

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 55

A RESOLUTION 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, 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular session duly assembled this 23rd day of June 2020, that the Pinellas County School Board's Proposed Ballot Question 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 incorporated by reference.

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 Seel, and upon roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

Approved as to Form, Jewel White, County Attorney