will generate an estimated \$7,865,072.00. This is a decrease of \$563,837.00. The State also sets the maximum Discretionary Local Effort millage rate, which has not

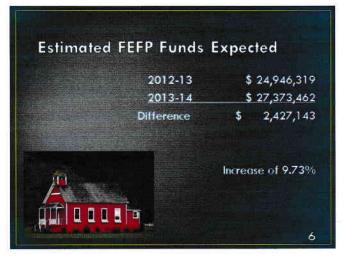
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Comments: TRIM requires that the rolled back rate be included as a part of the budget hearing. The rolled back rate is the rate that would generate the same amount of property tax revenue as approved the prior year.

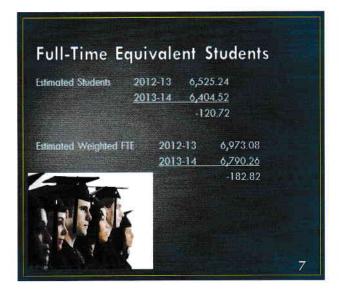
changed from last year, and the School Board has the discretion to levy this millage. The Discretionary millage will generate an estimated \$1,128,106.00. The Capital Outlay millage rate remains the same at 1.500 mills and will generate an estimated \$2,262,245.00, which is an increase of \$24,481.00. That brings the total millage rate for 2013-14 to 7.463 mills, a 0.435 decrease from last year's millage rate.



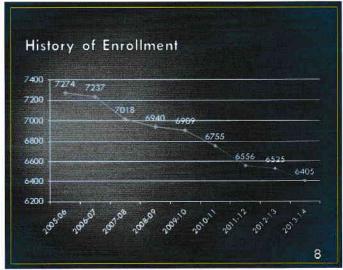
A mill represents \$1 for every \$1,000 in value. A \$100,000 home, if the assessed value did not increase, will have a decrease in school taxes of \$43.50 for this year.



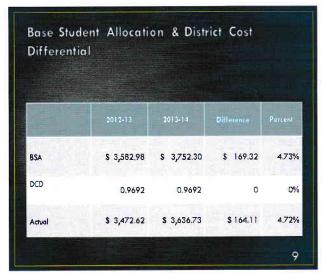
The function of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding is to provide equitable funding for all districts in Florida. The estimated FEFP funding is \$27,373,462.00, an increase of \$2,427,143.00 over last year's funding.



Full-Time Equivalent, or FTE, is equal to the number of physical students enrolled on campus. The expected number of students for this year is 6,404.52, a decrease of 120.72 students. Another term used when talking about FTE is weighted and unweighted. Weighted FTE considers that certain students' needs are greater than others based upon the programs in which they are enrolled. The weighted FTE for 2013-14 is estimated at 6,790.26, a decrease of 182.82.



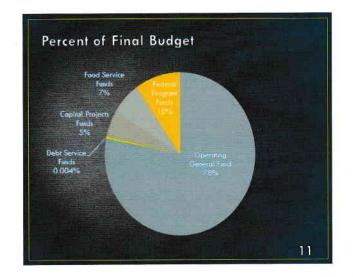
The enrollment for the past eight years has continued to decline which has a negative effect on the District's FEFP funding and the amount of money that is available for operating the School District.

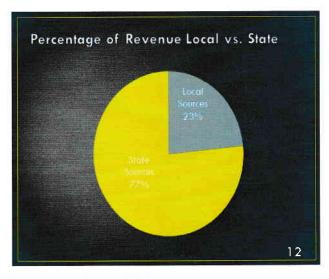


Comments: The Base Student Allocation (BSA) is a set amount that the legislature gives school districts to educate a basic, regular education student for one year. The BSA increased by \$169.32 for the upcoming school year to \$3,752.30 per student. The FEFP funding formula attempts to equalize funding in all Florida school districts by applying a multiplier called the DCD or District Cost Differential. Okeechobee's DCD is less than 1 (meaning that the cost of living is less here than it would in some other counties in the state). As a result, the District's BSA is only \$3,636.73 while other districts receive the full amount of \$3,752.30 per student or more.

Budget Area	2012-13	2013-14	Difference
Operating General Fund	\$ 51,05,136.09	\$ 50,989,678.65	- \$ 15,457.44
Debt Service Funds	\$ 252,608.30	\$ 250,208.30	- \$ 2,400.00
Capital Projects Funds	\$ 2,744,084.27	\$ 3,380,583.74	\$ 636,454.47
Food Service Funds	\$ 4,332,399 <i>7</i> 3	\$ 4,241,256.45	- \$ 91,143.28
Federal Program Funds	\$ 6,572,798.10	\$ 6,383,693.13	- \$ 189,104.97
Total Budget	\$ 64,907,026.49	\$ 65,245,375.27	\$ 338,348.78

Comments: The total budget is \$65,245,375.27, an increase of \$338,348.78 over last year.





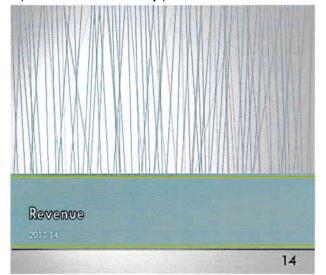


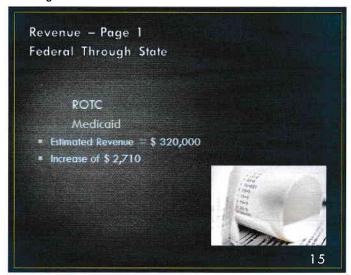
On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by India Riedel, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of the tentative Required Local Effort millage rate of 5.215 for the 2013-14 Operating budget for public hearing.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by India Riedel, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of the tentative Discretionary Local Effort millage rate of 0.748 for the 2013-14 Operating budget for public hearing.

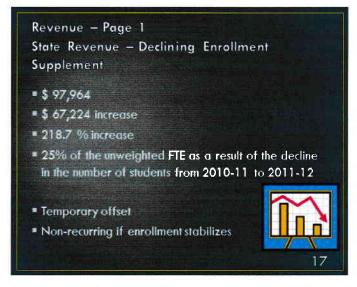
On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by Gay Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of the tentative millage rate of 1.500 for the 2013-14 Capital Projects budget for public hearing.

Superintendent Kenworthy presented the 2013-14 tentative budget as follows:

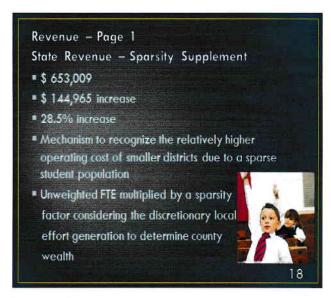




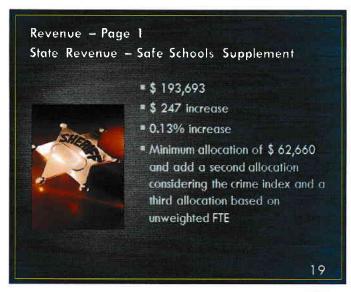
These are federal dollars that are passed through the State to school districts.



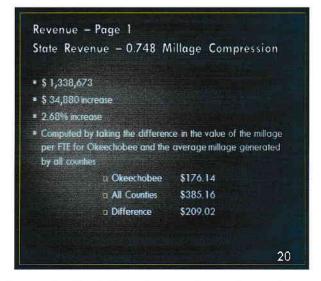
The Declining Enrollment Supplement is based on the loss of enrollment from 2010-11 to 2011-12. The District receives 25% of the BSA for the students who did not enroll. This is a temporary supplement and will not recur if enrollment stabilizes.



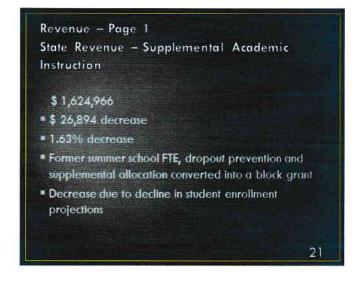
The Sparsity Supplement is generous this year due to the work of many – legislators and lobbyists among them. The District's increase this year is \$144,965 for a total of \$653,009.00.



95% of this revenue goes to the School Resource Officer Program which is funded 50/50 with the Sheriff's Office.



Comments: The Millage Compression is expected to generate \$1,338,673.00, an increase of \$34,880.00. The difference in value per FTE between the District and the average for all counties is then provided by the State. The Discretionary Millage rate of 0.748 must be levied in order to receive Millage Compression revenue.



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Revenue - Page 1
State Revenue - Reading Allocation

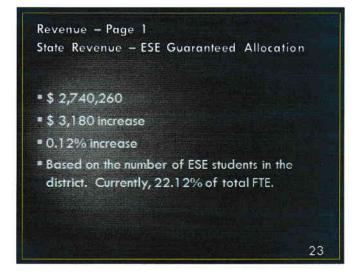
* $ 387,606

* $ 5,501 decrease

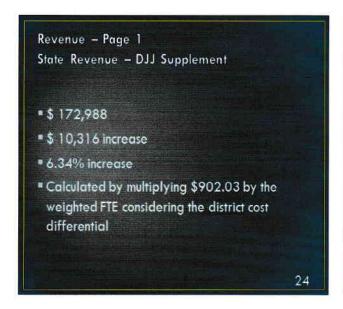
* 1.4% decrease

* Minimum allocation of $ 115,000 plus prorated share based on unweighted FTE
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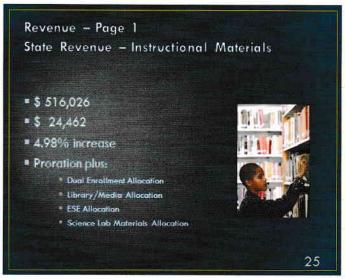
This decrease in funding of \$5,501.00 follows the trend of decreasing dollars based upon unweighted FTE and declining enrollment.



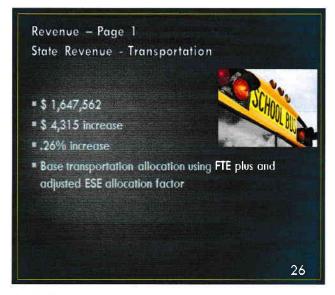
This revenue increased slightly because of a minimal increase in the ESE population for next year.



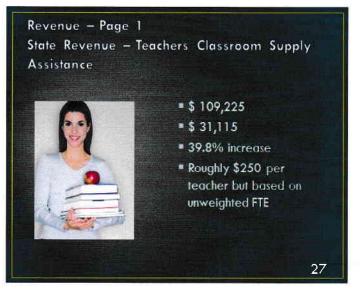
The DJJ Supplement increased by 6.34%. It is based on weighted FTE rather than unweighted FTE.



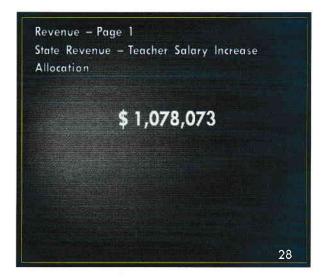
The allocation includes a proration for dual enrollment textbooks.



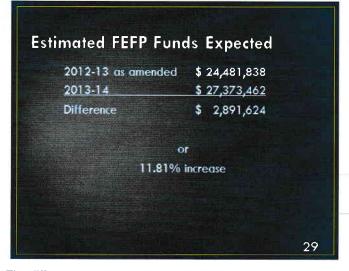
The ESE adjusted allocation factor is provided because the District has buses that are equipped for handicap accessibility.



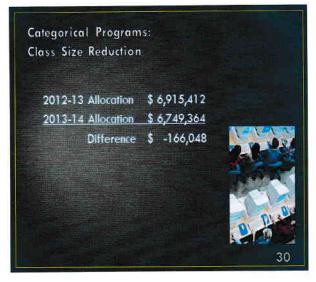
Each teacher will be allocated approximately \$250.00 of this funding.

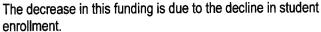


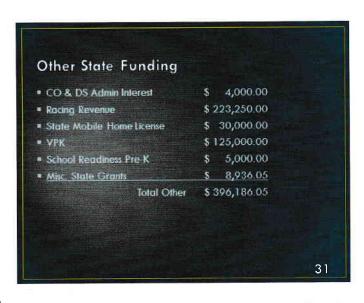
This is the estimated amount that Okeechobee County School District will receive for teacher raises this year.



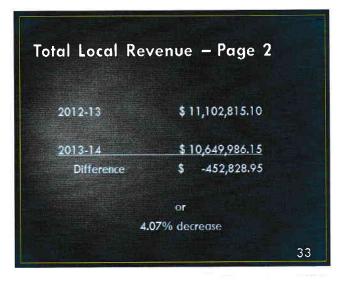
The difference in FTE funding for the District from last year is a gain of \$2,891,624 or 11.81%.

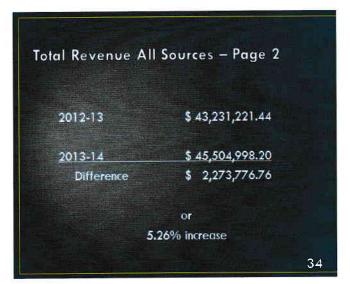






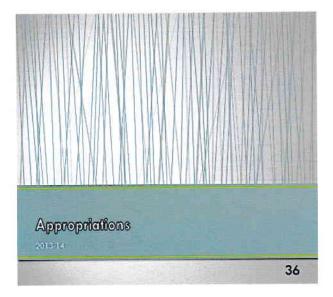




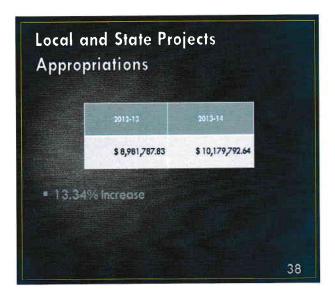


	2012-13	2013-14	Difference	Percent
Reserve for Categoricals	\$ 155,606.15	\$ 144,872.80	<b>\$</b> -10,733,35	-6.9%
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ 100,666.84	\$ 145,526.82	\$ 44,859.98	44.56%
Est. Unreserved Fund Balance 6/30/14	\$ 6,733,370.10	\$ 5,194,280.83	\$-1,539,08927	- 22.9%
Total Revenues and Balances	\$ 50 220 864 53	\$ 50,989,678.65	\$ 768.814.12	1.53%

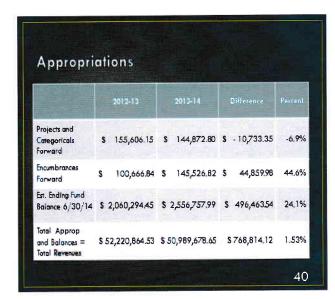
The estimated Unreserved Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013, is \$5,194,280.00, which would be a decrease of 22.9% in the Fund Balance. Last year, the Fund Balance decreased by 26.39%.

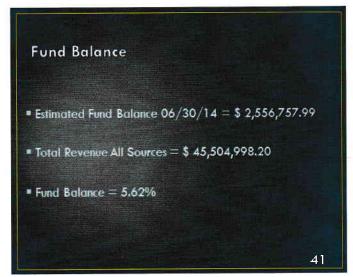




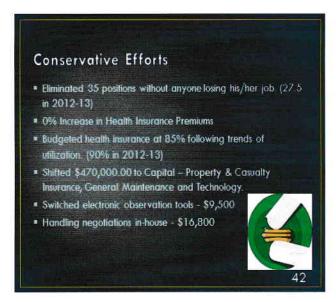




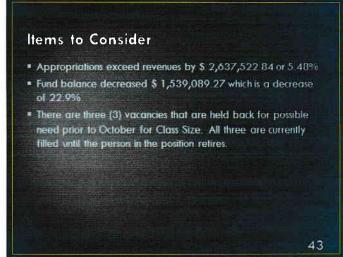




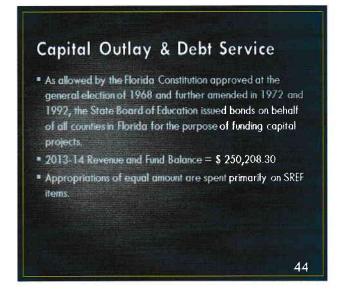
The projected fund balance as of June 30, 2014, will be at 5.62%.

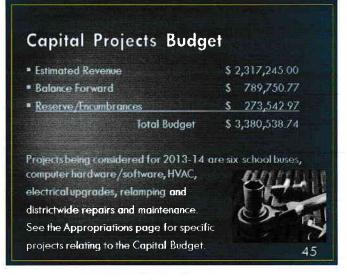


The 0% increase in the cost of health insurance this year is a phenomenal accomplishment due to employees' attention to managing health care, the services of the Employee Health Care Clinic, and efforts of the Health Insurance Committee. Also, budgeting health insurance utilization at a rate of 85%, as opposed to 100%, is more realistic for budgeting purposes.

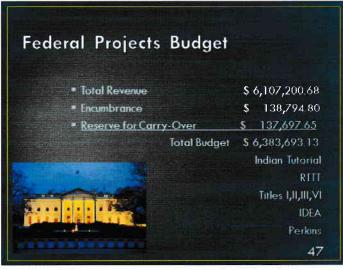


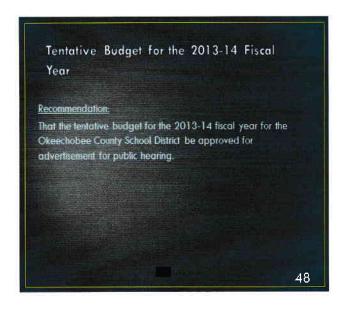
Appropriations continue to exceed revenues for the coming school year.











On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by Malissa Morgan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tentative Budget of \$65,245,375.27 for the 2013-14 fiscal year for the Okeechobee County School District for advertisement for public hearing.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by India Riedel, the Board voted unanimously to approve a proposal from Wicks, Brown, Williams and Company for internal funds audit services for the period covering fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 at a cost of \$7,800.00 per year.

Superintendent Kenworthy recommended that the Board approve adoption of Board Policy 5.90 Random Drug and Alcohol Testing of Students. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Malissa Morgan and seconded by Gay Carlton. Superintendent reviewed changes to the policy that were requested at the last School Board meeting. He also commented that he has not received any feedback, positive or negative, from the community since advertising the Board's intent to adopt the policy. Member Joe Arnold thanked the Superintendent for making the requested changes. He stated, however, that his opinion remains that the drug testing policy is in violation of the 4th Amendment and would vote against adopting the policy. Member Gay Carlton revisited issues with the policy's effect on Band students. Superintendent Kenworthy stated that Band is considered co-curriculum and would not be included because a band member's grade is dependent on activities outside the regular school hours. Vice Chairman Riedel commented that she is confident that the community members who appeared before the Board regarding a Random Student Drug Testing program believe that this policy will assist in decreasing drug use in the community. Chairman Williams added that the Board will know after a year the cost and effectiveness of the program. The Board voted 4-1 in favor to adopt School Board Policy 5.90 Random Drug and Alcohol Testing of Students. Joe Arnold cast a vote in opposition.

On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by Gay Carlton, the Board voted unanimously to approve rescheduling the September School Board meeting from Tuesday, September 10, 2013, to Thursday, September 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Office, Room 303, 700 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, to meet Truth in Millage (TRIM) requirements.

Chairman Williams recalled the Superintendent's recommendation, which was tabled at the July 9, 2013, meeting, that the Board set a date, time and location for conducting a legislative hearing for resolution of impasse for the Instructional Personnel Contract. After discussion by the Board, the Superintendent, and Okeechobee County Education Association President Tom Bonasera, a motion was made by Joe Arnold to conduct the legislative hearing on Friday, August 16, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Freshman Campus Auditorium. A second to the motion was made by India Riedel, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of conducting the legislative hearing for resolution of impasse for the Instructional Personnel Contract as stated.

Superintendent Kenworthy recommended that the Board approve an agenda, as provided them in draft form, for the legislative hearing. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by India Riedel and seconded by Joe Arnold. The time allotment for items listed on the draft agenda was discussed. Tom Bonasera, OCEA, requested two (2) hours for the Association's presentation to be used as determined by OCEA rather than the time limits provided on the agenda in consideration. The Board expressed a desire to have the time limits equal for both parties, and after further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent.

Chairman Williams asked if any Board member or the Superintendent wished to pull any item from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests. On the recommendation of Superintendent Kenworthy and a motion by Joe Arnold, seconded by India Riedel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

# The following personnel were employed:

Name	Position	School or Center	Effective Date
Alford, Daniel	Teacher, Math	Okeechobee High School	08-09-2013
Bradley, Jessica	Teacher, Elementary	North Elementary School	08-09-2013
Talavera, Carlos	Teacher, Visually Impaired	Exceptional Student Education	08-09-2013
Wuchte, Dana	Teacher, ESE	South Elementary School	08-09-2013

#### Resignations for the following personnel were accepted:

Name	Position	School or Center	Effective Date
Bradley, Jessica	Deaf Interpreter	Exceptional Student Education	06-10-2013
Talavera, Carlos	Paraprofessional, ESE	Everglades Elementary School	06-10-2013
Turner, Brian	Teacher, Reading	Osceola Middle School	06-10-2013

# The following payments to personnel were approved:

Name/Group	Purpose	Rate of Pay	Time Period (Maximum)	Funding Source
Jason Anderson Brian Dryden Ashley Monks Wendy Reister	Additional Class Period – 7th Period Auto Mechanics Aquaculture Art Chemistry	Hourly Rate of Pay	2013-14	High School Budget

Note: All professional development shall comply with provisions in the negotiated personnel contracts.

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Okeechobee County Health Department to provide the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) to ninth grade students for the 2013-14 school year.

The Board approved an agreement with St. Lucie County School Board for Virtual Instruction Program Participation for the 2013-14 school year.

The Board approved a Participation Agreement with Florida Virtual Online School, Inc. to provide the Virtual Instruction Program for the School District of Okeechobee County for the 2013-14 school year.

The Board approved a Cooperative Agreement with Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. to provide services for the Teenage Parent Program for the 2013-14 school year.

The Board approved a Cooperative Agreement with Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. to provide services to atrisk middle school and high school students through the *On Track* and *Dads Achieving Dedication and Success* (D.A.D.S.) Programs.

The Board approved Student Exchange Agreements with Highlands, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie County School Boards for the 2013-14 school year.

The Board approved contracts with the childcare facilities listed below to provide childcare services for the Teen Parenting Program for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

- Stepping Stones Academy I, Inc.
- Stepping Stones Academy II, Inc.
- Tender Care Day Care and Preschool, Inc.

The Board approved an agreement with Martha's House, Inc. for student mental health services effective August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

The Board approved an agreement with Okeechobee Rehabilitation Facility, Inc. for students to attend the Vocational Education and Adult Day Training Program effective August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

The Board approved an agreement with Psychotherapy Associates, LLC. For student mental health services effective August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

The items listed on Property Disposal List #1 for the 2013-14 fiscal year were declared as surplus, no longer usable for educational purposes, and to be removed from property records; and the Superintendent was authorized to donate or sell such items in accordance with state statute.

# OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Property Disposal 2013-14 #1

Property Number	<u>Description</u>	Cost	Condition	<u>School/</u> <u>Cost Center</u>
19554	Computer Desktop Gateway	2,106.00	Unrepairable	South Elementary
19992	Computer Gateway	950.00	Unrepairable	South Elementary
19996	Computer Gateway	950.00	Unrepairable	South Elementary
20426	Standard Workstation	1,039.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
20451	Standard Workstation	930.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
20452	Standard Workstation	930.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
20453	Standard Workstation	930.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3074F	Computer Workstation	930.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3075F	Computer Workstation	930.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3087F	Computer Workstation	930.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3141F	Computer Desktop Gateway	980.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3371F	Computer Desktop Gateway	980.99	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3570F	Computer Desktop Dell	1,034.00	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3759F	Computer Desktop Dell	1,176.00	Unrepairable	South Elementary
3809F	Computer Desktop Dell	1,117.00	Unrepairable	South Elementary
19480	Camcorder	805.53	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
19633	Visual Presenter	1,519.98	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
20377	Computer Laptop Gateway	1,887.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
20776	Computer Desktop	1,219.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
20873	Spinning Bike	950.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
20875	Spinning Bike	950.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
20881	Spinning Bike	950.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
1896F	Interactive Whiteboard	1,899.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2164F	Projector Sanyo	1,168.40	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2195F	Notebook, Gateway	1,575.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2453F	Labpro Biology Standard Pkg.	1,018.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2454F	Labpro Biology Standard Pkg.	1,018.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2455F	Labpro Biology Standard Pkg.	1,018.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2456F	Labpro Biology Standard Pkg.	1,018.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
3619F	Computer Desktop Dell	1,362.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
3976F	Computer, Gateway	895.00	Unrepairable	Freshman Campus
2976F	Computer, Cateway	1,299.00	Unrepairable	North Elementary
3210F	Computer Desktop	1,076.00	Unrepairable	North Elementary
21230	Computer Desktop	1,019.29	Unrepairable	North Elementary
19871	Computer Gateway	1,399.00	Unrepairable	OAA
19872	Computer Gateway Laptop	1,399.00	Unrepairable	OAA
19874	Computer Gateway Laptop	1,399.00	Unrepairable	OAA
19875	Computer Gateway Laptop	1,399.00	Unrepairable	OAA
19876	Computer Gateway Laptop	1,399.00	Unrepairable	OAA
19877	Computer Gateway Laptop	1,399.00	Unrepairable	OAA
4160F	Computer, Lenovo Thinkpad	2,583.00	Unrepairable	OAA
20198	Computer Gateway Laptop	2,310.00	Unrepairable	IT
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1578F	Projector	2,580.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
1725F	Computer	915.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
1764F	Projector Projector	2,050.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
1765F 1942F	Projector Computer	2,050.00 888.30	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
1963F	Computer	1,410.93	Unrepairable Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School Yearling Middle School
1994F	Phone Master	5,960.70	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2272F	Superstack 3 Web	3,087.73	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2310F	Computer Gateway	1,410.93	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2314F	Computer Gateway	1,410.93	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2329F	Laptop Gateway	1,280.21	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2348F	Laptop Gateway	1,280.39	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
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2356F	Laptop Gateway	1,280.39	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
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2374F 2379F	Laptop Gateway Laptop Gateway	1,280.39 1,280.39	Unrepairable Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School Yearling Middle School
2384F	Laptop Gateway	1,280.39	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2392F	Printer, Laserjet HP	959.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2396F	Printer, Laserjet HP	959.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2666F	Computer Gateway	801.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2667F	Computer Gateway	801.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2669F	Computer Gateway	801.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2670F	Computer Gateway	801.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2676F	Computer Gateway	801.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
2700F	Computer Standard Wrkstation Dell	801.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
3042F 3828F	Computer Standard Wrkstation Dell Computer, Desktop Dell	925.00 1,022.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
3829F	Computer, Desktop Dell	1,022.00	Unrepairable Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School Yearling Middle School
5630F	Computer, Laptop Dell	805.09	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
5631F	Computer, Laptop Dell	805.09	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
17046	Laser Printer	913.68	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
19503	Computer	1,596.40	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
19525	Computer	908.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
20093	Digital Imaging System Savin	3,084.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
20543	Server Dell	8,087.00	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
20608	Printer, Laser Dell	1,216.97	Unrepairable	Yearling Middle School
19933 20151	Computer, Gateway Laptop Computer, Gateway	2,749.00 2,758.00	Unrepairable Unrepairable	Central Elementary Central Elementary
20507	Computer, Gateway	1,947.00	Unrepairable	Central Elementary
2286F	Computer Gateway Laptop	2,485.00	Unrepairable	Central Elementary
2435F	Computer, Gateway	859.01	Unrepairable	Central Elementary
3162F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3164F	Computer Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3165F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
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3186F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3187F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3188F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3189F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3191F	Computer, Gateway Laptop	1,400.00	Obsolete	Central Elementary
3340F 3544F	Computer, Gateway Computer, Dell	1,016.00 900.00	Obsolete Unrepairable	Central Elementary Central Elementary
3823F	Computer, Dell	1,022.00	Unrepairable	Central Elementary
3946F	Computer, Dell Laptop	1,548.00	Unrepairable	Central Elementary
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Total \$ 162,655.81

# Information Items

# A. Superintendent

- There are currently 11 instructional vacancies, and 32 new teachers have been hired to this point.
- Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 15: Elementary Schools 5 PM to 7 PM; Middle Schools 6 PM to 8 PM, Okeechobee Achievement Academy 6 PM to 8 PM; Freshman Campus and Okeechobee High School 7 PM to 9 PM.
- New teachers report on Friday, August 9. The Board was invited to attend a breakfast for the new teachers beginning at 8:00 a.m., with introductions beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- The sales tax holiday for school supplies, clothing, etc. will occur on August 2-4. Personal computers will also be tax exempt this year.
- Superintendent Kenworthy thanked the Okeechobee Correctional Institution (OCI) and Officer
  Erick Radford for a recently formed partnership with the School District. Trustees from OCI,
  under the supervision of Officer Radford, cleaned, washed, and waxed all of the District's school
  buses free of charge. Vice Chairman asked how many buses are in the District's fleet, and
  Superintendent Kenworthy responded that there are 75 buses.
- Superintendent Kenworthy discussed a recent letter to Florida's Education Commissioner, Dr. Tony Bennett, from Florida Senate President Don Gaetz and Florida Speaker of the House Will Weatherford calling for Florida to withdraw from PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) and to come up with another assessment. Their request is based on several factors including: an increased number of days required for testing; lack of a plan for the timely return of assessment data; a minimum ratio requirement of 2:1 students to computers and the need for increased bandwidth; an indeterminate cost of materials, technology, and professional development infrastructure to administer a valid assessment; and concerns about security of student data. School grades are expected to go down, which is a normal occurrence when the bar is raised. The State Board of Education recently decided, in a split vote 4-3, to reinstitute a safety net for one more year that does not allow schools to drop more than one letter grade. Joe Arnold commented that Georgia just pulled out of PARCC testing and looking for a replacement assessment.
- B. School Board Members None
- C. Board Attorney None
- D. Public None

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Gay Carlton, seconded by Joe Arnold, the Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Board, which will include the first public hearing on the tentative millage rates and tentative budget, is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

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