



# Draper Notes

October 7, 2014

## **Comments on the August 26, 2014, School Board Meeting Minutes, Item 7.15, Contract to the International Center for Leadership in Education Training Program in the Amount of \$182,200.00.**

Item 7.15 on the August 26, 2014, school board agenda was a contract to the International Center for Leadership in Education Training program in the amount of \$182,200.00. Mr. Rodney Hollingsworth, school board member, asked that this item be pulled from the agenda for further discussion. The school board approved the pulling of this contract for discussion.

The minutes of this school board meeting reflect only that *discussion ensued*. After the discussion, this contract was approved unanimously. No details of the discussion were included in the minutes. The Florida Attorney General issued an opinion regarding the requirement for the production of minutes for a public meeting. Specifically, the attorney general outlines in AGO 74.62 that the term *minutes* is not specifically defined in the Florida Statutes for the purposes of s. 286.011(2), F.S., but **the attorney general's office has concluded that the term means a brief summary or series of brief notes or memoranda reflecting the events of public meetings in written form.**

The superintendent should have included a summary of the primary discussion points in regards to Item 7.15. *Discussion ensued* does not tell the public anything regarding what were the questions and answers in reference to this contract. The sum of \$182,200.00 is a large sum of taxpayer money whether it comes from local or grant funds. The superintendent needs to understand that both local and grant funds come from the taxpayers' pockets. It is not free money.