

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Tampa, Florida  
May 16, 2006

Chairman F. Philip Handy welcomed the members to the State Board of Education meeting at the Hillsborough County School District Office at 10:30 a.m. on May 16, 2006, with the following members present: Vice Chairman T. Willard Fair, Donna G. Callaway, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan, Linda K. Taylor, and Roberto Martinez.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Handy stated that he recently spoke to the Central Florida Coalition on behalf of the State Board to provide information on changes in legislation and the proposed plans for implementation.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the April 18, 2006, minutes. Motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner John Winn commended Department of Education employees and members of the Florida Legislature on the success in the 2006 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Winn reported that the five finalists for Teacher of the Year have been chosen. The finalists are: Melissa Brinson, Suwannee County; Lynn Carrier, Miami-Dade County; Conney Dahn, Martin County; Margaret Jan Graham, Leon County; and Cathy Hardesty, Highlands County. Each finalist received a check for \$5,000 and a \$500 Macy's gift card courtesy of Macy's. Commissioner Winn stated that the Teacher of the Year will be announced on July 12, 2006, in Orlando, Florida, at the annual Teacher of the Year Gala.

Commissioner Winn concluded his report by presenting his ten goals relating to community colleges and school districts to be implemented by the 2008-2009 school year. The goals included: no F graded schools in the state of Florida; every middle and high school student will have accelerations opportunities available; every high school student will have access to an industry certified career academy or special interest learning community either at the home high school, a community college, a vocational technical center, or at a business/industry site; every high school student will pursue a special area of interest leading to graduating with a special competency; every student will understand what is required for them to become college ready, postsecondary training ready, or work ready; every high school student will enter high school with a student-directed electronic academic and career plan that guides course taking and skills needed to succeed; every non-proficient middle and high school student will have access to proven effective intensive reading and mathematics instruction; every high school teacher will have attained skills enabling them to effectively assist struggling readers to comprehend content area coursework; every secondary school principal will have attained leadership competencies needed to run effective middle, high and alternative schools, and all eighth grade students entering standard or accelerated high school curricula will have the skills in reading and mathematics to succeed.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's report. Vice Chairman Fair made the motion with a second by Mr. Martinez. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Action for Possible Repeating F schools**

Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided a general overview of the potential models for restructuring schools should that action be necessary. Deputy Chancellor Mary Jane Tappen provided an overview of the proposed action for each scenario involving either a repeating F school or a school which moved from an F to D. Ms. Tappen reported that the counties with schools of concern are: Broward, Escambia, Gadsden, Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, and Orange.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the curriculum models and the specific action recommended for approval. Vice Chairman Fair made the motion with a second by Mrs. Callaway. Ms. Shanahan requested to amend the motion to state that the Department would come back with a prescriptive plan for schools failing to implement the required action. Vice Chairman Fair agreed to amend his motion with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CHARTER SCHOOL APPEALS**

### **Charter School Appeal: Baypoint Schools, Inc. vs. Miami-Dade School Board**

Baypoint Schools, Inc. was represented by Attorney Joseph Klock. Ms. Mindy McNichols, Assistant School Board Attorney, represented Miami-Dade School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to uphold the Charter School Commission recommendation to accept the School Board's decision and deny the appeal. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Charter School Appeal: Survivors Charter School, Inc. Boynton Beach vs. School Board of Palm Beach County**

Attorney Bryan Yarnell, represented Survivors Charter School, Inc. Superintendent Art Johnson appeared on behalf of the Palm Beach County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to uphold the Charter School Commission recommendation to accept the School Board's decision and deny the appeal. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Fair with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Charter School Appeal: Survivors Charter School, Inc. West Palm Beach vs. School Board of Palm Beach County**

Principal Randy Stafford represented Survivors Charter School, Inc. Superintendent Art Johnson represented the Palm Beach County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the Charter School Appeal recommendation to grant the appeal and overturn the school board's decision. Commissioner Winn stated that his recommendation to the Board was to not accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission. Commissioner Winn stated that in both appeals financial management was of major concern. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Fair with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The Board failed to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission.

## **Action Plan for Performance Pay Implementation**

Daniel Woodring, General Counsel, provided an update on the proviso language and the implementing language passed by the 2006 Legislature relating to the Special Teachers are Rewarded (STAR). Chairman Handy called for a motion to fully implement the proviso in Specific Appropriation 91 relating to STAR. The motion was made by Mrs. Raulerson with a second by Mrs. Taylor. At the Chairman's request, Chancellor Yecke provided an overview of the STAR plan with the assurance that additional information would be forthcoming. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Action Plan to Implement Co-teaching Legislation**

Jeanine Blomberg, Chief of Staff, provided an overview on the Action Plan to implement co-teaching. Mrs. Blomberg stated that for the upcoming school year, Florida would need to hire a total of 9,000 teachers to meet the class size reduction requirements. Mrs. Blomberg stated that this implementation is retroactive and class size averages will be recalculated based upon the new requirements. Chairman Handy called for a motion to amend the policy adopted in June 2005 in order to fully implement the 2006 Legislative Requirements of HB 7087 allowing the use of co-teaching for calculating compliance with class size as adopted by the 2006 Legislature. The motion was made by Mr. Martinez with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Action Plan Concerning Implementation of Supplemental Education Services and Release of Unused Title I funds for 2005-2006**

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the matrix presented to the State Board of Education by the Commissioner to evaluate district by district implementation. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. Commissioner Winn stated that the federal regulations require that 15 percent of the Title I funds be spent on supplemental education services. Chancellor Yecke stated that six districts were not required to provide supplemental education services and that Okaloosa and Suwannee County Districts utilized 100 percent of the supplemental education services funds. In addition, both of these counties used local funds to provide the services to students who did not receive free and reduced price lunch. 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 Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **POLICY ISSUE FOR CONCURRENCE**

#### **Aligning High School and Postsecondary Standards—Action Plan**

Chancellors David Armstrong and Cheri Yecke provided an update on the action plan for Aligning High School and Postsecondary Standards. Chancellor Armstrong stated that one of the areas under review is the alignment of assessment instruments to focus on the areas which are critical when students enter postsecondary institutions. Chancellor Yecke stated that the Sunshine State Standards are currently under review and the focus is on ensuring that the standards are in alignment with the transition to postsecondary education. Chancellors Armstrong and Yecke provided information on partnerships throughout the state to ensure that incentives for students are in place to further their education, including partnerships with universities.

### **REQUESTED REPORTS, UPDATES, AND DISCUSSIONS**

#### **Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program Update: Summer Planning**

Shan Goff, Executive Director stated that 3,748 children have actually registered and enrolled for the VPK summer program. Ms. Goff reported that summer enrollment was lower than anticipated, in part due to lack of interest by parents; however, the interest of parents for the fall registration appears to be very positive. Ms. Goff stated that part of the reason for the low enrollment for the summer term was due to the long school days. Ms. Goff completed her report by stating that all state agencies involved in the VPK program are increasing their communications to parents and communities to ensure that every family with a child who could attend a VPK program has the knowledge and opportunity to enroll.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Handy stated that the next State Board of Education Meeting will be June 20, 2006, at 8:30 a.m.

Having no further business, Chairman Handy adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education.

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Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

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F. Philip Handy, Chairman