



## School Board of Clay County

Teacher Inservice Center, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island

### July 28, 2020 - School Board Special Meeting (Budget)

**Date:** Jul 28 2020 (5:01 p.m.)

**Invocation** (Mary Bolla)

**Call to Order** (Present: Janice Kerekes, District 1; Carol Studdard, District 2; Tina Bullock, District 3; Mary Bolla, District 4; Ashley Gilhousen, District 5; and Superintendent David Broskie)

#### Agenda Items

##### [1. Review the 2020-2021 Proposed Millage, Rolled-Back Rate Calculation, and the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget \(All Funds\)](#)

[2020-21 BUDGET SUMMARY-AD \(1\).pdf](#)

[Tentative Budget Presentation 7.28.pdf](#)

#### Minutes:

In accordance with the legal advertisement for this meeting, a "comment link" was available to utilize on the CCDS website (directions provided in advertisement). No comments were received via this link.

Public speakers addressing this agenda item prior to its presentation -

- Charles Walsh
- Vicki Kidwell

Dr. Susan Legutko, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, provided a visual presentation of the 2020-2021 budget that included the proposed millages, roll-back rate calculation, and proposed revenues and expenditures for all funds. The total millage rate to be levied is more than the roll-back rate by 2.44 percent. The district's total tentative budget (all funds) for the fiscal year 2020-2021 is \$465,641,696.

Mrs. Kerekes requested addressing a plan to transition the police department expenditures to the General Fund, in order to permanently fund and maintain the police department, independent of current one mill funding being approved again in future years. An itemization of the CARES funding received, to include expenditures, was requested.

Mrs. Gilhousen proposed consideration for the Board to review/increase impact fees.

##### [2. Public Hearing for Comments on the 2020-2021 Budget and Millages](#)

#### Minutes:

Chair Studdard opened the public hearing. With no one coming forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

##### [3. Adopt the 2020-2021 Required Local Effort Millage Levy](#)

#### Motion

That the Clay County School Board adopt the 2020-2021 final proposed required local effort mill levy of 3.641 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$49,310,556. The RLE millage includes basic RLE of 3.635 and a prior period adjustment millage of .006.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Mary Bolla

Second: Tina Bullock

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Ashley Gilhousen - Aye

Mary Bolla - Aye

Tina Bullock - Aye

**4. Adopt the 2020-2021 Basic Discretionary Operating Millage Levy**

**Motion**

That the Clay County School Board adopt the 2020-2021 final proposed base discretionary millage of .748 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$10,130,265.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Tina Bullock

Second: Janice Kerekes

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Ashley Gilhousen - Aye

Mary Bolla - Aye

Tina Bullock - Aye

**5. Adopt the 2020-2021 Local Capital Improvement Fund Millage Levy**

**Motion**

That the Clay County School Board adopt the 2020-2021 final proposed capital outlay millage of 1.500 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$20,314,703

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Janice Kerekes

Second: Ashley Gilhousen

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Ashley Gilhousen - Aye

Mary Bolla - Aye

Tina Bullock - Aye

**6. Adopt the 2020-2021 Additional Voted Operating Millage Levy**

**Motion**

That the Clay County School Board adopt the 2020-2021 final proposed voted millage of 1.00 with a proposed amount to be raised of \$13,543,135.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Ashley Gilhousen

Second: Mary Bolla  
 Janice Kerekes - Aye  
 Carol Studdard - Aye  
 Ashley Gilhousen - Aye  
 Mary Bolla - Aye  
 Tina Bullock - Aye

#### 7. Adopt the 2020-2021 Total Millage Levy

##### **Motion**

That the Clay County School Board adopt the 2020-2021 final proposed total millage will equal 6.889 with a total amount to be raised of \$93,298,660. The total millage rate to be levied is more than the roll-back rate of 2.44 percent.

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Mary Bolla  
 Second: Tina Bullock  
 Janice Kerekes - Aye  
 Carol Studdard - Aye  
 Ashley Gilhousen - Aye  
 Mary Bolla - Aye  
 Tina Bullock - Aye

#### 8. Adopt the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget (All Funds) and set the Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 final Budget Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

##### **Motion**

That the Clay County School Board adopt the tentative budget for 2020-2021 school year as follows: General Operating in the amount of \$357,172,959; Special Revenue Budget in the amount of \$41,826,532; Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$7,545,198; Capital Outlay Budget in the amount of \$59,097,007, for a total Final Budget of \$465,641,696. and set the Public Hearing for Sept. 3, 2020, at 6:00pm

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Tina Bullock  
 Second: Janice Kerekes  
 Janice Kerekes - Aye  
 Carol Studdard - Aye  
 Ashley Gilhousen - Aye  
 Mary Bolla - Aye  
 Tina Bullock - Aye

#### 9. Resolution 21-01 Determining 2020-2021 Tentative Millages

##### [Resolution 21-01.pdf](#)

##### **Motion**

That the Clay County School Board approve Resolution #21-01 determining the 2020-2021 Tentative Revenues and Millages levied for fiscal year 2020-2021.

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Janice Kerekes  
 Second: Ashley Gilhousen

Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Ashley Gilhousen	- Aye
Mary Bolla	- Aye
Tina Bullock	- Aye

#### 10. Resolution 21-02 Adopting the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget

[Resolution 21-02.pdf](#)

##### **Motion**

That the Clay County School Board approve Resolution #21-02 adopting the Tentative 2020-2021 Budget.

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Ashley Gilhousen

Second: Mary Bolla

Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Ashley Gilhousen	- Aye
Mary Bolla	- Aye
Tina Bullock	- Aye

#### 11. Clarke School for the Deaf Agreement 2019 - 2021

[Clarke Schools revised.pdf](#)

[Executed Clarke School.pdf](#)

##### **Motion**

Motion to approve Clarke School for the Deaf Agreement 2019-2021

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Mary Bolla

Second: Ashley Gilhousen

Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Ashley Gilhousen	- Aye
Mary Bolla	- Aye
Tina Bullock	- Aye

#### 12. Adopt Superintendent's Memorandum in Support of Declaration of Emergency and Approve the emergency adoption/implementation of The 2020-2021 Clay County District Schools Smart Restart School Reopening Plan

[Memorandum in Support of Declaration of Emergency.pdf](#)

[2020-2021 CCDS School Reopening Plan.pdf](#)

##### **Minutes:**

Public Speakers addressing Re-opening Plan -

- Shannon Hube - Exceptional Student Education services
- Robin Repper - safe restart
- Amy Fehrs - facial coverings



In accordance with the legal advertisement for this meeting, a "comment link" was available to utilize on the CCDS website (directions provided in advertisement). The following individual submitted a comment via the link -

- Michelle Foyet - facial coverings

Mrs. Kerekes questioned the necessity of declaring an emergency. School Board attorney Bruce Bickner advised that, without the declaration of emergency, there is no way to approve the re-opening plan within the time limits set forth by Commissioner of Education Corcoran and that the emergency declaration is needed to achieve an initial approval of the plan. The plan will then be brought back in the next 90 days for the full complement of requirements needed for approval. Absent the declaration of emergency, the plan would not exist, per the Administrative Procedures Act. The emergency lies in the necessity of meeting the requirements needed to receive funding.

Mrs. Gilhousen expressed concern that the memo in support of the declaration of emergency states the school board policy, in this form, must be adopted. Mr. Bickner provided clarification that the reopening plan was here in form and could be revised and amended. The motion to approve the emergency adoption was then restated and voted (passed).

Terri Dennis, Chief of Staff, pointed out recent minor changes to the Reopening Plan on page 13 (link to calendar change) and page 36 (addition of Appendix B to include guidelines for our high school based child care centers).

Mrs. Gilhousen moved to approve the policy without the face mask mandate for grades 3-12. Without a second, the motion failed.

Lengthy conversation ensued re the policy concerning facial coverings. Mrs. Gilhousen does not support masks being mandated but is in favor of masks being strongly recommended. Mrs. Studdard supports masks being mandated for all grades, K - 12. Mrs. Bolla expressed concern re Exceptional Student Education students in self-contained classrooms where facial coverings are not able to be used and safe distancing is not possible. Mr. Bickner advised that our facial covering mandate for grades 3 - 12 reflects the stance of the Department of Health and the board but exceptions exist and language has been tailored to meet the board's objections. Superintendent Broskie advised the implementation of the plan will incorporate direction and training for school personnel.

Mrs. Kerekes supports temperature checks, not included in current plan.

### **Motion**

Motion to adopt the Superintendent's resolution as amended finding that there is an emergency need to approve a reopening plan

#### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Mary Bolla

Second: Tina Bullock

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Ashley Gilhousen - Aye

Mary Bolla - Aye

Tina Bullock - Aye

### **Motion**

Motion to approve the emergency adoption and implementation of the 2020-2021 Clay County Schools reopening plan incorporating changes that we have directed Mr. Bickner and the Superintendent to make. Noting that there were no changes directed by majority.

#### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Mary Bolla

Second: Ashley Gilhousen

Janice Kerekes - Nay

Carol Studdard - Aye

Ashley Gilhousen	- Nay
Mary Bolla	- Aye
Tina Bullock	- Aye

### 13. Revisions to 2020-2021 Calendars: Student Calendar, Employee Work Calendar, and Payroll Calendars

[NEW 2020-2021 Payroll Calendar FYCA .pdf](#)

[NEW 2020-2021 Payroll Calendar 11 Month.pdf](#)

[NEW 2020-2021 Payroll Calendar 12 Month.pdf](#)

[NEW 2020-2021 Payroll Calendar 9 Month.pdf](#)

[Revised Calendar - Employee Work - 2020-2021 \(2\).pdf](#)

[REVISED - Calendar - Student 2020-2021 .pdf](#)

[Summary of Changes to Employee Calendar for 2020 2021.pdf](#)

[Summary of Changes to Student Calendar for 2020 2021.pdf](#)

[NEW 2020-2021 Pay Period Work Dates Calendars - 10 Mo 196 \(1\)\(1\).pdf](#)

#### **Minutes:**

Mrs. Gilhousen expressed concern about taking days away from Christmas break. Terri Dennis advised she consulted with Jacob Oliva, Executive Vice Chancellor K - 12, Florida Department of Education and Bruce Bickner. Despite the governor waiving requirement re number of days, there still exists a 900 hour requirement for junior high and high school students to earn course credits. Extending the first semester into January gives consideration for the potential of hurricane days and ensures the hour requirement for credits is met. The calendars were extensively reviewed and revised by the calendar committee. The proposed calendars also ensure that support staff will receive employment compensation on the 8/31/2020 paydate. All employees will work their same number of currently contracted days.

#### **Motion**

Motion to approve revisions to 2020-2021 calendars; student calendar, employee work calendar, and payroll calendars

#### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Ashley Gilhousen

Second: Mary Bolla

Janice Kerekes	- Aye
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Carol Studdard	- Aye
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Ashley Gilhousen	- Aye
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Mary Bolla	- Aye
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Tina Bullock	- Aye
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### **Presentations from the Audience**

#### 14. Public Comment

#### **Minutes:**

Public comments were heard prior to the presentation of the agenda items to which they pertained and are noted in those respective minutes.

### **Superintendent Comments**

#### 15. Superintendent's Comments

**Minutes:**

Superintendent Broskie expressed gratitude to the board for their collaboration on this effort and meeting the state deadline. The work of scheduling students will now begin.

**School Board Comments**

[16. School Board Member Comments](#)

**Minutes:**

Board members shared final thoughts regarding the plan and reopening of schools.

**Adjournment (8:15 p.m.)**

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**Superintendent of Schools**

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**School Board Chairman**