

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

January 17, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of the November 28 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, November 28, 2017

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

November 28, 2017
Lake-Sumter State College
Everett Kelly Convocation Center
Magnolia Room
9501 U.S. Highway 441
Leesburg, FL 34788

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; Rebecca Fishman Lipsey; and Michael Olenick. Members Ben Gibson and Tom Grady participated via phone.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Stanley Sidor, President, Lake-Sumter State College, to welcome the Board. She then amended the meeting agenda to add Consent Item #16 – Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$325,000,000 State of Florida, Full Faith and Credit, State Board of Education Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Refunding Bonds, 2017 Series (to be determined).

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart shared brief comments regarding 12 students that were being recognized for academic achievement and community involvement at this meeting. After which, each of the students were presented with an award certificate and photos were taken with the members. She then recognized the 2018 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Tammy Jerkins.

Commissioner Stewart then gave an overview of Governor Scott's Securing Florida's Future budget, which again prioritizes education. She then provided an update to the board regarding ELL Exceptions as they pertain to Puerto Rican students.

Commissioner Stewart then announced the successful roll out of the new educator certification system, Versa. This new system is the result of three years of planning and hard work of the staff members at DOE.

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

Mr. Chartrand asked Commissioner Stewart to expand on how the districts that have enrolled the greater number of displaced Puerto Rican students are being accommodated with additional funding. Chair Johnson asked for specific enrollment and funding data for the districts enrolling the greatest number of displaced students. Commissioner Stewart indicated she would have some of the data to share later in the meeting.

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18 Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES**K-12 Public Schools Update**

Dr. Richard Shirley, Superintendent, Sumter County Schools provided an update on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents on items related to K-12 education issues and initiatives. Expanding on questions from the Board regarding teacher shortages in Florida, Chair Johnson asked for Department of Economic Opportunity data regarding workforce efforts and teacher salary comparison data. Commissioner Stewart indicated that information had been shared during a Board workshop last year and that those numbers would be updated and brought back to the Board. Due to travel constraints, Vice Chair Tuck departed the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and joined via conference call.

Florida College System Council of Presidents Update

President Sidor provided an update on behalf of the Florida College System (FCS) Council of Presidents regarding items related to the FCS.

ACTION ITEMS**Review of Turnaround Option Plans for Schools Implementing Year 1 in 2017-18 - Bradford, Duval and Escambia Counties**

Chair Johnson recognized Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to provide a brief overview of the Turnaround Option plans, reminding the Board that these were the plans that were withdrawn in October. Commissioner Stewart then recommended the Board approve the plans as presented.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner Stewart. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. 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, Officer of Independent Education and Parental Choice, who provided a brief overview of the changes to the rule, indicating amendments were made to comply with statute.

Chair Johnson call for a motion to approve the amendments. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made the motion with a second by Mr. Chartrand. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS**Florida College System Textbook and Instructional Materials Report**

Chair Johnson recognized Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges who provided an overview of the Florida College System Textbook and Instructional Materials report. The presentation outlined the efforts of FCS institutions to reduce textbook and other instructional materials costs to students.

Commissioner Stewart interjected following the presentation, providing the Board with data specific to displaced Puerto Rican student enrollments as indicated earlier in the meeting.

Homeless and Foster Care

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who presented an overview of current efforts throughout K-12 public schools to provide services to Florida's homeless student population. He introduced Dr. Desmond Blackburn, Superintendent, Brevard County Public Schools to provide additional information on nationally recognized programs and services for homeless students in Brevard County. (Vice Chair Tuck left the conference call at 11:35 a.m.)

Chair Johnson then recognized Chancellor Pumariega who presented an overview of current efforts throughout the Florida College System institutions to provide services to Florida's postsecondary homeless student population.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Johnson opened the floor for member comments. Members expressed their appreciation for the dedication and hard work being done in the districts and colleges as well as department staff on behalf of the citizens of Florida. Mr. Chartrand reiterated his sense of urgency for the Board to look at Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) best practices from around the state and nationally and possibly develop a strategic plan—apart from the current plan—that focuses on STEM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be on January 17, 2018 in Tallahassee.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:06 p.m.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair

