

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
June 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2016, 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, 2016, Meeting are presented for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Minutes, May 20, 2016

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING**

May 20, 2016  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
5780 Major Boulevard  
Space Coast Room  
Orlando, FL 32819

Chair Marva Johnson 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: Gary Chartrand, Tom Grady, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, Michael Olenick and Andy Tuck. Vice Chair John Padgett attended via phone.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared her recent attendance of Broward College's graduation where Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Florida College System, gave an amazing speech about empathy and being present in the moment. There were graduates from all over the world ranging from 16 to 79 years old. She also requested either a workshop or an opportunity for the Board to learn more about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Mr. Olenick shared that he had a wonderful experience on his a recent visit to Quantum High School in Boynton Beach, which is a nontraditional high school.

Mr. Grady shared his recent attendance at the Global Silicon Valley Summit in California highlighting the personalized, individualized learning, measuring and accountability in the private sector.

Mr. Chartrand referenced an article called *Bridge to Tomorrow* which talks about Florida's Advanced Placement (AP) program deemphasizing preparation for STEM careers. The article shows that Florida is 10 points behind the national average in AP exam participation in STEM field subjects. He then referenced an article called *Few Students Take AP Exams* and shared the following statistics: jobs in the STEM field are expected to grow at 17 percent and the Bureau of Labor and Statistics predicts a 30 percent increase in demand for software developers over the next half dozen years, a job which the average pay is \$92,000. He also provided the following recommendations from the article: first, states should aggressively step up efforts to enroll more students who are willing and able to do work in AP STEM; second, states should find ways to expand STEM offerings; and third, states should hold themselves accountable for the progress that they make. Mr. Chartrand requested the Department and Board be held accountable to make more progress in this area. Chair Johnson recommended the Board receive routine updates on the progress.

Chair Johnson shared her recent visit to the Health Sciences Collegiate Academy at Lake - Sumter State College where students focus on STEM-based pre-health curriculum, and they will graduate from high school with an Associate's Degree. She then requested data on how many other programs are like this throughout the state and how are they performing against some of these objectives or challenges. She also recommended the Department figure out how to create better public understanding of where we are in terms of performance, and what programs are available that are meeting and raising the bar, to make sure we prepare students with a world class education. She then encouraged everyone to consider participating in the Governor's Degrees to Job Summit next week and

she ended her comments by requesting the Board receive a thorough review of ESSA before August.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Stewart reiterated that Florida ranked second in overall participation in AP assessments of 2015 graduates. Florida ranked third in AP performance.

Commissioner Stewart shared that State Farm funded an additional 30 participants in the 2015 Commissioner's Leadership Academy and this year they are providing a lead grant to create an inclusive design team of Florida educators and other leaders in the field of early grades reading. Commissioner Stewart recognized Charlie Gomez, Vice-President of Agency Sales, for a short presentation. Mr. Gomez introduced Jose Cerda and Terri Marshall, State Farm Agents in Orlando. Mr. Gomez shared a brief history of their partnership with education and presented a check for \$50,000.

Commissioner Stewart recognized the following Orange County Public Schools recipients of the *Commissioner's Leadership Award*: Diem Nguyen, an eighth grade student at Lee Middle School; Dieudonne Gisubizo, an eighth grade student at Walker Middle School; and Luke Boccuzzo, a sixth grade student at Wolf Lake Middle School.

Commissioner Stewart thanked and recognized individuals representing each of the Florida College System institutions for participating in the 2016 Chancellor's Leadership Seminar

Commissioner Stewart reported that this year's administration of the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) was very successful. More than three million computer-based assessments were completed, which includes FSA English Language Arts, FSA Mathematics and end-of-course assessments which cover Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry, as well as Next Generation Sunshine State Standards end-of-course assessments, which cover Biology, Civics and U.S. History. Additionally, more than 650,000 paper-based assessments were completed during the spring assessment, bringing the total assessments administered to just over five million. She commended our state's students, parents and teachers, as well as school and district personnel for their preparation and encouragement to our students.

Commissioner Stewart shared that the Department is still waiting on additional guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) on ESSA. The law does emphasize accountability regarding low-performing schools with consistently low graduation rates, as well as slow progression. Starting next month the Department will post an online form where individuals will be able to comment on specific sections of ESSA, as well as ESSA as a whole. We will then use the information to help develop our state plan, which will be submitted to USDOE, and made available to the public.

Commissioner Stewart introduced Rick Myhre, as the new Director of the Just Read, Florida! office. She reminded everyone that the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Student Art and Essay Contest deadline is September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. She shared that Marion County paraprofessional Abel Garcia was awarded the 2016 School-Related Employee of the Year. She announced the five 2017 Teacher of the Year finalists: Donald Blake, an electrician instructor at Marchman Technical College in Pasco County; Amy Miller, an instructional coach at Kissimmee Elementary School in Osceola County; Jessica Solano, a third grade teacher at Highlands Grove Elementary in Polk County; Precious Symonette, a creative writing teacher at Norland Senior High School in Miami-Dade County; and Laurie Zentz, a middle school band director at Switzerland Point Middle School in St. Johns County.

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

Chair Johnson informed the public that the agenda has been modified as Phoenix Academy withdrew its appeal and the 6A-19's have been withdrawn and will be heard at a later meeting.

### **MINUTES**

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18 and March 29 Board meetings. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

### **UPDATES**

#### **K-12 Public Schools – Superintendent Barbara Jenkins on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents**

Chair Johnson recognized Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Jenkins provided a brief overview of Orange County and an update on their one-to-one initiative. She shared that FADSS has established a work group of superintendent and district personnel to review and identify issues with ESSA and help make recommendations, and how it might change or impact Florida's assessment and accountability system. She highlighted the following areas: increased support for early childhood programs; increased support for students in foster care and homeless students; increased opportunity for parent and family engagement; flexibility around measuring academic growth of English learners; authority of states to adopt alternative academic achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities; ability of districts to administer a nationally recognized high school academic assessment; authority of states to pursue flexibility to develop and implement innovative assessments; authority of states to incorporate other measures into the accountability system; requirement that states reserve a minimum of seven percent, rather than the four percent, for school improvement; and the option for states to reserve an additional three percent for direct student services.

#### **Florida College System – President Jim Henningsen on behalf of the Council of Presidents**

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Jim Henningsen, President, College of Central Florida, on behalf of the Council of Presidents (COP). President Henningsen shared that 14 Florida colleges are in the running for the Aspen Award. He thanked Chair Johnson for being the keynote speaker at the all Florida Academic Team which is made up of the top 128 students out of almost 900,000 students. He shared the need to expand capacity in programs such as nursing and explained that due to the lack of space at Florida colleges, students are signing up at for-profit nursing schools at a tremendously higher price.

Mr. Chartrand recommended the COP work with Chancellor Pumariega to put forth something aggressive in the budget to help with the capacity issue. Ms. Fishman Lipsey reiterated that three of the four colleges coming before the Board for performance funding made the Aspen top 150 colleges in the country list. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested the COP present to the Board prior to the budget, the specific things they need to expand capacity.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested updated data showing the outcome of students not being required to take remedial classes.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Florida College System Performance Funding Final Reports**

Chair Johnson recognized Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Florida College System, for an overview of the performance funding reports. Chancellor Pumariega provided a brief overview of the process. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested for future funding reports, data on the original nine criteria.

#### **Pasco-Hernando State College – Dr. Tim Beard**

Dr. Beard, President, Pasco-Hernando State College, presented an overview of the report. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the performance funding for Pasco-Hernando State College. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion to approve the report with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Pensacola State College – Dr. Ed Meadows**

Dr. Meadows, President, Pensacola State College, presented an overview of the report. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the performance funding for Pensacola State College. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion to approve the report with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **College of Central Florida – Dr. Jim Henningsen**

Dr. Henningsen, President, College of Central Florida, presented an overview of the report. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the performance funding for College of Central Florida. Mr. Olenick made the motion to approve the report with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Northwest Florida State College – Dr. Sasha Jarrell**

Dr. Jarrell, Interim President, Northwest Florida State College, presented an overview of the report. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the performance funding for Northwest Florida State College. Mr. Olenick made the motion to approve the report with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Daytona State College – Dr. Tom LoBasso**

Dr. LoBasso, President, Daytona State College, presented an overview of the report. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the performance funding for Daytona State College. Chair Johnson requested data on the performance metrics for the programs used to improve career placement to determine best practices. Mr. Tuck made the motion to approve the report with a second by Mr. Chartrand. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Palm Beach Collegiate, Inc. vs. School Board of Palm Beach County**

Chair Johnson recognized Lois Tepper, Commissioner's Designee as Chair, Charter School

Appeal Commission, to provide an overview of the appeals. Ms. Tepper recognized Dr. Deokee Balliram, representing Palm Beach Collegiate, and Laura Pincus, Esq., representing the School Board of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Tuck made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission and deny the appeal with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

**Renaissance Charter High School of Palm Beach vs. School Board of Palm Beach County**

Ms. Tepper recognized Stephanie Alexander, Esq., Tripp Scott, P.A., representing Renaissance Charter High School of Palm Beach, and Denise Sagerholm, Esq., representing the School Board of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Tuck made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission and approve the appeal with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards, (adopt Computer Science Standards and Social Studies Access Points)**

Chair Johnson recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to provide an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson shared her appreciation for the process and the inclusion of a variety of stakeholders at both the business level, the collegiate level, the parent level and educators. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C. Mr. Chartrand made the motion to approve the rule with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09432, Assessment of English Language Learners**

Chair Johnson recognized Ms. Tappen to provide an overview of the amendment. Mr. Olenick shared his concern with the assessment exemption only being one year but stated he would support the amendment with the understanding that data will be brought back to the Board periodically.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09432, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion to approve the rule with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendments to Rules Related to English Language Learners: 6A-6.09021, Annual English Language Proficiency Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs); 6A-6.0903, Requirements for Exiting English Language Learners from the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program; and 6A-6.0905, Requirements for the District English Language Learners Plan**

Chair Johnson recognized Ms. Tappen to provide an overview of the amendments. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Rules 6A-6.09021, 6A-6.0903, and 6A-6.0905, F.A.C. Mr. Tuck made the motion to approve the rule with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0571, Career and Technical Education and**

### **Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks**

Chair Johnson recognized Rod Duckworth, Chancellor, Career and Adult Education, to provide an overview of the amendment. Vice Chair Padget recommended adding Computer Science as a stand-alone cluster and congratulated the Department for being amongst the very first state to have an integrated Computer Science curriculum. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C. Mr. Grady made the motion to approve the rule with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

### **POLICY ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **2015-16 Florida College System Performance-Based Incentive Program**

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Pumariega for a presentation on the FCS Performance-Based Incentive Program for 2015-16. Chancellor Pumariega shared that the Board is required by law to adopt a rule to administer the program, adopt benchmarks, establish minimum requirements for state and institutional investments, and monitor the improvement plans for the colleges. The rule will come before the Board in July. She then provided an overview of the recommended weights for the four metrics which include retention, completion, entry level wages, job placement and continuing education.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson announced the next workshop will be on June 21<sup>st</sup> and a meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Palm Beach.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:01 p.m.

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Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

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Marva Johnson, Chair