

**CITY OF CALHOUN &
CALHOUN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
2006-2007 ADVALOREM TAX HEARING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006, 11:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM:

**Eddie Hall, School Board Member
Tony Swink, School Board Member
Amy Atkinson, School Board Member
Mike Davis, Superintendent
Michelle Taylor (Phillips), Assistant Superintendent
Don Hood, Finance Director**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

**James F. Palmer, Mayor
Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem
George R. Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Steve Powell

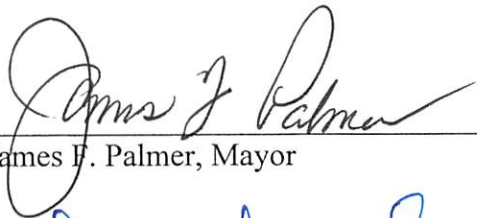
1. Mike Davis, School Superintendent welcomed everyone to the hearing. He stated the purpose of the hearing was to review the Budget for the current fiscal year 2006-2007 and the need for increasing the local effort supported by Advalorem Taxes.
2. Superintendent Davis reviewed a film presentation that indicated the 2006-2007 Budget to be in excess of \$23 million dollars for the current school year. Of this amount, approximately \$9 million dollars is needed from the local share plus an additional \$1.4 million dollars from other sources, such as fund balance to complete the local share efforts and with the remaining 55% to be received from the State Revenue Office. He stated the local share effort is up, over \$1 million dollars, for the current year from the prior year and he reviewed the reasons for the increase.
 - 1) The growth and the number of students.
 - 2) The larger pay increase, not only for Educator's but also for Administrative Personnel as Mandated from the State.
 - 3) Increases at the local level for health care insurance for teachers and other staff.
 - 4) The need for two additional buses.
 - 5) Increased operational cost.

3. Mr. Davis reviewed the make-up of students stating that over 27.5% are Hispanic, 11.5% other races and approximately 61% are white. He stated the graduating class for 2006 had over 75% planning to attend college. He stated of the Senior Class 54 are in the National Honor Society. He stated over 90% of the students are enrolled in extra curricular activity within the school system and approximately 99% in Kindergarten through the eighth grade parents attend parent-teacher conferences and meetings. He stated it was harder to have parents at the High School since many of the students prefer, not to have their parents attend school functions.

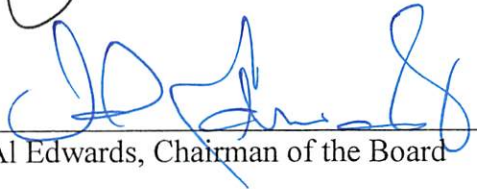
Superintendent Davis explained these are areas that represent a quality school system that excels in many areas. He stated in order to continue to provide the quality education that it was necessary to increase the 06'-07' Budget.

4. He asked if there were any questions not only from the citizen represented but from any of the Elected Officials or Board Members. There were none and the public hearing was closed at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Al Edwards, Chairman of the Board

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator