

eAgenda

March 7, 2013 Town Hall Meeting

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Special Town Hall Meeting – March 7, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Fort Pierce Central High School Auditorium
4101 S. 25th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34981

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. [Call to Order](#)

Minutes:

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a Town Hall Meeting in the Auditorium located at Fort Pierce Central High School on March 7, 2013 at approximately 6:03 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 Michael J. Lannon and School Board Attorney Daniel B. Harrell also attended the meeting.

Chairman Hawley welcomed everyone and then talked about the purpose of the Town Hall Meeting. The Board was looking for long term solutions to the budget crisis. The revenue picture wasn't getting any better. The Board had to get past this year's (2013-14) budget crisis and move into a long term solution, consequently, members were going to listen to what every citizen had to say. Those individuals who signed a pink card would be called forward to speak in the order that the cards were received. Others who signed a yellow card would have their comments posted on the district's website. There would be a two minute time limit for each speaker.

PUBLIC HEARING (None)

CONSENT AGENDA (None)

OTHER BUSINESS (Community Input)

2. [Public Comment\(s\) on 2013-2014 Budget Options \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Recap Town Hall Speakers Mar 7 2013.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Town Hall 030713 Written Comments.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Superintendent Lannon provided background information about the district's \$15 million shortfall and the ongoing lack of revenue as Florida and the nation continued to suffer through the recession. Lower property values had plummeted tax collections across the state to the point where every school district was faced with developing a cut plan. In the end, the Board will have to make some decisions, none of which are good and some of which are necessary in order to have a balanced budget by July 1, 2013.

A total of 83 written comments were received and 57 speakers addressed the budget cut plan, all of which are attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

3. [Time Adjourned](#)

Minutes:

After the 57th (last) speaker, Chairman Hawley thanked everyone for their comments and suggestions and assured them that due diligence would be done. The Town Hall Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37 p.m.

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