



Mr. Birkett also explained that based on 1999-2000 year expenditures 57 cents of our dollars was going to the classroom, based on the legislature's formula. They included function 5000 plus what we spent in staff training for teachers, added them together and divided that basically by the total budget to come up with the percentage going toward the classroom. Our goal this year, because of the 2% redirect, was 59 cents based on this formula.

The tentative budget to be approved tonight, based on this formula, is 60 cents going directly to the classroom. If you add pupil personnel, media and curriculum instruction functions, which are definitely tied to the classroom, to the formula, 74 cents is going directly to the classroom. If you add to that transportation and school administration, 82 cents of our money is tied directly to the classroom. When you add the cost of maintaining and upkeep on schools, that's about 13 cents and when you add 5 cents estimated for central service and fiscal services, this makes up the 100% of the school district budget.

Historically, Alachua County has always been above the state average in instruction and below the state average in administrative costs. Dollars actually tied to our schools always run about 95% in comparison with other districts that range 93-94%.

There was no public input.

Mr. Birkett explained that the roll back millage rate when applied to the new tax roll generates the same amount of money as it did in the previous years. This is why in the newspaper ad we have to advertise a tax increase because we are comparing our millages to roll back rate when in reality our millages are actually going down compared to last year's actual millages to actual millages. A mill is \$1 per \$1000 assessed value on your house.

ADOPTION OF THE  
TENTATIVE MILLAGE  
FOR THE 2001-2002  
FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Birkett read Millage Resolution #1 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE 2001-2002 FISCAL YEAR:

	ROLLED BACK RATE MILLS	PROPOSED 2001-2002 MILLS	INCREASE -DECREASE MILLS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (2.000 MILLS)	1.881	2.000	0.119



Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mr. Cake

Moved to approve the adoption of Millage Resolution #3 as read.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

ADOTION OF THE  
TENTATIVE BUDGET  
FOR THE 2001-2002  
FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Birkett read the Budget Resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY ADOPTS THE TENTATIVE PROPOSED BUDGET DATED JULY 24, 2001, WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2001-2002 FISCAL YEAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
GENERAL	\$166,550,163.00
SPECIAL REVENUE	20,527,426.00
DEBT SERVICE	13,956,944.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	75,551,385.00
INTERNAL SERVICE	0.00
TRUST AND AGENCY	<u>4,182,481.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$280,768,399.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAY EXPEND MONIES BASED ON ITS TENTATIVE BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.S. 200.065, 237.111.

Motion by Mr. Cake

Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe

Moved to approve the adoption of Budget Resolution as read.

Mr. Birkett noted that the School Board has had several workshops this spring and summer and the budget was discussed in depth at the special Board meeting July 24, 2001, when the proposed Tentative Budget and Millage was presented and approved for advertising.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Birkett pointed out that the proposed actual millage this year compared to the actual millage last year shows a decrease of .367 mills or a 3.40% decrease. With a house assessed at \$75,000 with a \$25,000 homestead exemption, a homeowner's school taxes would decrease \$18.35.

Mrs. Cawthon asked if the decrease was mandated by law?

Mr. Birkett noted that our millages are at the max by law that can be levied.

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The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular board meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Sharpe

Seconded by Mrs. Carroll

Moved to adjourn the special Board meeting.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0