

# eAgenda

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November 19, 2013 Board Work Session

## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Board Work Session – November 19, 2013  
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
School Board Room  
4204 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

1. [Call to Order](#)

#### Minutes:

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a Work Session in the School Board Room on November 19, 2013, at approximately 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Members present were Chairman Debbie Hawley (residing in District No. 1), Vice Chairman Donna Mills (residing in District No. 3), Member Kathryn Hensley (residing in District No. 4), Member Carol A. Hilson (residing in District No. 2), and Member Troy Ingersoll (residing in District No. 5). Superintendent Genelle Zoratti Yost also attended the Work Session.

Chairman Hawley called the meeting to order.

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

2. [Strategic Planning for Student Performance \(Continued from 10-22-13 Work Session\)](#)

Minutes:

Superintendent Yost stated the purpose of the work session was to continue the discussion on program evaluation which is a Board priority.

First, Mrs. Yost introduced Assistant Superintendent John Lynch who proceeded to compare the old School Improvement Plan (SIP) three-step process to the new SIP eight-step decision-making process--a state mandated model being used by all schools this year via online input. The model is more formalized and analytical--it forces schools to look at a few high impact goals. Principals and SIP teams have been trained to use fewer goals and to look deeper in order to eliminate barriers to achieving those goals.

The next program evaluation topic was presented by Assistant Superintendent Kerry Padrick who came forward to discuss the district's target for writing which is a score of four (4) or better in all schools. This message will continue to be communicated to principals. All schools must be trained in state writing rubrics.

Deputy Superintendent Mark Rendell reported on RtI (Response to Intervention) in Florida known as MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports), a three tiered framework that uses increasingly more intense instruction and interventions matched to need. One hundred percent of St. Lucie Public Schools will have MTSS to address academics and behavior. Dr. Rendell described the eight-step process, the importance of continuous monitoring, and discussed the emergency response/intervention piece (fast plan) with board members. Mrs. Yost noted that each fast plan needed to be site specific to accommodate each school. It was not known if every school had a fast plan but she would find out.

On a final note, Dr. Kathy McGinn reviewed the student assignment recommendations that the Board approved last March to determine how the changes were implemented and if the anticipated impact(s) actually occurred. Overall, students impacted were less than expected and estimated savings were slightly more than anticipated.

Board members stated they were comfortable with the work session setting and the information shared was extremely beneficial.

## ADJOURNMENT

### 3. [Time Adjourned](#)

Minutes: Discussion ended and Chairman Hawley adjourned the November 19, 2013 Work Session at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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