



# The District School Board of Collier County

Everglades City, Immokalee, Marco Island, & Naples, Florida

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Budget Workshop  
May 7, 2013 - 4:00 P.M.  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center  
Naples, FL

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## Call to Order

1. [Call to Order](#)

Minutes: The workshop was called to order by Board Chair, Mrs. Barbara Berry, at 4:00 pm.

## Pledge to the Flag

2. [Pledge to the Flag](#)

Minutes: Mrs. Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Roll Call

3. [Roll Call](#)

Minutes: The roll was called by Mrs. Billmyre. All Board members were present.

## Statement of Meeting Guidelines

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Minutes: Mrs. Berry read the Statement of Meeting Guidelines.

## Comments from the Superintendent

### 5. [Comments from the Superintendent](#)

Minutes: Dr. Kamela Patton, Superintendent of Schools, thanked everyone who has been involved in this process. She stated that during this school year staff has been extremely proactive in looking for additional funding reductions. She thanked Robert Spencer and Patrick Woods. She then introduced Robert Spencer, Executive Director, Financial Services.

## Topics for Discussion

### Budget

### 6. [Budget Development for 2013-2014](#)

Attachment: [BudgetPresentation050713.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Robert Spencer, Executive Director, Financial Services, spoke about the General Fund, specifically the estimates that came out of the Legislative Session, new costs, savings, and reserve balances.

Mr. Spencer then introduced Mr. Patrick Woods, Executive Director, FTE, Surveys & Student Allocations, who then discussed Collaborative Planning & Budget Reduction Committee Items.

The attached spreadsheet shows figures in detail.

## Questions & Comments by the Board

### 7. [Questions & Comments by the Board](#)

Minutes:

School Board questions, comments, and discussion ensued. Questions were answered by

Mr. Spencer, Mr. Woods, and Dr. Patton.

School Board members discussed the reduction of days on the calendar for elementary counselors.

#### Public Comments

##### 8. [Public Comments](#)

Minutes:

Nancy Ruben, School Counselor, Osceola Elementary School, stated that her contract will be cut by 5 days, as well as her husband, who is also a School Counselor. There are 30 Elementary School Counselors also facing this cut in contract, and she stated that the cut in the contract does not allow for all the extra work that needs to be done before schools starts, and at the end of the school year.

Pam Green, School Counselor, Big Cypress Elementary School, also spoke about the cut in her contract by 5 days, and what a hardship this presents to all of the 30 Elementary School Counselors.

Jonathan Tuttle, Executive Director, of CCEA and CAOCAP, asked how many people actually are going to be affected by cuts. Contract cuts are the same as pay cuts. He quoted the 5 year finance plan and the difference between projected and actual spending.

Dr. Jane Ruprecht, Guidance Counselor, New Beginnings, Immokalee, stated that she is not affected by the contract cuts for School Counselors, but voiced her concerns for all of the Counselors and the students who will be impacted by the cuts.

#### Superintendent's Recommendations

#### Report of the School Board Attorney/District General Counsel

##### 9. [Report of the School Board Attorney/District General Counsel](#)

Minutes:

There was no report of the School Board Attorney/District General Counsel.

#### Adjournment

##### 10. [Adjournment](#)

Minutes: Mrs. Berry asked for a motion and vote to adjourn the meeting.

Motions:

Mrs. Berry adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Roy Terry

Second:

Barbara Berry - Aye

Pat Carroll - Aye

Kathleen Curatolo - Aye

Julie Sprague - Aye

Roy Terry - Aye

Meeting End Information

11. [Meeting End Information](#)

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