

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
July 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2015, Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the June 24, 2015, Meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, June 24, 2015

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

June 24, 2015
Tampa Airport Marriott
4200 George J. Bean Parkway
Tampa, Florida 33607

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: Vice Chair John Padget, John Colón, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, Michael Olenick and Andy Tuck. Gary Chartrand was unable to attend.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Fishman Lipsey thanked educators in Miami who launched a free, summer school enrichment academies for low income communities. She thanked legislators for their work through the Special Session and highlighted the increased funds to the Early Steps Program. She also shared a presentation from the Young American Leaders Program, Harvard Business School on U.S. Competitiveness.

Mr. Tuck shared his gratitude that Governor Scott signed the 2015-16 Keep Florida Working Budget, increasing the overall per pupil funding.

Mr. Colón shared information about a book giveaway initiative in Sarasota and commended Police Chief DiPino and CEO of the Housing Authority Bill Russell for their work. He also thanked Speaker Crisafulli, Senator Legg, and Senator Bullard for their work on providing bonuses for school districts that require students to wear uniforms.

Vice Chair Padget shared that the total passing rates for end-of-course exams in Science, Biology, Civics and History declined citing lessons to be learned from the districts that improved. He also shared that the SBOE is not on target to meet the goals established in the Strategic Plan and that he is looking forward to future meetings to discuss what can be done to get back on track.

Chair Johnson commended Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature for their leadership in setting historical spending levels and ensuring students have access to an exceptional education. She highlighted the Personal Learning Accounts, emphasis on digital technology, and the focus on STEM curriculum. She recommended that members align their priorities with the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan. She provided an overview of her recent visit to Pepin Academy and commended them for their wonderful work. She also encouraged superintendents and presidents to continue to dialogue with Commissioner Stewart on critical items to meet the goals in the Strategic Plan.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart recognized Peggie Decker, Bellamy Elementary School, Hillsborough County, Outstanding School Volunteer and Cheryl Thomas, Pinellas County, Florida's 2015 School-Related Employee of the Year.

She provided an overview of the budget pertaining to education. The 2015-16 education budget totals \$17.36 billion after vetoes and is a \$156 million increase or almost one percent over 2014-15. The total operating budget is \$15.56 billion and the total fixed capital

outlay budget is \$1.8 billion. The FEFP is the highest total amount ever at \$19.684 billion. It's also the highest state funding ever provided for the operations of public schools in Florida at \$10.9 billion. On a per pupil basis, it is \$7,096.96--\$206.52 more than the 2014-15 per pupil allocation. There's an additional \$20 million for digital classrooms, for a total of \$60 million; an additional supplement of \$12.4 million for districts with students whose parents are military personnel, live on Indian lands or who live or work on federal properties; \$44 million for Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship which provides teachers with a scholarship of \$10,000 based on high academic achievement on the SAT or ACT and who have also been evaluated as effective or highly effective; and \$55 million for the Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts for students with disabilities. The Florida College Program Fund was appropriated \$1.18 billion—an increase of \$43.8 million or 3.9 percent over the 2014-15 allocation. It also includes \$40 million for performance funding and \$22.3 million additional dollars in the operating budget.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the 2015 Statewide Assessment results for Civics, U.S. History, Biology 1 and grades 5 and 8 Science. She encouraged input from superintendents and curriculum specialists in identifying the areas of need and possible reason for decline in Science and Biology.

Commissioner Stewart recognized the newly appointed Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Florida College System. Chancellor Pumariega provided a summary of her background, work experience and her commitment to serve the 800,000 students that enroll in the Florida College Systems every year. Vice Chair Padgett thanked Commissioner Stewart for making a great selection.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of revisions to the Florida College System's baccalaureate process and shared that the proposed rule will come before the Board in July.

Commissioner Stewart shared that Diplomas Count 2015 published by *Education Week* noted that Florida has outpaced the nation in high school graduation rate increases with an increase of five percentage points between 2011 and 2013, compared to only two percentage points nationwide over the same period of time.

Commissioner Stewart shared that Chancellor Lyons recently honored 83 business partners in education at the Commissioner's Business Leadership Awards. She also recommended having a Board meeting in conjunction with the next Commissioner's Business Leadership Awards. Mr. Olenick agreed that it would be a great idea and stated the need to be more proactive in recognizing business leaders. Mr. Colón agreed as well and commended Chancellor Lyons for doing a great job in place of the Commissioner.

Commissioner Stewart shared that Florida had 179 out of 2,200 nationwide students to be awarded a 2015 College Sponsored National Merit Scholarship.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20 Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made a motion to amend the May minutes to clarify that if he had voted on the Commissioner's evaluation it would've been in the affirmative with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the

minutes as amended. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Florida College System – President Carol Probstfeld, on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Chair Johnson recognized Carol Probstfeld, President, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President Probstfeld informed the Board that the Council of Presidents will meet in August to develop their Legislative Budget Request for the 2016 Session. She said that the withdraw rate from gateway courses for students who did not take remedial education decreased from 9.1 percent in 2012-13 to 8.8 percent in 2013-14 and while the withdrawal rates stayed near the same in Math courses, there was a noticeable decrease in withdrawals from English, 7.2 percent to 6.8 percent and in college Algebra courses from 11.5 to 11 percent. She shared that the withdrawal rates were the two years prior to the change and would be the baseline. She then provided an overview of programs offered at the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota.

In response to a question asked during the previous Board meeting, there are 14 colleges and 24 technical centers that offer educational certificates in applied welding technologies. In addition, Hillsborough Community College and four technical centers, offer an apprenticeship program in industrial pipefitting and in the 2013-14 year, with 2,248 students enrolled—732 at the college and 1,516 at the technical schools.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested a presentation at a future meeting on \$10,000 degrees and the graduation rates. Chair Johnson added that the \$10,000 degrees and college affordability should be discussed as part of the Board's legislative priorities and should align with the Strategic Plan.

K-12 Public Schools – Michael Grego, Pinellas County Superintendent on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Superintendent Grego provided the following data regarding Pinellas County: middle school Science scores increased by four percent; the lowest dropout rate of all nine large school districts; Pinellas has numerous high schools where there is zero gap between the graduates of African-Americans and non-African-American students; the last two years, African-American male graduation rates increased by ten percent; doubled the number of African-American students taking dual enrollment; and honor courses enrollments of African-American students increased from 4,100, two years ago, to 5,275 this past year. He also shared information regarding their business partnership with Duke Energy for after school STEM Academies.

Superintendent Grego echoed the thanks to the State leadership and Legislators and stated that education must be the top priority. He also shared that Bright House was instrumental in providing a discounted rate for Internet connectivity for students in the community. He also explained why capital outlay is a topic of concern for superintendents and the need for change in regards to virtual education as school districts are restricted to 180 days and Florida Virtual is not.

Commissioner Stewart encouraged superintendents speak directly with their legislative delegation to promote priority issues. Due to travel constraints Vice Chair Padgett departed.

Chair Johnson requested more information on how the learning day is being extended through the use of digital technology.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Budget Guidelines for Development of 2016-17 Legislative Budget Request

Chair Johnson recognized Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, for an overview of the item. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the budget guidelines. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of WXEL's Request to Transfer Assets

Chair Johnson recognized Bernie Henneberg, the CEO and General Manager of WXEL, for an overview. Mr. Henneberg also introduced Dolores Sukhdeo, President and CEO of the Miami Station WPBT and provided an overview. He then clarified the changes in programming if the merger was approved. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve WXEL's request to transfer assets. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. 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. Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared her perspective on increasing the rigor of an exam. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve rule 6A-4.0021, as presented. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0786, Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors

Chair Johnson recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to provide an overview of the amendment. Mr. Olenick recommended the applicant history worksheet form be amended to request five years of information instead of three years. Chair Johnson recognized Matt Mears, General Counsel, to provide a legal opinion. Mr. Mears explained that the Board could amend the form to request five years through a notice of change. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the rule with aforementioned amendment with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-14.0305, Out-of-State Fee Waiver for Veterans and Other Eligible Students

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Christopher Mullin, Executive Vice Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges, to provide an overview of the new rule. Mr. Mullin provided an overview of the rule. Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared her concern for homeless Veterans in Florida. Mr. Olenick agreed with Ms. Fishman Lipsey and recommended looking at best practices from other states regarding programs for homeless Veterans. Mr. Colón shared information about

a program in Sarasota for Veterans assistance housing. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve rule 6A-14.0305, as presented. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve items one through five. Mr. Colón made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Stewart recommended having a presentation at the July meeting regarding homeless Veterans.

Chair Johnson announced that the next meeting would be July 23 in Tampa.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 11:15 a.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair