

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
June 24, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2015, Meeting

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the May 20, 2015, Meeting are presented for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Minutes, May 20, 2015

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING**

May 20, 2015  
Government Services Building  
1769 E. Moody Blvd. #2  
Bunnell, Florida

Chair Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Vice Chair John Padget, John Colón, Marva Johnson, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, Michael Olenick and Andy Tuck.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Fishman Lipsey urged the Legislators, during the Special Session, to approve the historic request for the highest ever per pupil funding. She raised the question from former board member, Bob Martinez's recent op-ed, related to student assessment and the speed of completion.

Ms. Johnson encouraged the Board to take the tour after the meeting to see examples of what Flagler County Public Schools is doing to improve the educational process.

Mr. Colón requested the Legislature approve Governor Scott's request for an historic level of funding for all students in Florida. He thanked former Superintendent Rick Mills, Manatee County Public Schools, for doing a great job with the budget and wished him well. He shared with the Board his recent attendance of the Summit on Puerto Rican Affairs in Orlando and the Commissioner's promise to attend the next meeting in July.

Mr. Tuck thanked Flagler County Public Schools for their hospitality and Colleen Conklin, Chair, Flagler County School Board, for the great work being done for the students.

Vice Chair Padget reinforced that Florida's economic future depends on today's education priorities and the state needs the highest per pupil funding. He also highlighted the *Miami Herald* op-ed by Mr. Martinez, where he asked if whether or not speed should be measured in standardized testing. He recommended having a workshop or meeting to get opinions from in state and out of state and the testing agencies to determine the pros and cons.

Chair Chartrand shared that it has been real honor to serve as the Chair of the State Board and he reiterated the importance of the historic per pupil funding that Governor Scott has put forth and reminded everyone that there is a surplus of funds this year. Florida grows with 25,000 additional jobs per month, yet 292,000 remain unfilled because the skills aren't there. Specifically 50,000 are in Computer Science. He emphasized the importance of engaging educators and the business community to encourage kids to study STEM subjects.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Stewart addressed the questions raised by Ms. Fishman Lipsey and Vice Chair Padget by providing the following information: none of the state assessments are speeded tests; time limits are not set to factor the time into student performance; state assessments are generously timed as to allow students enough time to be able to complete all test items; and assessments are administered over two days.

Commissioner Stewart thanked Flagler County Public Schools for hosting the Board and encouraged members to take time during the break to view the comprehensive displays in the lobby highlighting programs in Flagler County.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the annual Commissioner Summit for Principals held in February, where the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year were recognized. She thanked Disney Youth Programs for providing the generous gifts to the winners. She recognized Dr. Angela Murphy Osborne, Palmetto Elementary School, Orange County Public Schools as the 2015 Principal of the Year and Dustin Sims, Palm Coast High School, Flagler County Public Schools as the 2015 Assistant Principal of the Year.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of Teacher Appreciation Week and her travels throughout the state announcing Teacher of the Year (TOY) finalists. The 2016 TOY winner will be announced at the Macy's Award Gala in July at the Hard Rock Café in Orlando. She recognized the following finalists: Catherine Beaudoin, WC Pryor Middle School in Okaloosa County; Brian Furgione, Milwee Middle School in Seminole County; Diane McKee, Williams Middle Magnet School in Hillsborough County; Ashlynn Ramirez, Hernando Elementary School in Citrus County; and Ceola Graham, Madison County Central School in Madison County.

Commissioner Stewart provided an update on this year's Florida Standards Assessment administration and shared that nearly three million tests were completed successfully. She also informed the Board that there will not be a K-2 Florida Assessments of Instruction in Reading for the 2015-16 year. The Kindergarten Readiness Screener, Work Sampling System (WSS), will continue to be used next year with two additional reading observation elements which meets the requirements in statute.

Commissioner Stewart shared the selection of Madeline Pumariega as the Chancellor for the Florida College System. She also shared that the primary objective of the Special Session will be to develop the 2015-16 fiscal year budget and the most critical component is incorporating what the Board requested and what Governor Scott proposed, increasing Florida's education funding to historic levels in total funding and per pupil funding. With 2.7 million students and more than 4,200 K-12 public schools throughout the state, there is a great need to ensure that our students have the resources they need to succeed in life.

Commissioner Stewart recognized Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, to explain the opportunity that is before the Legislature to increase per pupil funding to historic levels. Ms. Champion explained that Governor's proposal for \$19.7 billion in total funding and \$7,176 per student are the highest ever. Mr. Olenick suggested the Board adopt a resolution to communicate to the Legislature the importance of the historic level of funding and to also reach out to the Florida School Boards Association, Florida Association of District School Superintendents, and the Teachers Union. Mr. Colón requested the amount federal funding. Mr. Tuck encourage the Legislature to make sure education is taken care of with this historic funding as our problems in Florida will be made easier with a well-funded education system. Ms. Johnson also reinforced the opportunity before the Legislature to pass historic funding for education which would impact every single Floridian. Ms. Fishman Lipsey reminded everyone that Florida has one of the lower per pupil funding in the country but ranked seven out of 50 by Quality Counts in performance.

Chair Chartrand made a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report and send a clear and strong message that the State Board of Education believes this is a tremendous opportunity for the Florida Legislature to demonstrate their commitment to our students and honor

Governor Scott's request to achieve record funding with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart emphasized the accomplishments of Florida through difficult economic times and that this is the first surplus in many years. She added that under Governor Scott's leadership the state has recovered from difficult economic times faster and better than almost every other state in the nation. Due to those difficult economic times districts know where best to use more money to improve student outcomes. The Legislature should invest in the economic development of our state through the education system.

Chair Chartrand requested the resolution passed by the Board be communicated to the Legislature, the Florida School Boards Association, Florida Association of District School Superintendents, and the Teachers Union.

## **MINUTES**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15 Board meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Olenick with a second by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

## **UPDATE**

### **An Update on the 2015 Legislative Session**

Chair Chartrand recognized Tanya Copper, Director, Governmental Relations, to provide the update. Ms. Cooper provided the following statistics: Total bills filed was 1,754; Total bills passed was 231; and Total bills passed impacting education and the agency was 20. She provided a brief summary of the 20 bills impacting education. Mr. Colón requested more information on SB 446, Florida College System Boards of Trustees and the specifics on the geographical breakdown of the seven members.

Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, thanked Superintendent Oliva for his hospitality and leadership and then provided a summary of his background, work experience and the achievements of Florida over the years.

Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, provided an overview of changes affecting the school start date, student progression, and support for students who need additional assistance. Ms. Johnson requested clarification regarding baccalaureate degree approval by the State Board of Education. Ms. Cooper shared that the moratorium sunsetted on May 31, 2015.

Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Accountability Research and Measurement, provided an overview of the changes to assessment and accountability. Ms. Johnson requested more information on how teaching methodologies have changed due to technology. Commissioner Stewart shared with the Board that technology skills were adopted by the Board in February 2014 and it will be covered in depth at the workshop on digital learning. Vice Chair Padgett stated that Florida should decrease the testing window as much as possible and requested data on how Florida compares against other states in terms of testing windows and reporting.

Commissioner Stewart shared that the Department is working towards releasing the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bottom quintile the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> and it will be provided to districts in alphabetical order.

Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality, provided an overview of changes to the teacher and administrator evaluations. Vice Chair Padgett requested if any of the changes to evaluations will lead to different data outcomes. Mr. Dassler explained that districts are making progress in creating greater relationships between a teacher's impact on student learning and his or her final evaluation and these changes are a step in the right direction.

### **Digital Learning**

Chair Chartrand recognized Ron Nieto, Deputy Commissioner of Technology, to provide the update. Mr. Nieto provided an update on the Digital Classroom Plans and shared that 73 digital plans have been submitted and approved and 465 charter schools have submitted plans. Mr. Nieto shared that Flagler County is a shining example of what's happening right in our state in regards to the technology initiatives. He also provided an overview of district support, best practices, and professional development. Mr. Colón requested which counties need the most assistance moving forward. Commissioner Stewart shared that the Department could provide information to the members on how close districts are to meeting their goals.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared her concern for students having the appropriate access to needed technology and for districts to have repair/maintenance contracts for devices. Mr. Nieto explained that each district is encouraged to include a maintenance contract in their digital classroom plan. She also requested the status on potential costs savings by purchasing devices as a state opposed to district by district. Mr. Nieto explained that Department is collaborating with the Department of Management Services and the Agency for State Technology to identify purchasing agreements for districts.

Ms. Johnson requested more information be provided at the workshop on any disparities for low income schools and how e-rate is being optimized.

### **K-12 Public Schools –Jacob Oliva, Flagler County Superintendent on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents**

Chair Chartrand recognized Jacob Oliva, Superintendent, Flagler County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Superintendent Oliva welcomed the Board to Flagler County and recognized members of the Flagler County School Board: Chair Colleen Conklin, Vice Chair Trevor Tucker, Andy Dance, and Janet McDonald. He provided an overview of schools in Flagler County, integration of technology, articulation agreements, and industry certifications. He thanked the Board for passing the resolution to implement historical levels of funding for education.

### **Florida College System – President Thomas LoBasso, on behalf of the Council of Presidents**

Chair Chartrand recognized Thomas LoBasso, President, Daytona State College, on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President LoBasso provided the data regarding first semester success rate on entry level courses compared to previous years for students who did not take remedial courses. He shared the Council of Presidents support for performance funding and that Daytona State College was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as number two in the nation for online baccalaureate degrees for military veterans. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested the impact to drop out rates and teacher sustainability due to students being able to opt out of remedial courses. Mr. Colón requested the enrollment data for welding.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Commissioner Stewart's Annual Evaluation**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's evaluation. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Olenick not voting due to the brevity of his tenure. Chair Chartrand thanked Commissioner Stewart for her work and shared education statistics under her leadership. Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared her appreciation for the Commissioner's work.

During the June 24, 2015, State Board meeting, Mr. Olenick amended the May minutes to clarify that if he had voted on the Commissioner's evaluation it would've been in the affirmative.

### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09412, Course Requirements Grades K-12, Basic and Adult Secondary Programs**

Chair Chartrand recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to provide an overview of the next three action items. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve rule 6A-1.09412, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09414, Course Requirements, Grades PK-12, Exceptional Student Education**

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve rule 6A-1.09414, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09441, Requirements for Programs and Courses Which are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and for Which the Student May Earn Credit Toward High School Graduation**

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve rule 6A-1.09441, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

### **The Arts Academy of Jacksonville Preparatory School vs. School Board of Duval County**

Chair Chartrand recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to provide an overview. Mr. Miller provided an overview and recognized De Vondalyn Hughes, representing The Arts Academy of Jacksonville Preparatory School and Brian McDuffee, Executive Director of Policy and Compliance, representing Duval County School Board. Vice Chair Padgett made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the appeal for The Arts Academy of Jacksonville Preparatory School with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items one and two. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM**

**Appointment of Chair**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to appoint a new Chair of the State Board of Education. Mr. Colón made the motion for Marva Johnson to serve as the Chair with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously. The Board thanked Mr. Chartrand for his service and congratulated Ms. Johnson on her appointment.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Chair Chartrand shared that only 1,357 students took Advanced Placement Computer Science out of 2.7 million and there are currently 50,000 computer science jobs available in Florida. He shared his hopes that the Board will continue to guide students to jobs that are growing and to ensure they're prepared to participate in the new global economy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 1:08 p.m.

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Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

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Gary Chartrand, Chair