

MINUTES
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Chairman F. Philip Handy welcomed the members to the State Board of Education meeting at the Seminole County School District Office at 8:30 a.m. on June 20, 2006, with the following members present: Donna G. Callaway, Vice Chairman T. Willard Fair, Roberto Martinez, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan, Linda K. Taylor.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Superintendent Bill Vogel welcomed the Board to the Seminole County School District and thanked the State Board and Department for the partnership with Seminole County schools in the high school reading initiative.

Chairman Handy recognized Representatives Ralph Arza and David Mealor to address the Board.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the May 16, 2006, minutes. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Handy completed his report by awarding Superintendent Baker of the Collier County School District with the Seal of Best Financial Management Practices.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Winn stated that the budget preparation process will begin by implementing Zero Based Budgeting. Senior staff are working with individual bureaus to ensure that resources are allocated to move forward with the Board's budget priorities.

Commissioner Winn stated that he recently held a press conference to address the recent reports on FCAT scorers' credentials. Commissioner Winn reported that the Department had completed a review of applications for all candidates for FCAT scoring and that all reviewers responsible for FCAT scoring held bachelor's degrees as required and that a majority held a degree in the subject area they were responsible for scoring.

Commissioner Winn stated that an alternative grading system for grading alternative schools has been established to include: showed improvement, remained the same, or declined, based on student performance in the alternative school.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. The motion was made by Mr. Martinez with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of District Repeating F Schools Restructuring Plans

K-12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke stated that Duval, Jefferson, Miami-Dade, and Orange Counties have repeating F schools. Chancellor Yecke provided an overview of the twenty-six requirements that each repeating F school must comply with in their restructuring plans. Chancellor Yecke reported that some of the twenty-six requirements are not new, but others have been added and/or amended. Mrs. Callaway made the motion to re-adopt the requirements previously approved and adopt the amended and/or new requirements as presented by Chancellor Yecke. Vice Chairman Fair seconded the motion. Ms. Shanahan requested to amend the motion to include a reading and math coach for each grade level unless the school population is less than

500 students, in which case one per school is sufficient. Mrs. Callaway accepted the motion with a second by Vice Chair Fair. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Handy recommended that all F schools will be required to meet all 26 requirements before the school is considered in compliance.

Vice Chairman Fair recommended that action be taken against districts that have State Board approved plans and are still not in compliance with those plans. Chairman Handy called for a motion to declare Miami Edison and Miami Central in Miami-Dade County and Jones High School in Orange County out of compliance. Vice Chair Fair made the motion with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Handy recognized Jefferson County Superintendent Barker, Polk County Superintendent McKinzie; Duval County Superintendent Wise; Miami-Dade County Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction on School Improvement Antoinette Dunbar; and Deputy Superintendent of Professional Development Ava Byrne; and Orange County Deputy Superintendent James Lawson and Area Superintendent Dr. Ruth Christian-Perez as representatives from the districts which have repeating F schools.

Chairman Handy stated that the Board would meet via conference call in July to consider the plans for the repeating F schools to determine if they were in compliance with the newly adopted twenty-six requirements.

Approval of District Requirements for New 2006-07 F Schools

Chancellor Cheri Yecke stated that the Department is currently working on a study of schools that have shown improvement by going from an F to a B or an A. The study will provide the Department with trends that have occurred in these formerly F schools and the information will be shared with the new F schools as a best practices model.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the district requirements for new 2006-07 F schools. The motion was made by Vice Chair Fair with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.002, General Provisions

Deputy Chancellor Pam Stewart provided an overview of the rule amendment as it applies to educators transferring into Florida to teach, the documentation that must be submitted, and the utilization of teaching experience as a substitute for course credit. Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-4.002. Vice Chair Fair made the motion with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.006, General Professional Preparation

Deputy Chancellor Pam Stewart stated that the amendment to Rule 6A-4.006 includes the updated competency requirements in the area of classroom management, reading, assessment, and use of student data to improve learning to address the changes in the pathways for certification professional preparation.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-4.006. Mr. Martinez made the motion with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Rule 6A-6.040, Voluntary Prekindergarten Director Endorsement for Private Providers

Executive Director Shan Goff stated that Rule 6A-6.040 has been amended to establish an effective date of December 31, 2006, for VPK directors to acquire the new VPK endorsement. Ms. Goff stated that a director must possess the Department of Children and Families (DCF) director credential in addition to the new VPK endorsement.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-6.040. Mrs. Taylor made the motion with a second by Mr. Martinez. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of the College Reach Out Program Funding Recommendations

Monica Hayes, Director of the Office of Equity and Access, provided an overview of the funding recommendations as submitted by the College Reach-Out Program Advisory Council. Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the recommendations. Vice Chair Fair made the motion with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

POLICY ISSUES FOR CONCURRENCE:

Implementation Plan for Bullying Prevention and Cyber Safety

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided information on the efforts of the Department to ensure that safety mechanisms are in place to protect Florida's students including recommendations to the current rule addressing the zero tolerance policy. Chancellor Yecke stated that a rule amendment would be forthcoming after input from all constituents has been received and considered by the Department for the Board's consideration.

Children Whose Native Language is Spanish and the VPK Readiness Rate

Executive Director Shan Goff stated that sixty-three percent of Broward County's VPK providers have at least one Spanish-speaking only VPK classroom. Ms. Goff stated that NCLB requires K-12 public school instruction in reading, writing, listening, and speaking to be in English. Mr. Martinez expressed concern with providing VPK instruction in languages other than English stating that students in a VPK program are being prepared for instruction in an English speaking kindergarten class. The Board agreed to administer the Spanish version of DIBELS (the IDEL) in transition to provide information for the kindergarten and/or LEP teachers about students' progress in Spanish, but not to use this data for the calculation of the VPK provider readiness rate.

Community College Strategic Plan as a Guide to Developing Policy and Budget

Community College Chancellor David Armstrong provided an overview of the relationship between the Community College Strategic Plan and the development of policy and allocation of funding. Chancellor Armstrong stated that the Division of Community Colleges is currently focusing on underrepresented populations of all ethnicities.

Requested Reports, Updates, and Discussions

Update on Bachelor of Applied Science Task Force

Dr. Judy Bilsky and Dr. R.E. LeMon provided an overview of the Bachelor of Applied Science Task Force and its findings. Dr. Bilsky stated that the task force researched existing models, statutes, rules and policies relating to Bachelor of Applied Science degree programs. Dr. LeMon stated that the Bachelor of Applied Science is a designated degree for flexible baccalaureate

programs designed to accommodate unique demands for entry and advancement with specific work course sectors.

Update of Class Size Reduction Requirements

Chief of Staff Jeanine Blomberg provided an update on the two changes that will occur during the next school year with the implementation of the class size reduction amendment. Ms. Blomberg stated that class size averages will be measured at individual school levels as opposed to school district averages. This will cause a need for more than 9,000 new teachers to meet class size reduction requirements at the school level. Ms. Blomberg stated that changes have been made to the cost per student station which will impact the Capital Outlay Budget Request.

Update on Enrollment of Level 1 and Level 2 Students in Reading Intervention Courses

Director of Secondary Learning Dr. Evan Lefsky provided an update on the enrollments of level 1 and level 2 students in reading intervention courses. Dr. Lefsky stated that in the last three years there has been an increase between 21 percent and 38 percent of students in reading classes.

Adjournment

Chairman Handy stated that the next State Board of Education Meeting will be held by telephone in July.

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

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

F. Philip Handy, Chairman