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Clayton County School Board Adopts the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

JONESBORO – During the Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) virtual called meeting held on Monday, July 13, the Board formally adopted the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 (FY2021) Budget which was tentatively adopted on June 1. In compliance with state law, the proposed budget was the subject of two public hearings held to obtain citizen input.

The final adopted consolidated budget of \$696.99 million includes \$490.5 million in general fund expenditures and \$89.2 million in capital project expenditures.

The approved budget is based on the current millage rate of 20 mills and features a \$7.3 million expenditure to expand virtual learning through the district’s Extended Learning Beyond the Classroom (ELBC) initiative. Due to the fiscal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on state and local revenues, Compensation Study Phases 3 and 4 are temporarily on hold with an expectation that implementation of both phases will resume when funding permits.

“We have developed a budget proposal that avoids furlough days and reduction in force actions while continuing to emphasize our mission to establish and maintain a healthy fund balance that is consistent with state budgetary mandates,” Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “As a result of the impact of COVID-19, we are carefully monitoring our revenue/expenditure picture in our efforts to ensure a strong, fiscally sound school district for the taxpayers of our county.”

Ms. Emma Benton, CCPS Chief Financial Officer, told Board members during her FY2021 Budget presentation that other priorities included in this budget were funding for Learning Management System/Hot Spots, Digital Learning Support and Professional Development and Training.

The adopted budget is expected to be posted on the district’s website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us, on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

FY2021 Millage Rate Public Hearings

The budget adopted by the Clayton County Board of Education requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to participate in the public hearings on the tax increase on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Public hearings will be virtual using **video-conferencing** technology. Public comments on the Tax Increase should be

submitted in email format to the following address: ccpsbudget@clayton.k12.ga.us. Stakeholders submitting comments should include a name and contact phone number or email address.

Comments for the first hearing should be submitted by 10:45 a.m. on July 30, 2020; and by 5:15 p.m. for the second hearing on July 30, 2020. Comments for the third hearing should be submitted by 5:45 p.m. on August 3, 2020. All comments received by the indicated deadlines will be read into the record of the hearing.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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