

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
May 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of March 22 and April 26 Meetings

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the March 22 and April 26 meetings are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, March 22 and April 26

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

March 22, 2017
The Capitol, Room LL03
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida

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: Vice Chair Andy Tuck, Gary Chartrand, Tom Grady, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey and Michael Olenick.

Chair Johnson asked for a moment of silence to recognize Dr. Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality, who passed Monday evening.

MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board shared thoughts and prayers for the Dassler Family and the Department of Education.

Mr. Grady shared information about a *Wall Street Journal* article where they interviewed Dr. Tom Sowell about the importance of school choice.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart recognized the following recipients of the *Commissioner's Leadership Award*: Naomi Buchanan, an 5th grader at Chaires Elementary School; Deshonda Byrd, a 2nd grader at Oak Ridge Elementary School; Nevaeh Castellano, a kindergartner at Oak Ridge Elementary School; Hayden Reed, a 3rd grader at Oak Ridge Elementary School; Jayla Scott, a kindergartner at Oak Ridge Elementary School; Jamel Watkins, an 8th grader at Augusta Raa Middle School. She recognized Kelsey Butler, Marie Artecona and Adam Scheidler, all from Tallahassee Community College. She recognized Destiny Stewart, 2017 Black History Month essay winner and the following department employees for volunteering: Matthew Caldwell, Chris Muire, Hope Williams. She ended this portion by recognizing Dr. Joseph G. Joyner as the 2016 Lavan Dukes District Data Leader of the Year.

Commissioner Stewart shared memories and kind words for the loss of Dr. Dassler. Mr. Olenick encouraged Commissioner Stewart to develop an award to memorialize Dr. Dassler.

Commissioner Stewart shared information about the use of withdrawal codes that affects graduation-rate calculations and charged Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner of Accountability Research and Measurement, to conduct an extended analysis. Once complete, Hershel Lyons, Chancellor of K-12 Public Schools, will work with school districts to evaluate the programmatic practices that affect schools' graduation rates to gain a better understanding of the rationale for these practices as possible policy changes for the Board's consideration. Chair Johnson requested the report include historical data and Mr. Olenick recommended including stakeholder input.

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

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16 Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

K-12 Public Schools – Dr. Joyner on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Johnson recognized Joe Joyner, President, Flagler College and former Superintendent of St. Johns County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Dr. Joyner thanked Commissioner Stewart for her leadership and the Board for always being focused on the importance of high-quality instruction and a strong accountability system.

Florida College System – President 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 a gap in economic impact analysis study done by the Florida State University Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis. The study allows for an in-depth forecasting of the specific needs of the local workforces across the state of Florida. He also shared that the Florida College System has been recognized by the *U.S. News and World Report* as No. 1 in higher education. Recently Broward College and Indian River State College were recognized for the Aspen Prize in Community College Excellence as finalists of distinction. Seminole State College nursing program has been ranked the No. 1 best college in the nation for National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) score. Miami-Dade College has been honored with the 2017 Achieving the Dream's Leah Meyer Austin Award. In addition to that, Miami-Dade College has been named Engaged Campus of the Year of the Florida College Compact in the state college category. He ended his comments by sharing concerns for a possible budget reduction next year.

ACTION ITEMS

Implementation of Turnaround Plan for School District of Jefferson County

Chair Johnson recognized Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools to provide an overview of the item. Chancellor Lyons recognized Mr. Denzel Whitfield, graduate of Jefferson County High School and Florida Atlantic University, for comment about Jefferson County Public Schools. Chancellor Lyons shared that the Jefferson County School Board voted unanimously to approve the charter operator application. When schools open in August, there will be an elementary, a middle, and a high school sharing one campus. Commissioner Stewart share that not only did the school board choose to side with the students, but they did so unanimously.

Approval of District Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Initiative Applications

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons to provide an overview. Chancellor Lyons shared that Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Pinellas County, elected to participate in the initiative, and have submitted Phase 2 of the application for the Board approval. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion to approve with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-2.0020, Eligibility for Charter School Capital Outlay

Chair Johnson recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to present the item. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson recognized Chris Norwood and Mark Gotz representing the Florida Association of Independent Public Schools, for public comment in opposition of the rule. Chair Johnson recognized Judy Bone, General Counsel, to provide clarification. Ms. Bone clarified that statute requires the school have satisfactory student achievement based upon the accountability standards. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. 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 present the next three items. Chancellor Duckworth provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion to approve the amendment with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0573, Industry Certification Process

Chancellor Duckworth provided an overview of the amendment. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion to approve the rule with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.0401, Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements

Chancellor Duckworth provided an overview of the amendment. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion to approve the rule with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Updating Qualifications for Assignment of Instructional Personnel

Chair Johnson recognized Kathy Hebda, Chief of Staff, to present the item. Ms. Hebda provided background information and proposed changes to two rules coming before the Board in April.

Updating Four English for Speakers of Other Languages Rules

Chair Johnson recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to present the item. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the process and the proposed changes to four English language learner rules coming before the Board in April.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be a conference call on April 26th.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:22 p.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair

**MINUTES
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MEETING**

April 26, 2017
Via Conference Call

Chair Marva Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Vice Chair Andy Tuck, Gary Chartrand, Tom Grady, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey and Michael Olenick.

Chair Johnson amended the agenda by removing rules 6A-1.0503, Definition of Qualified Instructional Personnel and 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. To allow more time for possible changes based on public comment both rules were continued until the May meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart provided an update on the status of Jefferson County. The School Board of Jefferson County recently approved the charter school contract with Somerset Academy Charter School. Somerset will be hosting a potential employee orientation; doing teacher observations and interviews with teachers; and will be opening an office at the middle/high school on May 11th. Somerset has hired a community liaison and a dean of operations; completed a review of the ESE services; they're interviewing potential principals; and will meet with students at the middle/high school on May 16th.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Amendment to Rules relating to ELLs:

Chair Johnson recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to present the four rules.

6A-6.0902, Requirements for Identification, Eligibility, and Programmatic Assessments of English Language Learners

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

6A-6.09021, Annual English Language Proficiency Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs)

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson recognized the following speakers in opposition: Rosa Feinberg, LULAC Florida; Eric Dwyer, Florida International University; and Ryan Pontier. Mr. Olenick requested assurance that the proposed amendment would not exit an ELL student who is not ready. Ms. Tappen explained that for a Kindergarten through Second grade English Language Learner to exit English Students of Other Languages (ESOL) services, the student must not only meet the proposed

proficiency definition but the ESOL committee must also agree that the child is ready to exit services. For ELLs in grades three through 12, the ELL must meet the proficiency definition, earn a level three score on the ELA Florida Standards Assessment, and the ESOL committee must agree that the child is ready to exit ESOL services. If a student exits, the district is required to monitor the academic success of that student for the next two years following the exit. And, if the student is struggling, they have the option to provide ESOL services and re-identify for ESOL services or to continue additional services outside of ESOL to help with the student's success.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed 5-1 with Ms. Fishman Lipsey in opposition.

6A-6.0905, Requirements for the District English Language Learners Plan

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

6A-6.09091, Accommodations of the Statewide Assessment Program Instruments and Procedures for English Language Learners

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson shared that the next meeting would be on May 16th in Miami.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the conference call of the State Board of Education at 10:35 a.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair