

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Florida Department of Education
August 19, 2008
Via Conference Call

Chairman T. Willard Fair called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members participated: Roberto Martinez, Akshay Desai, Phoebe Raulerson, Linda Taylor, and Kathleen Shanahan.

Commissioner Smith reviewed the agenda with the Board to ensure everyone had received the agenda as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2008. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Smith announced the following upcoming events: Alignment Institute Workshop scheduled for August 21 in Tallahassee to focus on the American Diploma Project; Education Summit with Kati Haycock, Executive Director for the Education Trust, scheduled for September 29 at 10:00 a.m. in Tampa; State Board of Education Next Generation Strategic Plan Workshop scheduled for September 29 at 1:00 p.m. in Tampa. Ms. Shanahan requested clarification on meeting dates and times for the State College Pilot Project and State College Task Force. Commissioner Smith stated that the State College Pilot Project meeting is scheduled for September 3 in Tampa. The Florida College Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 4 in Tampa. On October 2 a joint meeting of the Florida College Task Force and the State College Pilot Project is scheduled also to be in Tampa. Ms. Shanahan stated that due to the shortfall in revenue, she was concerned that funding be a key core part of the planning for the system. Ms. Shanahan voiced support of the joint meeting under the direction of the Commissioner.

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. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2009-10 Legislative Budget and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget

Commissioner Smith stated that the motion he would like considered was to approve the proposed 2009-10 Legislative Budget and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget and to approve the submission of the Board of Governors' Budget as requested by the Board of Governors. The motion was made by Mrs. Raulerson with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed that a letter should accompany the submission of the budget to the Office of the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Senate, addressing declining revenues, reasons for success in student achievement, the amount of the budget that is required to meet the class size mandates, and to strongly encourage the Legislature to appropriate as much money as is required to make sure education is adequately funded.

Approval of Commissioner's Recommendations to Grant Exclusivity for Broward, Hernando, Hillsborough, Polk, and Sarasota School Districts to Authorize Charter Schools in their Geographical Areas

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the Commissioner's recommendations to grant exclusivity to the five counties. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2008-09 Differentiated Accountability Support Plan

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the 2008-09 Differentiated Accountability Support Plan as submitted. The motion was made by Mrs. Raulerson with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith requested to continue Consent Item #6, Rule 6A-1.094221, Alternative Standardized Reading Assessment and Use of Student Portfolio for Good Cause Promotion, to a later date. Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve Consent Items 1-5 and 7-13. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mr. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fair announced that the next State Board of Education meeting will be on October 21, 2008, in Tampa.

Having no further business, Chairman Fair adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 11:41 p.m.

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

T. Willard Fair, Chairman