

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
February 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of January 17 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the January 17 meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, January 17

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

January 17, 2017
Martin County School Board Office
500 E. Ocean Blvd.
Stuart, FL

Chair Marva Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Gary Chartrand, Tom Grady, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, Michael Olenick and Andy Tuck.

WELCOME

Chair recognized Laurie Gaylord, Superintendent, Martin County Schools, to welcome the Board. Superintendent Gaylord recognized the Stuart Middle School Chorus under the direction of Jessica Carlson. Chair Johnson recognized Eula Clarke, Mayor of Stuart, Florida; Representative Gayle Harrell; and Vicki Davis, Supervisor of Elections. Superintendent Gaylord recognized Mark Rendell, Superintendent, Indian River County; Wayne Gent, Superintendent, St. Lucie County; Scott Bass, Superintendent, Glades County; Beth Gaskin, Provost from Indian River State College, Martin County Campus; and the following Stuart County Schools personnel: Ginger Featherstone, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Tracy Miller, Chief Academic Officer; Mary White, Director of Elementary Programs and School Improvement; Tina McSoley, Chair; Christia Li Roberts, Vice-Chair; Deb Kohuth, Principal of Clark Advanced Learning Center; and Rebecca Negron, board member.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Chartrand reminded everyone about the upcoming Constitution Revision Committee that occurs every 20 years. He encouraged staff and board members to consider critical education policies to be adjusted or changed.

Mr. Tuck thanked Martin County for hosting the board meeting.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey also thanked Superintendent Gaylord and shared her interest in reducing the use of out-of-school suspension.

Mr. Grady shared an anecdote expressing the challenge of preparing students for work.

Mr. Olenick thanked everyone for having the meeting in Martin County.

Chair Johnson shared that she's been doing some listening sessions across the state regarding the Constitutional Review Committee. She suggested superintendents invite her to a listening session about what changes they believe would improve education outcomes. She also encouraged everyone to attend Governor Scott's Job Summit in Orlando on February 3rd.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart recognized the following recipients of the *Commissioner's Leadership Award*: James Wyatt Falardeau, a 7th grader from Gifford Middle School; Adriana Mancini, an Honor Student from Clark Advanced Learning Center; and Elizabeth Straughter, a 9th grader from South Fork High School. Also recognized was Troy Oliver from the Florida College System.

Commissioner Stewart shared that Governor Scott, for the third consecutive year, proclaimed a week in January as Florida's First Responder Appreciation Week. She also shared a summary of recent tragic events in Florida.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the Division of Career and Adult Education symposium held in Tallahassee with sessions and panels featuring national and state level experts in the field of career and adult education.

Commissioner Stewart shared the submission deadline for the 2017 Black History Month student and educator contests. The theme is recognition of the role of African Americans in shaping Florida today. Three K-3 students will receive a cash prize for their participation in the art contest, three 4th through 12th grade students will earn a four-year Florida College Plan Scholarship from the Florida Prepaid College Foundation and three K-12 educators will be honored with a Black History Month Excellence in Education award.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Stewart recognized Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Florida College System, for a presentation on a new website. Chancellor Pumariega provided a brief overview of the Find My College Major website and recognized Chris Mullin, Executive Vice Chancellor, for a more detailed overview of the website. Mr. Grady suggested modifying the career buckets and adding the ability to go backwards from a desired job. Mr. Chartrand recommended more focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers and give students access in the classroom. Ms. Fishman Lipsey suggested adding completion rates and estimated completion times.

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 26 and November 16 Board meetings. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Florida College System – President Edward Meadows on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Ed Meadows, President, Pensacola State College, on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President Meadows shared that on November 22, 2016, at the White House, President Barack Obama recognized Dr. Eduardo Pedron, President of Miami Dade College, with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Meadows also shared that the Council of Presidents unanimously approved the most recent changes and updates to the performance funding model. President Meadows also provided an update on college affordability.

K-12 Public Schools – Superintendent Scott Bass on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Johnson recognized Scott Bass, Superintendent, Glades County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Bass provided a brief overview of Glades County. He provided the following recommendations from FADSS: to continue support for career and technical education

funding; adopt and fund the critical and high-priority needs for the FEFP adopted by the legislative subcommittee on September 12, 2016; the ability for the school boards to be able to levy the .5 mills; for the Every Student Succeeds Act to be the blueprint that the Florida uses for potential adjustments to the accountability system; alternative assessments for the 10th grade English Language Arts; paper and pencil test administration when needed; and alternative ways for students to graduate and not get a certificate of completion. Commissioner Stewart shared that to do a paper and pencil option for assessments across all grade levels statewide would cost an additional \$32 million. Chair Johnson requested an update on Digital Classroom Plans.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Vice Chair of the State Board of Education

Mr. Olenick made a motion to elect Andy Tuck as the Vice Chair with a second by Mr. Chartrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Revised Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Jefferson County

Chair Johnson recognized Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools to present the item. Chancellor Lyons provided an overview detailing the process that started back in April. Chancellor Lyons recognized the following representatives from Jefferson County: Superintendent Arbulu; Ms. McGriff, Federal Program Director; Board Member Washington; Board Member Watson; and Jennifer Ebinger, Success for All. Superintendent Arbulu provided a brief overview of the schools and financial status of Jefferson County. Ms. Ebinger provided information about Success for All and the work being done in Jefferson County. Ms. McGriff provided information regarding teacher absenteeism. Chancellor Lyons explained the difference between an external partner and external operator. Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board deny the plan for Jefferson County Elementary School and order the district to bring back a new plan in February for either closure, charter or external operator. The district would continue to work on filling the curriculum director position as well as other vacancies with qualified personnel and follow the recommendations outlined by the financial emergency board. She also shared her concerns for the middle-high school plan and recommended the Board reconsider it at a future meeting. Commissioner Stewart clarified that it's reasonable to have an external operator or a charter school begin in the fall of 2017, but in the interim, it would be important that the school district continue working with the contract they have with Success for All, fill vacancies including the curriculum director position, and having a pupil progression plan that's necessary for every single district. Mr. Grady made a motion to approve Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to deny the plan and for the district to bring back a new plan in February for either closure, charter or external operator with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Olenick requested that General Counsel provide a definitive answer to the question of reporting this to the Legislature at the next board meeting.

Approval of Florida College System Performance Funding Mid-Year Reports for Pensacola State College and Polk State College

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Pumariega to present the item. Chancellor Pumariega provided an overview and recognized the following for any questions regarding their reports: President Meadows and Dr. Erin Spicer, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Pensacola State College and Dr. Ken Ross, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dr. Reggie Webb, Vice President of Student Affairs, Polk State College.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey made a motion to approve the mid-year report by Polk State College with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey made a motion to approve the mid-year report by Pensacola State College with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation- Florida, LLC as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2017-18

Chair Johnson recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to present the item. Mr. Miller provided an overview and recognized Kim Dyson and Patti Froebel on behalf of A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Step Up for Students, Inc. as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2017-18

Mr. Miller provided an overview and recognized Anna White and Joe Pfountz on behalf of Step Up for Students. Mr. Grady made a motion to approve with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Polk Charter Academy vs. School Board of Polk County

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Miller to provide an overview. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the issues before the Board and then recognized Stephanie Alexander, Attorney for Polk Charter Academy and Wes Bridges, Attorney for the Polk County School Board. Matt Mears, General Counsel, provided an overview of the standards of review for the two votes before the Board. Mr. Grady made a motion that the appeal was submitted by a high-performing charter school with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Olenick in opposition. Mr. Grady made a motion to approve the Commissioner's recommendation and grant the appeal with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-1.099814, Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative

Chair Johnson recognized Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality to provide an overview. Mr. Dassler explained the purpose of the new rule. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion to approve with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examinations

Chair Johnson recognized Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, to provide an overview of the amendment. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the amendment with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.008, Specialization Requirements for Certification in Administration of Adult Education - Administrative Class

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Dassler to provide an overview of the amendment. Mr. Chartrand made the motion to approve with a second by Ms. Fishman-Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be on February 16th in Gainesville.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:40 p.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair