

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

July 17, 2019

Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, Technology Building
3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803

Chair Marva Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Tuck; Ben Gibson; Tom Grady; and Michael Olenick.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance by Polk State College student, Blessing Jacob, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Polk State College student, Lydia Kensley. Chair Johnson then recognized Dr. Angela Falconetti, President of Polk State College and Dan Dorrell, Chair of Polk State College District Board of Trustees, for a quick welcome. Chair Johnson opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Tuck asked about the Polk State College program called ELITE, Establishing Leaders in Teacher Education. Chair Johnson then noted an amendment to the agenda, changing Action Item 7 to read: Review of Addendum and Revised Turnaround Plan for School District of Duval County and Reconsideration of the Existing Plan.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Corcoran first recognized Representative Colleen Burton, Representative Bell and the staff of Representative Stargel for attending the SBOE meeting. Commissioner Corcoran then recognized this year's Aspen Institute prize winners, from Indian River State College, President Massey and from Miami-Dade College, President Padron. Commissioner Corcoran followed with the Milken Family Foundation award winner, Jennifer Alberts of Emma Love Hardee Elementary School in Nassau County. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Commissioner Corcoran's report. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 22, 2019 meeting

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2019 meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Andre Smith, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Technology and Innovation for a presentation on Information Technology Services in the department. Dr. Smith provided updates as to the IT structure of the FDOE and the technology for developing rules and procedures based on national industry standards framework of the Agency of State Technology. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady requested a brief walk through of how the department works with partners (state colleges, school districts) in their IT Security collaboration. Mr. Gibson followed asking about external vendor security and what external vendors do to protect student data. Mr. Olenick echoed

the comments made and suggested new legislation that will allow for the centralization of IT services within the department.

UPDATE

Status Report - District-Managed Turnaround Option Plan for Marion County

Chair Johnson recognized, Jacob Oliva, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools, for an update on the district managed turnaround option plan for Marion County. Chancellor Oliva provided a brief overview of Evergreen Elementary School. Chair Johnson then recognized, Heidi Maier, Superintendent, Marion County School District, to brief the board on the status of Evergreen Elementary. Commissioner Corcoran added that schools that have an External Operator (EO) should exit turnaround status or the EO contract should not be renewed.

Action Items

Approval of New Rule 6A-1.094121, Mental and Emotional Health Education

Chair Johnson recognized, Chancellor Oliva, for an overview of new rule, 6A-1.094121, Mental and Emotional Health Education. Chancellor Oliva provided updates about the funds received from the legislature for mental and emotional health, and the amount of increase from the '18-'19 school year to the '19-'20 school year. These additional funds will be used by districts and schools in identifying and understanding mental health and substance abuse problems in students. Mr. Gibson shared his full support for this initiative. The board echoed the comments of Mr. Gibson. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-1.094121, Mental and Emotional Health Education. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-3.0121, Responsibility of School District and Parents or Guardians for Students Who Are Transported at Public Expense

Chair Johnson recognized, Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations for an overview of the amendment. Ms. Pridgeon provided a brief overview of the changes to the rule including the requirement for bus drivers to learn CPR and First Aid. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-3.0121, Responsibility of School District and Parents or Guardians for Students Who Are Transported at Public Expense. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Baccalaureate Degree Program in the Florida College System BAS in Marine Resource Management – The College of the Florida Keys

Chair Johnson recognized Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System, for an overview of the New Baccalaureate Degree Program in the Florida College System. Chancellor Hebda thanked the board and introduced, Jonathan Gueverra, President, The College of the Florida Keys. President Gueverra provided a brief summary of the degree and recognized his colleagues and key partners in development and implementation of the program. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the New Baccalaureate Degree Program in the Florida College System. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Addendum and Revised Turnaround Plan for School District of Duval County and Reconsideration of Existing Turnaround Plan (Amended)

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Oliva, to introduce the next seven items pertaining to turnaround option plans. Chancellor Oliva thanked the Chair and board and introduced Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools, for an update on the progress of Duval County turnaround schools. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady requested clarification between the districts school grading scale and that of the external operator, Educational Directions. Commissioner Corcoran then made his recommendation to approve the turnaround plan with the following conditions: school must be staffed with effective and highly-effective teachers, the EO must agree to a performance contract, and authorization of the DOE to work with the school district. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the revised turnaround plan for Lake Forest Elementary. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. Chair Johnson then called for public comment and recognized Senator Gibson, Minority Senate Leader for the Florida State Legislature. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Greene continued with an overview of Northwestern Middle School. Superintendent Greene provided details on the new plan for Northwestern Middle School including redistricting of the 6th graders to schools with a "C" or higher. Students in the 7th and 8th grades were allowed to take advantage of the Opportunity Scholarship or choice options and all remaining students would continue at Northwestern till it closes and reopens as a K-5 Elementary school. Chair Johnson then recognized Commissioner Corcoran for his recommendation of the Northwestern TOP. Following the Commissioners same recommendation, Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the revised turnaround plan for Northwestern Middle School. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. Chair Johnson then called for public comment and recognized Senator Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Duval County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Oliva, to introduce Superintendent Greene, Duval County Public Schools, for an update on the progress of Duval County turnaround schools. Superintendent Greene provided an update on George Washington Carvers new EO, Educational Management Consultant Services (EMCS) and their performance contract. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Tuck asked about the district assessment tool and if EMCS will be using the same assessment tool. Chair Johnson then recognized Commissioner Corcoran for his recommendation of the George Washington Carver TOP. Following the Commissioners recommendation, Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the turnaround plan. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plans for School District of Escambia County

Chancellor Oliva introduced Assistant Superintendent, Steve Marcanio and the Director of Continuous Improvement, Denny Wilson. Mr. Marcanio provided an update on schools, Holm Elementary and Warrington Elementary, and the external operator. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Holm Elementary School and Warrington Elementary School's turnaround plan for the School District of Escambia County. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plans for School District of Hillsborough County

Chancellor Olivia introduced Superintendent, Jeff Eakins, of Hillsborough County Schools. Superintendent Eakins went over the status of the six schools in Hillsborough that are in turnaround and the status of all schools in Hillsborough from 2016-17 to 2019-2020. Commissioner Corcoran then made his recommendation to approve the turnaround plans with the following conditions: school must be staffed with effective and highly-effective teachers, the EO must agree to a performance contract, and authorization of the DOE to work with the school district. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the turnaround plans for the School District of Hillsborough County. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Marion County

Chancellor Olivia introduced Dr. Heidi Maier, Superintendent, Marion County Schools. Superintendent Marier briefed the board on the external operator plan for Oakcrest Elementary School. Commissioner Corcoran then made his recommendation to approve the turnaround plans with the following conditions: school must be staffed with effective and highly-effective teachers, the EO must agree to a performance contract, and authorization of the DOE to work with the school district. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the turnaround plan for the School District of Marion County. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Polk County

Chancellor Olivia introduced Jacqueline Byrd, Superintendent, Polk County Schools. Superintendent Byrd presented the year-one external operator turnaround plan for McLaughlin Middle School and Fine Arts Academy as well as the turnaround data from 2015-16 to 2019-20. Commissioner Corcoran then made his recommendation to approve the turnaround plans with the following conditions: school must be staffed with effective and highly-effective teachers, the EO must agree to a performance contract, and authorization of the DOE to work with the school district. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the turnaround plan for the School District of Polk County. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. Chair Johnson then opened the floor for public comment. Four speakers in favor of the turnaround option plans and three in opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Volusia County

Chancellor Olivia introduced Tim Egnor, Superintendent, Volusia County Schools. Superintendent Egnor provided an update on the principal status at Palm Terrace Elementary School and the external operator, Learning School Improvement (LSI). Commissioner Corcoran then recommended to approve the turnaround plans with the following conditions: school must be staffed with effective and highly-effective teachers, the EO must agree to a performance contract, and authorization of the DOE to work with the school district.. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the turnaround plan for the School District of Volusia County. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT

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

Presentations

Executive Orders

Chair Johnson recognized, Alex Kelly, Chief of Staff and Dr. Eric Hall, Chancellor of Innovation, Florida Department of Education for a presentation on the work the department is doing and the executive orders the department is implementing. Chief Kelly started with a brief overview of teacher pay and VPK in the state of Florida.

Policy Updates

Chancellor Hall continued, with a brief overview of workforce education, the K-12 standards review, and school safety in FL. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions. Mr. Gibson opened with a question about the collaboration on the workforce education committee. Mr. Gibson followed with a comment about teacher compensation and how bonuses don't work; this comment was echoed by Vice Chair Tuck.

Financial Outlook

Chair Johnson recognized Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Finance and Operations for an overview of the financial outlook and budget overview. Ms. Pridgeon briefed the board on last year's budget and the estimates for the upcoming year. Chair Johnson then opened the board for questions. Mr. Gibson opened with a comment about the level of education funding in Florida and the commitment to education it represents. This comment was echoed by the board.

Stakeholder Presentations

Chair Johnson recognized, Dr. Pace, Superintendent, Osceola School District on behalf of FADSS. Superintendent Pace provided an update on the legislative priorities and the budget recommendations for the upcoming year. Superintendent Pace also thanked the board, and governor for funding the Best and Brightest teacher/principal programs.

Chair Johnson recognized, President Murdaugh, Tallahassee Community College, on behalf of Council of Presidents (COP). President Murdaugh provided an overview of policy issues and budget issues being discussed at COP meetings as well as students with Associate in Arts degrees that will matriculate to Florida's public and private upper-division universities.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Tuck started by commending Polk State College for an excellent program with the two-plus-two teacher certification program and thanked all the speakers that took time to come to the meeting and speak. Mr. Gibson thanked Polk State College and the first lady for her mental health initiative and condemned the principal that denied the Holocaust. These comments were echoed by all board members and the Chair.

Appointment of Officer(s)

Chair Johnson opened the board for nominations. Mr. Olenick made the nomination of Vice Chair Andy Tuck to be the new Chair of the State Board of Education. This was seconded by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Tuck then opened the nomination for Vice Chair. Mr. Gibson made the nomination of Marva Johnson. This was seconded by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tuck reminded the members that the next meeting would be on August 21st in Broward at Broward College.

Having no further business, Chair Tuck adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 2:00 P.M.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair