

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
The Grand Bohemian Hotel  
Orlando, Florida  
May 15, 2007

Chairman T. Willard Fair welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting at the Grand Bohemia Hotel in Orlando, Florida at 8:30 a.m., on May 15, 2007, with the following members present: Donna Callaway, Akshay Desai, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan, and Linda Taylor. Mr. Roberto Martinez joined the meeting upon his arrival in Orlando.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the May 15, 2007, State Board of Education meeting agenda as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed.

Chairman Fair recognized Chief of Staff Theresa Klebacha to provide a brief overview of the status of the Commissioner of Education Search contract negotiations. Dr. Klebacha introduced President and CEO Ms. Nancy Noeske of PROACT Search, Inc.

Ms. Noeske provided an overview of the definition of the roles and responsibilities of the Board and the search firm. Ms. Noeske stated that Dr. Klebacha had been identified as the liaison between the Board and the search firm. Ms. Noeske recommended that the Board review the draft copy of the Code of Ethics Statement.

Ms. Noeske reviewed the proposed timelines of the various steps in the search process with the Board. Ms. Noeske stated that candidate recruitment efforts last for a minimum of four weeks. Ms. Noeske recommended that the Board provide the names of additional stakeholders that should participate in the search process. In addition, Ms. Noeske provided a description of stakeholder activities which would include: (1) Public/Staff Forums; (2) Focus Groups/Small Group Meetings; (3) Individual Interviews; and (4) Charettes. Mr. Fair recommended that PROACT Search stress the value of stakeholder input in the search process. Mrs. Raulerson recommended that PROACT Search add student organizations to the proposed stakeholder list. Ms. Shanahan recommended that the stakeholder groups be diverse and reflective of the diversity in the State.

Ms. Noeske stated that a large percent of the applicant pool would come from recruitment efforts. Ms. Noeske provided a proposed advertising plan to begin in June 2007. Ms. Shanahan recommended that PROACT revise the proposed advertising plan to identify newspapers that appeal to a wider audience versus local area newspapers. Ms. Noeske stated that the deadline for submitting applications for Commissioner of Education is July 13, 2007.

Ms. Noeske stated that the position profile should be finalized before the screening process begins. Ms. Noeske recommended that the Board consider requiring that each applicant at a minimum have a master's degree. Ms. Shanahan recommended that the applicants provide measurements of performance and accountability to demonstrate consistent and positive results. Mr. Fair stated that the Board should consider the option to have a third

party review the proposed leadership profile to assist with defining and finalizing the position profile. Ms. Noeske stated that the third party review would consist of a team of business psychologists who would provide a profile of each candidate's strengths and weaknesses. After lengthy discussion on the position profile, Mrs. Raulerson recommended that the search firm include language that would appeal to applicants who have exceptional leadership performance. Mrs. Callaway recommended that the search firm include language that would appeal to applicants who have a master's degree or equivalent experience. The Board concurred.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007, State Board of Education Meeting. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Blomberg stated the Department recently launched the Go Higher Campaign, which is designed to assist high school students enrolling in community colleges with the completion of admission applications and provide students with a mechanism to assess career interests.

Commissioner Blomberg reported that the Department of Education will begin Legislative Regional Update Meetings on May 15, 2007. Commissioner Blomberg provided a brief update on the Board's 2007 Legislative Priorities.

Commissioner Blomberg provided an update on School Districts' that are not in compliance with Class Size Reduction requirements. Commissioner Blomberg stated that 40 traditional schools and 17 charter schools are currently not in compliance with the Class Size Reduction requirements at the school level and are required to submit a Class Size Constitutional Compliance Plan.

Mr. Martinez recommended that the Board consider readdressing the inclusion of the Opportunity Scholarship; World Class Standards; and Performance Pay for the upcoming legislative session.

Commissioner Blomberg stated that the Department is currently analyzing the 2006 FCAT Third Grade reading results. Chairman Fair commended Commissioner Blomberg on the steps being taken to respond to recent articles relative to the decline in third grade reading. Mrs. Taylor recommended that the Strategic Imperatives include annual goals that provide a plan for ensuring that third grade readers are performing on grade level. Commissioner Blomberg stated that the findings from the analysis will be presented at the June meeting.

Commissioner Blomberg recognized Deputy Chancellor Iris Wilson to provide an update on repeating F schools. Deputy Chancellor Wilson stated that the Department is currently analyzing its current action plans for F schools and developing a plan for elementary schools. Deputy Chancellor Wilson stated that the Department is currently analyzing each district's reporting process to ensure consistency.

Commissioner Blomberg recognized Shan Goff, Executive Director for Early Learning, to provide a brief update on the Preliminary 2005-2006 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates. Ms. Goff stated that 82 percent of all VPK providers participated in the readiness rate screening process. Ms. Goff stated that students who complete the VPK program performed at a higher rate than non completers and non participants.

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke recommended that the Board accept amended STAR Plans for Gilchrist, Manatee, and DeSoto counties and accept STAR Plans as submitted for Marion, Charlotte, and Taylor Counties. Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the STAR Plans as submitted. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the Commissioner's report as presented. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Presentation: Mathematics and Science- Solutions for Florida's Future**

Executive Director Mary Jane Tappen of the Office of Mathematics and Science provided a brief update on the history of the newly created office. Ms. Tappen stated that the Department is currently revising Florida's Mathematics Standards. The revision process will include the creation of Florida's new World Class Standards to be presented to the Board later in the year. Ms. Tappen stated that Singapore is a top scoring nation in the world, based on curriculum, textbooks and standards. Ms. Tappen introduced Deputy Director Dr. Todd Clark who provided an update on updating Florida's current Science Standards.

Ms. Tappen recognized President of the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics Nancy Kinard who provided the Board with a brief update on the task that framers were charged with.

Ms. Tappen recognized Dr. Laura Lang of Florida's Center for Research of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, (FCR-STEM) who provided an overview on research which includes a plan to increase participation and success in STEM education for females and minorities.

Ms. Tappen introduced the 2007 Sunshine State Scholar Casey Hua of the Seminole County School District. In addition, Ms. Tappen introduced former United States Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride. Dr. Ride shared her experiences on the path that lead to her becoming an astronaut and the importance of math and science for all students.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of Proposed New Rule 6A-5.081, Approval of Programs Leading to Certification in Educational Leadership and School Principal.**

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0081, FAC., Florida School Principal Certification; Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0082, FAC., Specialization Requirements for Certification in Educational Leadership – Administrative Class; and Rule 6A-4.0083, FAC., School Principal – Administrative Class; and Repeal of Rule 6A-4.0084, FAC., Professional School Principal – Administrative Class**

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided an overview of Proposed New Rule 6A-5.081 and the amendments to rules 6A-4.0081, 6A-4.0082, 6A-4.0083, and the repeal of 6A-4.0084. Chancellor Yecke stated that the proposed new rule and the amendments implement the William Cecil Golden Professional Development Program for School Leaders.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the rules as presented. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0243, Specialization Requirements for Certification in Foreign Language (Grades K-12) Academic Class**

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke stated that this rule will allow for the acceptance of completion for the Basic Program of the Defense Language Institute of the United States Department of Defense. Dr. Desai recommended that the rule be expanded include Hindi, Farsi, and Arabic languages. Chancellor Yecke stated that an update on the expansion would be provided at the June meeting.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the amendment to Rule 6A-4.0243. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Fair stated that the next Board meeting will be held June 19, 2007, in Miami, Florida. Having no further business, Chairman Fair adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education.

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Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

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T. Willard Fair, Chairman