

RESOLUTION NO. R-17-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING ELECTIONS; PLACING THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM FOR A LEVY OF ONE MILL OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX BY THE SCHOOL BOARD ON THE BALLOT IN A SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as authorized pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, the School Board of Manatee County has adopted a resolution directing the Board of County Commissioners to call a special election at which the electors within the School District may approve the levy of one mill of ad valorem property taxes for operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the ballot question is contained in a copy of the School Board's Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is hereinafter referred to as the "Ballot Question"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners must place the Ballot Question on a ballot in a special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Placement of Ballot Question on Ballot. The Ballot Question as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, shall be placed on the ballot for a special election on March 13, 2018, or on such other date set by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections for the municipal elections for the Town of Longboat Key, the cost of which shall be borne by the School Board.

Section 2. Delivery of Copies. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be promptly delivered by the County Administrator to the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections and the Manatee County School Board.

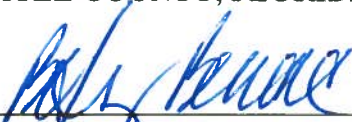
Section 3. Revisions to Ballot Question. The County Administrator, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools, may make such revisions to the Ballot Question which may be necessary or required to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution, including revisions which may be mandated by the Supervisor of Elections, without further action by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or other provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, or provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

November, 2017. ADOPTED WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING THIS THE 7th DAY OF

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Chairperson

**ATTEST: ANGEL COLONNESO
Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Comptroller**

By: 
Deputy Clerk



SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2017-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY, DIRECTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY TO CALL AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONAL PURPOSES FOR FOUR YEARS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO CALL AN ELECTION ASKING THE VOTERS TO APPROVE AN AD VALOREM TAX OF ONE MILL FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE REFERENDUM QUESTION AND BALLOT TITLE

WHEREAS, the School Board of Manatee County (the "Board") is charged with operating the public schools within Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board has as its primary goal the continued improvement of the education provided to the students attending its public schools; and

WHEREAS, the education funds available to the Board through traditional means such as the state funding formula and the required local option do not give the Board the resources to create the excellence in education that its public students deserve; and

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that voters in neighboring school districts have been asked to approve additional millage and did in fact, approve additional millage for school operations and have seen improving student results; and

WHEREAS, the neighboring school districts have used the additional revenue generated by the increased millage to maintain and expand academic programs including remediation programs, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs, to hire additional instructional personnel including teachers, school support staff, and certified school counselors, and to fund costs associated with a longer school day; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the state funding formula only allows for an average Florida public school education; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of the additional operating revenue generated by the additional voted one mill, the District will face a revenue shortfall that will result in significant budget cuts threatening numerous academic programs and positions; and

WHEREAS, the School Board believes additional revenues will allow it to reach its goal to provide high quality schools and additional student success; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends that the revenues generated by the additional millage for operational purposes shall be used to maintain and expand academic programs including remediation programs, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs, to hire additional instructional personnel including teachers, school support staff, and certified school counselors, to make its compensation competitive with surrounding counties, and to fund costs associated with a longer school day; and

WHEREAS, Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, authorizes the qualified electors of the Manatee County School District to approve additional millage for operational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the students in the public schools that the qualified electors be given the opportunity to approve additional millage for school operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Manatee County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled:

1. That pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County is hereby directed to call an election for March 13, 2018, or on such other date set by the Supervisor of Election for the municipal elections for the Town of Longboat Key, for the qualified electors of the Manatee County School District to vote whether to increase ad valorem millage by one mill. The additional millage shall be limited to operating expenses of the School District as described in School Board Resolution 2017-06. The additional millage shall begin on July 1, 2018, and shall expire on June 30, 2022, as authorized by Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes.

2. The substance of the millage referendum question and the ballot title shall read:

MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

Shall the Manatee County School District ad valorem millage increase by one mill per year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2022, for operating expenses necessary to improve the quality of Manatee County's school system as described in Resolution 2017-06?

_____ YES, for additional millage

_____ NO, against additional millage

3. Provided the millage increase for Manatee County Schools is approved, a financial oversight committee appointed by the School Board shall issue an annual report to insure proper fiscal stewardship of the funds. In addition, the committee shall identify relevant outcomes and report results to the community.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

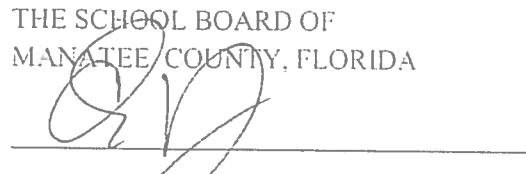


Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent

Date: Sept. 21, 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:



Charles Kennedy, Chair

Date: Sept. 20, 2017