

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Coral Gables, Florida
February 21, 2006

Chairman F. Philip Handy convened the meeting of the State Board of Education at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, at 8:30 a.m., on February 21, 2006, with the following members present: Vice Chairman T. Willard Fair, Donna G. Callaway, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan, and Linda K. Taylor. Roberto Martinez was unable to attend.

WELCOME

Chairman Handy welcomed the members and audience to the meeting of the State Board of Education. Chairman Handy recognized Dr. Linda Eads, former State Board of Education member. Dr. Steven Ullman, Vice Provost for the University of Miami, welcomed the members and Commissioner Winn on behalf of the University.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Handy called for a motion to amend the agenda to remove two (2) charter schools appeals (Lake Institute Elementary and Lake Institute Middle), to withdraw Education Media Specialist Rule 6A-4.0251, and to add the transfer of assets of WXEL, (Barry University). Motion was made to amend the agenda. Mrs. Taylor made the motion to amend the agenda as noted with a second by Mrs. Callaway. Motion to withdraw Education Media Specialist Rule 6A-4.0251. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Handy provided the protocol for public speaking on Rule 6B-4.010, FAC. Chairman Handy stated that three minutes were provided for each individual wishing to address the Board. Speaker cards were made available for this purpose.

Chairman Handy recognized the winner of the 2006 Florida Future Educators of America, Nachombe Pierre, a junior at Miami Central Senior High School. Miss Pierre read her speech entitled "Is Teaching a Calling?"

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2006. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Mrs. Taylor.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Global Florida—Commissioner Winn reported that he traveled with Governor Bush to Nassau, Bahamas, to announce the partnership with Sanderlin Elementary School in Pinellas County and Woodcock Primary School in the Bahamas. Commissioner Winn reported that Woodcock Primary School will participate in the Chancellor's Summer Reading Challenge. Commissioner Winn also announced the planned partnership at high school and middle school levels which will focus on reading and improve access to technology.

Growth Model—Commissioner Winn reported that in November 2005 the U.S. Department of Education invited ten states to participate in a pilot project where growth models would be used to determine whether schools made adequate yearly progress under No Child Left Behind. The Department has submitted an application and should receive notification of acceptance in May.

Rigorous High School Curriculum—Commissioner Winn announced that he and Chairman Handy participated in discussions relating to the Academic Competitive Access Grant Program in Washington D.C. Commissioner Winn reported that President Bush signed into law the Academic Competitive Access Grant Program which allocated \$750 million to Pell-eligible students who take a rigorous high school curriculum.

Legislative Updates—Commissioner Winn announced that the Governor's budget included an additional \$10 million over the \$30 million the State Board had requested, for a total of \$40 million in teacher recruitment and retention dollars. Commissioner Winn reported that Committee Bill 2048 (A++) will be sponsored by Senator Evelyn Lynn and will include high school reform task force and middle school reform measures. The House and Senate Joint Resolution on Class Size has passed the first committee. Commissioner Winn stated that Senator Pruitt and Representative Rubio are sponsoring legislation to support the continuation of the Opportunity Scholarship Program. In addition, Representative Sansom and Senator Haridopolos are sponsoring the Paper Reduction Task Force recommendations.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the Commissioner's report. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Fair with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, FAC., Florida Comprehensive Assessment Requirements. Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to the Amendment of Rule 6B-4.010, FAC., Instructional Personnel Assessment. Chairman Handy recognized Commissioner Winn to provide an overview of the process for the rule amendment and the background on the implementing law. Commissioner Winn stated that the rule as amended would require school districts to recognize the top 10% of their teachers. In addition, guidelines are provided for determining instruments to measure non-FCAT teachers based on district approved, district negotiated personnel assessment systems. Commissioner Winn stated that the law requires every teacher to receive some portion of his/her salary from performance bonuses and committed that the Department would be part of a team to identify measures of achievement for non-FCAT teachers.

Chairman Handy opened the floor to allow public testimony. Public input was provided by: David Mosrie, CEO, FADSS; Ira Paul, VP, Independent Voices for Better Education and Math Teacher, Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School; Dr. Janice Boyd, Principal, Gray Middle School; Michael Lannon, President, FADSS; Linda Wetzels, Director of Employee Relations, Miami-Dade County Schools; Max Schmidt, Executive Director for Florida School Labor Relations Services; Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent for Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Dr. Elaine Liftin, Executive Director for the Council for Educational Change; Yvette Martini, Teacher, Miami-Dade County; Artie Leichner, Teacher and Media Specialist; Evelyn Greer, Miami Dade County School Board Member and Attorney; Claudia Simmons, 4th Grade Teacher, Collier County; Emily Larson, Collier County; Clara Cook, Secretary Treasure, Florida Education Association; Crissy Cuenca, Middle School Language Arts Teacher; Steve Bouzianis; David Figilio submitted written comments in lieu of speaking.

Mrs. Raulerson stated that the timeline may be a problem for districts and that she would like to see 20-30% of Florida's teachers receive compensation under this rule and that Florida is in the forefront beginning with 10% of teachers. Ms. Shanahan agreed with Mrs. Raulerson. Mrs. Callaway added that it is time to proceed with this rule. Mrs. Taylor asked Commissioner Winn to address the new sources of funding issue. Mr. Fair commended the public speakers on their presentations.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN—Chancellor David Armstrong provided an overview of the Community College Strategic Plan as amended. Chancellor Armstrong stated that the plan strongly supports community colleges remaining true to their mission and commitment to providing postsecondary programs in all areas of need.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the Community College Strategic Plan. Mrs. Callaway made the motion with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROPOSAL: BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN FIRE SCIENCE. Dr. Steven Wallace, President of Florida Community College at Jacksonville, thanked the Board for its consideration of the request. Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the request with the understanding that the name of the college remain as is. A motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Handy requested that Dr. Wallace report back to the Board on the success of the program.

CHARTER SCHOOL APPEALS:

Challenge Foundation vs. School Board of Sarasota County: Attorney Mike Olenick represented Challenge Foundation Academy. School Board Attorney Arthur Hardy represented the School Board of Sarasota County. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeals Commission to deny the

appeal. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mr. Fair. Motion passed unanimously.

Academies of Excellence, Inc (Elementary) vs. School Board of Volusia County:

Attorney Kathleen Schoenberg represented Academies of Excellence. Attorney Theodore Doren represented the Volusia County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeals Commission to overturn the decision of the school board. The motion was made by Mr. Fair with a second by Ms. Shanahan. Motion passed 6-1 with Mrs. Taylor as the opposing vote.

Academies for Excellence, Inc. (Middle) vs. School Board of Gadsden County:

Attorney Kathleen Schoenberg represented Academies of Excellence. Attorney Deborah Minnis represented Gadsden County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the Charter School Appeal. A motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

Academies for Excellence, Inc. (Elementary) vs. School Board of Gadsden County:

Attorney Kathleen Schoenberg represented Academies of Excellence. Attorney Deborah Minnis represented Gadsden County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the Charter School Appeal. A motion was made by Mr. Fair with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

Summit Academy vs. School Board of Sarasota County:

Attorney Randy Hannah represented Summit Academy. Attorney Art Hardy represented Sarasota County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the appeal. A motion was made by Mr. Fair with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote with Ms. Shanahan being the opposing vote.

HIGH SCHOOL REFORM TASK FORCE:

Chancellor Cheri Yecke, K-12 Public Schools, provided an update on the High School Reform Task Force. Chairman Handy asked for a motion to accept the report. The motion was made by Mrs. Callaway with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

PAPER REDUCTION TASK FORCE:

Chancellor Yecke reported that there were approximately 22,000 responses to the initial survey to work on this report. Chancellor Yecke also reported that many of the reporting requirements are mandated by the school districts and not at a state level. Mrs.

Raulerson recommended that data collection activities be consolidated at the state level to eliminate duplication of requests. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept this report. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Fair with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCESS TASK FORCE:

Theresa Klebacha, Director of Strategic Initiatives, presented the final report of the Access Task Force. Ms. Shanahan recommended that incentives for students to complete degree programs in four years were needed. Mrs. Taylor stated that the Board's position that access is good for students should be presented to the Board of Governors. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the final report. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Fair with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF WXEL'S ASSETS:

Commissioner Winn provided a chronological overview and history of WXEL. Commissioner Winn stated that the funds from the transfer of the assets of WXEL would be placed in a trust fund. Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the transfer of assets of WXEL. Vice Chairman Fair made the motion with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Fair with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTED REPORTS, UPDATES, AND DISCUSSIONS:

VPK Update: VPK Summer Planning and 2006-07 Kindergarten Screening: Shan Goff, Director of the Office of Early Learning, and Gladys Wilson, Agency for Workforce Innovation, provided an update on planning for the Summer VPK program. Ms. Goff reported that approximately 30,000 children are enrolled for the summer VPK program. Ms. Goff concluded her report by stating that the kindergarten assessment instrument contract for readiness had been awarded to Harcourt-Brace earlier that morning.

Update on Comprehensive K12 Reading Plans

Dr. Evan Lefsky, Director of Secondary Reading, Just Read, Florida!, provided an update on the K-12 comprehensive reading plans. Dr. Lefsky provided information on the guidance for the 2006-07 school year, stressing the flexibility offered to districts for the upcoming year. Dr. Lefsky announced approximately 4,000 attendees are expected for this year's Reading Conference, July 10-12, 2006.

Assistance Plus Mid-Year Report

Mary Jane Tappen, Deputy Chancellor for K12 Student Achievement, provided an overview on the status of the F and repeating F schools. Ms. Tappen reported on concerns, as well as progress for each of the schools. Vice Chairman Fair requested that districts provide written assurance of their progress monitoring and the steps and timelines included as part of the monitoring. Commissioner Winn stated that additional information would be provided at the March State Board meeting.

Report on Advanced Placement in Florida and the Nation:

Monica Hayes, Director of the Office of Equity and Access, reported that there is a significant increase in the number of under-represented students taking honor courses and AP courses. Mrs. Hayes reported that 23% of under-represented students taking the AP exam are Latino. Mrs. Hayes completed her report by stating that nine Florida schools have been identified as having the best AP classes in the nation.

Adjournment:

Chairman Handy stated that the March 21, 2006, and April 18, 2006, SBE meetings will be held in Tallahassee. Having no further business, Chairman Handy adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education.

F. Philip Handy, Chairman

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary