

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
May 22, 2019
Mort Elementary School
1806 E Bearss Ave, Tampa, FL 33613

Chair Marva Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Tuck; Ben Gibson; Joe York; Michael Olenick. Tom Grady attended via conference phone.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting and asked everyone to stand for the presentation of colors by the Freedom High School Color Guard and Pledge of Allegiance by Ashley Correa followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Mort Elementary School students Damaris Rivera and Gloria Burgos. Chair Johnson then recognized Superintendent Eakins for a quick welcome and introduction of the Hillsborough County School Board; then in consideration of a request by Mr. Grady, Chair Johnson postponed the Information Technology presentation to the July meeting and amended the agenda, moving consent items 9 and 14 to action.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Corcoran recognized two students for overcoming significant hurdles to achieve their academic and personal goals. The first was Piper Woodworth, a student from Riverview High School followed by student Ocean Levine, of Hillsborough Community College. He then recognized the five 2019 School-Related Employee of the Year finalists and announced the statewide winner, Bethany Lucas. Commissioner Corcoran followed with a brief update to the legislative session and introduced, Chief of Staff, Alex Kelly for a more in depth overview. Commissioner Corcoran then introduced, Deputy General Counsel, Judy Bone for an update on the Mary Beth Jackson case and, Deputy Commissioner of Innovation, Dr. Andre Smith for an update on the data repository, social media monitoring tool and the current state of bid protests.

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

K-12 Public Schools - FADSS

Chair Johnson recognized, Kurt Browning, Superintendent of Pasco County, for an update on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Superintendent Browning provided a legislative update highlighting the budget, school safety and workforce education. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions, during which she requested

that Jacob Olivia, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, provide a brief update on the timeline for the standards review and feedback.

Florida College System – Council of Presidents

Chair Johnson recognized, Dr. Kenneth Atwater, President of Hillsborough Community College, for an update on behalf of the Florida College System (FCS) Council of Presidents. President Atwater provided a legislative update focusing on the budget and major legislation impacting the FCS.

Florida Education Foundation

Chair Johnson recognized Charles Hokanson, Treasurer, Florida Education Foundation Board for an update on the initiatives of the foundation to assist students and the department. He also provided an update on the search for a new Florida Education Foundation Director.

Status Report - District-Managed Turnaround Option Plans for Duval County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Olivia for an update on Turnaround Option Plans for Duval County. Chancellor Olivia provided updates on the relationship between the department and the Duval County personnel responsible for differentiated accountability (DA) schools. Chair Johnson then opened the Board for questions. Mr. Olenick requested the number of attempted meetings and reasons why district personnel have been unable to meet with the department. Members echoed the comments and concerns of Mr. Olenick pertaining to the lack of collaboration. Mr. Grady suggested the Board revoke previous approvals for District-Managed Turnaround Option Plans and look at other options to improve the schools.

Chancellor Olivia then introduced Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, Duval County for a presentation on the progress and plan for Duval County. Dr. Greene shared her plan to repurpose Northwestern Middle School as a K-5 or K-6 elementary school and moving the 7th and 8th grade students to schools that are graded C or better. Also suggested was consolidating Lake Forest Elementary School into one of their high-performing elementary schools. Chair Johnson then opened the Board for questions. Mr. Grady shared his concern for the lack of collaboration and year after year of failing grades. This was echoed by all members. Commissioner Corcoran suggested Individuals Dedicated to Excellence and Achievement (IDEA) Charter Academy take over the ten failing Duval schools or allowing IDEA to run half of the schools and the district keeping the rest for a comparison. Superintendent Greene countered saying, Duval had a number of district charter operators and that after another year, if her plans did not work out, then they would look into IDEA taking over some or all of the DA schools. Commissioner Corcoran requested a status update to be added to the July meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Florida's Carl D. Perkins V Transition Plan

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Eric Hall, Chancellor for Innovation and Rod Duckworth, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education to provide an overview of the approval of the Florida's Carl D. Perkins V Transition Plan for developing and continuing to evolve Florida's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, both at the secondary and postsecondary education institutions. Chancellor Duckworth shared direct connection between the transition plan and four items on the consent agenda. Mr. Gibson shared the importance of collaboration with our industry partners. Chancellor Duckworth explained that each of the CTE frameworks were developed in conjunction with industry partners.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Carl V Perkins Transition Plan. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0014, Comprehensive Management Information System

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Smith, to provide an overview of the rule amendment.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-1.0014, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.024, Articulation Between and Among Universities, Florida Colleges, and School Districts

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Hebda to provide an overview of the amendment.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT

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.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Johnson opened the floor for Board member comments. Mr. Grady started with a brief statement about the Chicago Statement and how it's terrific that the state recognizes the rights and the opportunities associated with unfettered speech on our campuses throughout the State of Florida. Vice Chair Tuck thanked Mort Elementary School and Hillsborough County for hosting the meeting and Commissioner Corcoran for his leadership, echoed by the entire board. Mr. Gibson shared his excitement for the First Lady's initiative, Hope for Healing Florida. Mr. York explained the link between the economy and success in the classroom. Mr. Olenick highlighted the districts that were academically high performing and shared his concern for arming teachers. Commissioner Corcoran echoed the comments of member Grady; that the statements and testimony heard at the meeting was a travesty of justice to the children of Duval County. He also shared his intention to hold districts accountable either through rule or legislation. Chair Johnson thanked Mort Elementary School and Hillsborough County Public Schools for hosting the State Board Meeting and providing a tour of the facility. She closed her comments by thanking Governor DeSantis and Commissioner Corcoran for their leadership and for a successful legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson reminded the members that the next meeting and workshop would be on July 17th in Lakeland at Polk State College.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:37 P.M.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair