

# MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. School Board Meeting Room 500 E. Ocean Blvd. Stuart, FL 34994

## **Members Present**

Maura Barry-Sorenson, Chair Michael DiTerlizzi Rebecca Negron Marsha Powers Laurie J. Gaylord, Superintendent Robert Kilbride, School Board Attorney

**AFSCME**: None

MCEA: None

#### **Absent**

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Michael Busha

Call to Order by the Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

## 1. Adoption of the Agenda:

## 2. Private Attorney-Client Session Regarding Case Number 12-1010CA

The names of the persons attending the session are as follows:

- a. Mrs. Maura Barry-Sorenson;
- b. Mr. Michael Busha; "(by phone)"
- c. Mr. Michael DiTerlizzi;
- d. Mrs. Rebecca Negron;
- e. Mrs. Marsha Powers;
- f. Mrs. Laurie J. Gaylord;
- g. Robert Kilbride, School Board Attorney;
- h. Allen Sang, Insurance Attorney

### Discussion:

Maura Barry-Sorenson stated the Shade meeting was to discuss Case Number 12-1010CA in a Private Attorney Session. She then turned the meeting over to School Board Attorney Robert Kilbride

Robert Kilbride stated the reason for calling the Shade meeting was to discuss the status of the Citizens for Sunshine case and settlement proposal made by the plaintiffs. He spoke with outside counsel, Alan Sang, who represents the School Board on this case, and the conclusion of the conversation was to withdraw his request for the Shade meeting. He thought it would be more productive to discuss the matter individually with Board members. After checking with the Attorney General, the law is not clear on how to withdraw the meeting. For the record he requested the Shade meeting, and requested to withdraw the meeting. He proposed a vote be taken to not proceed with the Shade meeting and hold one in a different manner.

Some Board members rejected the idea of meeting individually, and expressed concerns for cancelling the Shade meeting. Maura stated she was not comfortable with the attendance of Mrs. Gaylord at the Shade meeting because she was a defendant in the case. Michael Busha was notified of the cancellation for the Shade meeting, and Maura was not in favor of moving forward without his participation.

Robert Kilbride stated a Shade meeting gives opportunity for the Board to give counsel direction, there's no real decisions being made. The approval would be subject to a full public meeting. He recommended making a motion to adjourn and reconvene the Shade meeting on Friday, March 8, 2013.

Motion was made to adjourn by Marsha Powers, seconded Rebecca Negron, motion carried 3/1, Maura Barry-Sorenson dissenting.

Maura Barry-Sorenson said the Shade meeting will proceed following the Special Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, March 8, at 9:30 p.m. Executive session will follow at 10:30.

Adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Michael Busha, Vice Chair

Laurie J. Gaylord, Superintendent

\*Exhibit / Additional Backup Available for Review