

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY
WORKSHOP, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2002**

The School Board of Manatee County held a workshop regarding Revised Capital Outlay Plan at the School Board Administration Building on Thursday, February 21, 2002, at 7:21 p.m. Members present: Harry G. Kinnan, Chairman, Frank Brunner, Barbara A. Harvey, Walter E. Miller, and Larry Simmons.

The following topics were presented and discussed by staff members during this workshop session:

Projected Student Stations
Instructional Impact
Facility Needs Assessment
Draft Tentative 10-Year Capital Outlay Plan
Sales Tax Timeline

Gene Witt, former Superintendent of Manatee County Schools, presented to the Board the recommendation of the Community Development Committee to move forward to hold a sales tax referendum in May, 2002. He suggested the campaign include a public information component to detail the advantage of conducting the referendum in May, rather than later in the year.

Lucy Perny-Breitenbach, member of the Community Development Committee, conveyed the support of committee members with regard to moving forward with a sales tax referendum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Chuck Johnson, representative of the Homebuilders Association, voiced support of an impact fee, not to exceed \$984.20, which he said would be consistent with similar communities throughout Florida.
2. Rex Jensen spoke in support of imposing an impact fee in the form of a property tax. He also conveyed support for a sales tax to be implemented as soon as possible.

Board Members discussed opinions and asked questions regarding impact fees, facility needs, and the sales tax.

Staff members responded to questions of the Board.

No official actions were taken by the Board at this workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kinnan adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman