

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Chairman T. Willard Fair welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting at Miami Edison Senior High School, Miami, Florida at 1:00 p.m., on June 19, 2007, with the following members present: Donna Callaway, Akshay Desai, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan, and Linda Taylor. Mr. Roberto Martinez participated telephonically.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Fair recognized Miami Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Rudy Crew to welcome the members of the State Board of Education. Chairman Fair also recognized Miami Dade County School Board Members Mrs. Marta Perez and Mrs. Perla Hantman.

Chairman Fair recognized Chief of Staff Theresa Klebacha to provide an update on the search for the next Commissioner of Education. Dr. Klebacha stated that Proact had provided a written update on the progress of stakeholder interviews including Legislators. Dr. Klebacha then recognized Bob Schillar, Proact Consultant to provide an update on the search process. Mr. Schillar stated that the members of the firm had met with 10 large groups and 57 individual stakeholders. Mr. Schillar reported that additional meetings are scheduled and an updated report would be forthcoming.

Chairman Fair recognized Florida House Minority Leader Dan Gelber. Representative Gelber expressed his concerns that additional subject areas should be included to measure student learning gains and provide parents with additional information on the school grading system and its components.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007, meeting. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Blomberg provided an overview of the calculation of school grades past and present and the 2006 third grade scoring anomaly recently discovered upon release of third grade reading scores. Commissioner Blomberg stated that she had met with a group of stakeholders to gain input and form recommendations to resolve the issues relating to both school grading and AYP calculations for the 2006-07 school year.

Commissioner Blomberg presented the recommendations of the external FCAT review advisory committee for the Board's consideration and discussion. The following recommendations resulted from the Board's discussion and were then adopted as follows:

(1) Calculation of School Grades: Exclude 2006 3rd Grade Reading Scores in the calculation of Learning Gains, with safeguards to ensure that schools are held harmless, Include 2006 3rd grade FCAT Reading scores for those schools that actually demonstrated learning gains, despite the inflated baseline, and all cell size determinations for calculation would be determined including the 2006 3rd grade FCAT Reading scores.

(2) Recommendation for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirement for No Child Progress (AYP) requirement for No Child Left Behind Left Behind:

- Calculate AYP excluding 2006 3rd grade FCAT Reading scores

(3) Recommendation for calculation of school grades:

- Calculate 2007 School Grades with new Math and Science components (no change).

Commissioner Blomberg noted that the calculation of AYP as recommended will require approval of the United States Department of Education. Changes in calculation of the school grades will require rule promulgation.

After lengthy discussion and debate by the Board on each of the recommendations, Chairman Fair called for a motion for each of the recommendations.

Mrs. Raulerson made a motion to accept recommendation one that the calculation of school grades exclude 2006 third grade reading scores in the calculation of learning gains with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Raulerson made a motion to accept recommendation two that Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) be calculated excluding the 2006 third grade reading scores with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Callaway made a motion to accept recommendation three to calculate 2007 school grades with new math and science components with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Taylor recommended that a workshop be held to outline the dynamics of the process of the assessment system and that the Board continue to create data driven policies. The Board concurred.

Chairman Fair recognized Deputy Chancellor for Student Achievement Iris Wilson to provide a brief update on repeating F and D former F schools. Deputy Chancellor Wilson reported that each of the repeating F schools showed some gains in varying areas.

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.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Proposed Rule 6A-1.099823, FAC., Performance Standards for Children Participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

Office of Early Learning Executive Director Shan Goff provided the Board with a brief overview of the proposed rule. Ms. Goff stated that this rule will formally adopt the standards approved by the Board on June 19, 2007.

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

Approval of Proposed Rule 6A-6.0783, FAC., District School Board Exclusive Authority to Sponsor Charter Schools

Paulette Mainwood provided a brief overview of the proposed rule. Mrs. Mainwood stated that this rule will outline the procedures for districts to follow when submitting applications for exclusive authority to authorize charter schools; allow currently operating charter schools to

provide written concerns or support relating to the application to the SBOE; requires that public hearings be held prior to a district being granted exclusive authority; establishes the process for reviewing and evaluating district applications; define the period of exclusive authority; and establishes appeal procedures.

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

Approval of Proposed Assistance Plus Plans for F and Repeating F Schools

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided a brief overview of the proposed assistance plus plans. Chancellor Yecke stated that modifications had been made to the 26 SBOE requirements for repeating F high schools to address repeating F elementary schools. Chancellor Yecke stated that districts now have the ability to choose a reading and math coach, either for the school to serve grades three through five, or based on student achievement data.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the proposed assistance plus plans for F and repeating F schools. The motion was made by Mrs. Raulerson with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Revisions to Community College Baccalaureate Approval Process

Division of Community Colleges Assistant Chancellor KaSongo Butler provided an update on the recent passage of HB 7147, as it relates to post-secondary education and Baccalaureate Degree Proposals. Mrs. Butler stated that the new law directs the SBOE to consider alternative proposals when a decision is made to approve or deny a community college Baccalaureate proposal.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the revisions to the community college Baccalaureate approval process pending HB 7147 becoming law. The motion was made by Mrs. Raulerson with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Budget Preparation Guidelines 2008-09

Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations Linda Champion provided an update on the 2008-09 State Board of Education Legislative Budget Guidelines to ensure that the guidelines are aligned with the Board's policies, priorities, principles, and strategic imperatives.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the Budget Preparation Guidelines for 2008-09 as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Callaway with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Broward County School Board's Supplemental Educational Services Plan

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke commended Broward County Public Schools on their efforts to provide Supplemental Educational Services to approximately 6,000 students in Broward County. Chancellor Yecke also commended Superintendent Jim Notter for his leadership. Chancellor Yecke recommended that the Board approve Broward County's request to reallocate their unexpended Title I funds.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the recommendation to reallocate Title I funds. The motion was made by Mrs. Callaway with a second with Mrs. Taylor. 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.

POLICY ISSUE FOR CONCURRENCE:

Office of Early Learning Executive Director Shan Goff provided an overview of the VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate appeals process. Ms. Goff stated that provider appeals were considered if the provider believed that their appeal was not accurate and addressed one or more of the following: (1) the number of children served; (2) the number of children meeting substantial completion; (3) the number of children screened on any measure; and (4) the number of children in the readiness rate calculation. Ms. Goff stated that an additional 33 providers were added to the accountability system as a result of the appeals process. Ms. Goff recommended that 201 be set as the 2005-06 minimum kindergarten readiness rates for VPK providers. The Board concurred.

UPDATE:

Chief of Staff Dr. Theresa Klebacha provided an update on the Gubernatorial Task Force on University Campus Safety. Dr. Klebacha stated that Governor Crist recently signed Executive Order 07-77, which established the task force. The task force was tasked with identifying: (1) students who pose a risk; (2) methods of notification during emergency situations on school campuses; (3) strategies for improving cross-agency communication; and (4) necessary improvements for training of law enforcement officials and first responders to crisis situations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Fair stated that the next Board meeting will be held August 21, 2007.

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

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

T. Willard Fair, Chairman