

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hillsborough Community College
Dale Mabry Campus
October 17, 2006

Chairman F. Philip Handy welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting at the Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, at 10:30 a.m., on October 17, 2006, with the following members present: Donna G. Callaway, Vice Chairman T. Willard Fair, Roberto Martinez, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan and Linda K. Taylor.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Handy called for a motion to amend the State Board of Education agenda to add a new item 3 to the consent agenda. The motion was made by Mrs. Callaway with a second by Mr. Fair. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Handy recognized the following middle school principals as Turn-Around Principals who have increased a school's rating by two letter grades in one year: Barbara Mendizabal of Ruben Dario Middle School; Dr. Dwight Raines of Buchanan Middle School; Jose Bueno of Jose Martin Middle School; Luis Diaz of Henry H. Filer Middle School; Brian Greseth of Yearling Middle School; James Elliot from McLane Middle School; Thomas Ennis of Cutler Ridge Middle School; Valarie Carrier of Rivera Middle School; JoAnne Gans of Ponce De Leon Middle School; Martha Montiel of Hileah Middle School; Mary Murray of Golden Gate Middle School; and Dr. Gail Quigley of Miami Springs Middle School.

Chairman Handy reported that he had written a letter to the editor of the St. Petersburg Times to clarify that the increases in FEFP were substantial in relation to Class Size.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the September 19, 2006, minutes. Mrs. Callaway made the motion with a second by Mr. Fair. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Winn commended K-12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke and her staff on the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Workshop held earlier in the day.

Commissioner Winn stated that the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission recently held its first meeting in Tallahassee to establish bylaws, operating procedures, and a timeline for accepting applications from school districts to be an exclusive authorizer for charter schools. Commissioner Winn stated that the Commission will begin chartering new Charter Schools in the 2008 school year.

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:

Broward County School Board's Appeal of the Department of Education's Decision on Reallocation of Title I Funds based on Supplementary Education Services Participation -- Chairman Handy called for a motion to grant the request of Broward County Superintendent Frank Till to defer action on the appeal until the December board meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Fair with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Charter School Appeal: Successful Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Spiral Tech Elementary Charter vs. School Board of Miami-Dade County -- Attorney John Kelso was recognized to represent Successful Enterprises d/b/a Spiral Tech and Attorney Mindy McNichols was recognized to represent the Miami Dade County School Board. Chairman Handy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the school board. The motion was made by Mr. Fair with a second by Mr. Martinez. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Performance Pay Plan: Hillsborough County School Board -- K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided a brief overview of the status of District Performance Pay Plans. Chancellor Yecke recommended that the Board approve the Performance Pay Plan submitted by Hillsborough County Public Schools. Chairman Handy recognized Hillsborough County Superintendent MaryEllen Elia. Superintendent Elia provided an overview of the district's Performance Pay Plan. In addition, Ms. Yvonne Lyons representing the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association stated that as a representative of the Union she was pleased to voice her support for this plan as well.

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the Performance Pay Plan as submitted by the Hillsborough County School Board. The motion was made by Mr. Martinez with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Handy called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Fair with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

REQUESTED REPORTS, UPDATES, AND DISCUSSIONS:

Update on Baccalaureate Degrees -- Chancellor David Armstrong provided an overview an overview of the of baccalaureate degree programs offered at public community colleges including the current enrollment and projected graduates.

Update on Action Plans for Repeating F Schools -- Deputy Chancellor Mary Jane Tappen provided an overview of the monthly reports submitted by districts

with repeating F schools. Ms. Tappen reported that Duval and Orange counties are to provide tutoring equal to or above the SES total. Ms. Tappen stated that Duval County currently is in the process of providing parent contracts with the first quarter progress reports. Ms. Tappen reported that Jefferson County has received a majority of parent contracts but that they are collecting additional information to address the total number of students participating in extended learning programs. Ms. Tappen stated that Miami-Dade County does not have students enrolled in all programs as submitted in their report. Ms. Tappen reported that Department staff would continue to visit the schools and monitor the progress as presented in their reports. Chairman Handy requested that Ms. Tappen submit an electronic version of district reports and the Department's summary to Board members upon receipt in November.

Adjournment

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

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

F. Philip Handy, Chairman