

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-74**

**A RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-55  
AND PLACING A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE  
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION PROPOSING AN  
EXTENSION OF THE ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF MILL AD  
VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING  
EXPENSES FOR FOUR (4) YEARS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
1011.73(2), FLORIDA STATUTES.**

**WHEREAS**, Sections 1011.71(9) and 1011.73(2) of the Florida Statutes allow the School Board to levy additional millage for school operational purposes upon approval of the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has determined it to be in the best interests of the school district to submit to the voters the question of approving the continuation of a one-half mill ad valorem tax assessment for four (4) more years; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1011.73(2) of the Florida Statutes allows the School Board to adopt a resolution to direct the Board of County Commissioners to call an election to submit the proposed resolution to the voters.

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2020, during a regularly scheduled meeting, the Pinellas County School Board unanimously approved a resolution calling for a measure to be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot continuing the one-half mill ad valorem tax levy for school district operating expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 20-55 placing the measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot, but due to a communication error, Resolution No. 20-55 adopted by reference an incorrect School Board resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the error, the Pinellas County School Board, on July 28, 2020, adopted a resolution superseding its prior resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the School Board's superseding resolution, the Board of County Commissioners must also adopt a superseding resolution to properly place the measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular session duly assembled this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, that this Resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 20-55 in its entirety and the Pinellas County School Board's Proposed Ballot Question, as set forth in its Superseding Resolution adopted July 28, 2020, will be placed on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot subject to the following conditions:

1. Said election shall be conducted in all areas of Pinellas County and in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, School Board regulations, and all other applicable laws.
2. Except for matters covered by this Resolution and any election agreement between the Supervisor of Elections and the Pinellas County School Board, the Pinellas County School Board shall be responsible for all aspects of submitting the proposal to the voters, including ballot language and advertising.
3. The Pinellas County School Board shall be responsible for publishing notice of this election in accordance with the Florida Statutes and all other applicable laws.
4. The Pinellas County School District shall pay for the holding of this election in accordance with any election agreement reached with the Supervisor of Elections.
5. In accordance with the directions of the Pinellas County School Board, the wording of the question on the ballot shall conform with the wording submitted by the Pinellas County School Board in its Resolution, which is hereby attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Board is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Pinellas County School Board and to Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections.

Commissioner                     Long                     offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner                     Welch                    , and upon roll call, the vote was:

**AYES:** Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, Seel, and Welch.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Gerard.

*Approved as to form, Jewel White, County Attorney*



### SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION

A SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION OF ONE-HALF MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR FOUR YEARS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.73(2), FLORIDA STATUTES.

**WHEREAS**, Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, authorizes the School Board pursuant to a resolution adopted at a regular meeting to direct the County Commissioners to call an election at which the electors within the school district may approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes, authorizes a school district to levy, by local referendum or in a general election, additional millage for school operational purposes up to an amount that, when combined with the non-voted millage levied, said section does not exceed the 10 mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the school district to submit to the voters the question of approving the continuation of the one-half mill ad valorem tax for four years for necessary operating expenses;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular session duly assembled this 28th day of July, 2020, that the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, is hereby directed to call an election in conjunction with the general election of November 3, 2020, at which the electors within the School District may vote on the approval of continuation of the one-half mill ad valorem tax for four years as authorized under section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes (2019), and the substance of the measure and the ballot title shall be as follows:

**BALLOT TITLE:** APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION OF ONE-HALF MILL AD VALOREM TAX FOR SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES

**BALLOT QUESTION:** Shall the Pinellas County School District ad valorem millage of one-half mill per year be continued beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2025, for necessary operating expenses including funds to recruit and retain quality teachers; preserve reading programs and music and art classes; and provide current textbooks and technology, sharing funds with charter schools proportionate to student enrollment as required by law, with expenditure oversight by an independent citizens financial oversight committee?



\_\_\_\_\_ YES

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Carol Park  
School Board Chair

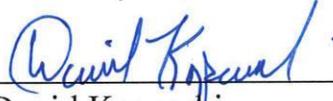
Michael A. Greco  
Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify that (1) I am the School Board Attorney of The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Largo, Florida 33770; and (2) the attached is a true and correct copy of the Superseding Resolution regarding the One-half Mill Ad Valorem Tax Levy that was passed by The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida on July 28, 2020.

Dated at Largo, Pinellas County, Florida on July 29, 2020.

  
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David Koperski  
School Board Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and acknowledged before me this 29th day of July 2020, by David Koperski, who is personally known to me.

  
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Notary Public

