

**Bulloch County Board of Education
Minutes of Public Hearing (#1 Round 2)
Bulloch County Board of Education Central Office
Thursday, August 31, 2023
12:00 Noon**

The Bulloch County Board of Education met for a Public Hearing #1 Round 2 on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 12:00 noon in the boardroom at the Central Office. Board Members present were as follows: Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Elizabeth Williams and Glenn Womack. Maurice Hill and Stuart Tedders were absent.

The Bulloch County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 16.07%.

This is the first of a second round of three public hearings. All Bulloch County citizens were invited to the public hearings on this tax increase as advertised in the Statesboro Herald and in the Herald's Events Calendar, email notification, also the notice of the hearings was posted on the school system's website and notice was posted on the front door of the Central Office.

Chairman Glenn Womack called the meeting to order and led the Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Liz Williams and second by Jay Cook, the agenda was approved as presented. 6:0 Yes – Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Elizabeth Williams and Glenn Womack.

Chief Financial Officer Alison Boatright reviewed information regarding the reason for the increase in the 2023 M&O millage rate for FY24. The proposed millage rate of 8.478, which is a 1.174 mill increase over the rollback rate (7.304 mills), will increase school M&O property taxes on a homestead property with a fair market value of \$225,000 by approximately \$103.31 and on a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$93.92. Mrs. Boatright and Superintendent Wilson answered questions from community members that were in attendance.

Following the presentation by Ms. Boatright, the following community members spoke during public participation regarding the millage rate increase: Tim Powell, Leonard Fatic, Jae Sack, Cassandra Mikell, Lawton Sack, and Bill Emley.

There being no further business, upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Donna Clifton, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED September 14, 2023

Charles G. Wilson, Superintendent

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Glenn Womack, Board Chairman