

# eAgenda

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September 23, 2013 Board Retreat

## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Board Retreat – September 23, 2013  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Keiser University, College of Golf - Conference Room  
1860 Fountain View, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

### AGENDA

#### DISCUSSION TOPICS

Superintendent's Report

1. [Discussion \(Revised\)](#)

#### Minutes:

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a Special (Retreat) Meeting in the Conference Room located at Keiser University College of Golf on September 23, 2013, at approximately 9:00 a.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, along with Assistant Superintendents Kevin Perry, Mark Rendell and Terence O'Leary, also attended the Retreat.

Discussion began under the guidance of Mrs. Kelly Owens, a facilitator from the Florida School Boards Association. Mrs. Owens covered the basic principles of board/superintendent relations and how they carried over into school governance in the areas of vision, structure, student achievement,

accountability and advocacy. Five behaviors of school board members that were related to high student achievement were examined as follows: 1) setting clear expectations, 2) creating conditions for success, 3) holding the system accountable to the expectations, 4) building collective will, and 5) learning together as a board team. Mrs. Owens walked the Board and Superintendent Yost through a self assessment process that helped define where they are in terms of understanding policy. In summary, Mrs. Owens pointed out that the Board's role was to clarify and monitor its strategic plan, commit to ongoing professional development, build and sustain a good relationship with the Superintendent, and foster a dialogue with the community as a part of its community engagement process.

## Board Members' Reports

### 2. [Discussion \(Revised\)](#)

#### Minutes:

During the afternoon conversation, Superintendent Yost invited Assistant Superintendents Kevin Perry, Mark Rendell and Terence O'Leary to join the discussion, specifically to talk about the following priorities that had been developed during the morning session of the retreat, i.e., 1) communication, 2) policy alignment (strategic plan), and 3) program evaluation. It was suggested that the name Academic Business Plan (ABP) be changed to Academic Student Achievement Plan (ASAP). Based on the priorities that were developed during the retreat, the Board concluded that the ASAP should be totally amended.

Discussion ended and the September 23, 2013, Special (Retreat) Meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Hawley at approximately 3:50 p.m.

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