



Draper Notes

October 10, 2014

Superintendent Needs to Review Florida Sunshine Law

The minutes for the September 9, 2014, school board meeting specifies in agenda item 11.01 that the board will conduct an executive session immediately after the regular session. The reason specified for the executive session, which is closed to the public, is an *Update by Phillip Nedley*.

A review of the Florida Sunshine Law does not indicate that an *Update by Phillip Nedley* is an acceptable reason for an executive session. Exemptions to the Florida Sunshine Law are specific, and the superintendent has a responsibility to publically specify the exemption. Since the September 9, 2014, agenda and minutes do not specify an exemption covered under the Florida Sunshine Law, the superintendent may want to do some remedial work in this area before a complaint is filed with the Florida Ethics Commission.

In addition, some of the school board members have attended training sessions conducted by the Florida School Board Association in which the Florida Sunshine Law was discussed. These sessions were paid with taxpayer dollars. Board members, as well as the school board attorney, have a responsibility to identify these mistakes by the superintendent.