

May 15, 2012 Special Meeting

## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Special Meeting – May 15, 2012 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. School District Community Room - MOVED TO CONF RM 237 4204 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

## AGENDA

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Superintendent's Report

1. Progress of Marzano Evaluation Process

Minutes:

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a Special Meeting in the School District Conference Room 237 on May 15, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. Members present were Chairman Carol A. Hilson (District No. 2), Vice Chairman Debbie Hawley (District No. 1), Member Kathryn Hensley (District No. 4), Member Troy Ingersoll (District No. 5), and Member Donna Mills (District No. 3). Superintendent Michael J. Lannon also attended the meeting.

Consultant Mark Rolewski gave the Board an update on the Marzano evaluation process, a model for education reform based on three critical commitments that administrators must make to their students, i.e., a) develop a system of individual student feedback at the district, school and classroom levels, b) ensure effective teaching in every classroom with evaluations of teachers and principals based on how they make changes in classroom practices directly related to student achievement, and c) build background knowledge for all students.

Mr. Rolewski stated the one thing that influences student achievement is instruction and if you want better achievement, it has to come between the teacher and the student. No other district is doing this (process) as well as the St. Lucie County School District and that was due to the commitment of its' leadership at both the district level and the school level (principals). Powerful teaching all has to do with technique learned from research, not trial and error, and this involves a common specific language which allows more time to talk about the "real stuff". St. Lucie County is far ahead because the language is so well defined Successful teachers are able to take the science of teaching and make it more artful. They look at each others work, they collaborate and out of that comes their own art. They are also influenced by building leaders. Principals and assistant principals are influenced by district leaders and the Board is there to hold the line.

Discussion ended at approximately 1:08 p.m. and the May 15, 2012 special meeting was adjoured.

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