

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING**

August 21, 2019  
Broward College, 111 E. Las Olas Blvd., Room 1208  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301

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

**WELCOME**

Chair Tuck welcomed members and guests and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the National Anthem performed by Broward College student, Angelina Fontaine. Chair Tuck then recognized Gregory Haile, President of Broward College to welcome the board.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Corcoran thanked President Haile for his commitment to the students of Florida. Commissioner Corcoran then recognized two students for academic excellence, Timothy Jones a junior at Blanche Ely High School in Broward County and Mauricio Haughton from Broward College. Commissioner Corcoran followed with a brief update on the Strategic Plan and the Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay budget. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve Commissioner Corcoran's report. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPDATE**

**Jefferson County Elementary A Somerset Charter School**

Chair Tuck recognized, Cory Oliver, Principal, Somerset Charter School, for an update on the charter managed turnaround plan for Jefferson County. Principal Oliver provided a brief overview of the operations at the charter managed schools and report on the grades each school received. Chair Tuck then recognized Senator Perry Thurston and thanked him for being in attendance.

**2015-2020 Strategic Plan**

Chair Tuck recognized Alex Kelly, Chief of Staff, for an update on the Strategic Plan. Chief Kelly presented the update on the strategic plan and the 14 associated metrics. Commissioner Corcoran suggested that the board review and offer suggestions on how to update the plan. Mr. Grady commented on the number of students unemployed after graduation and how the department can track students after graduation.

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

Chair Tuck recognized, Mr. Runcie, Superintendent, Broward County Public Schools, for an update on school safety, mental health, student achievement, standards and legislative priorities. Mr. Olenick requested how much the districts have spent since 2012-13 on school safety. Vice Chair Johnson followed, asking about the achievement gap in Broward County. Mr. Gibson requested a rough estimate of the funding received for mental health and if the district has seen an impact to students.

## **Florida College System - President Murdaugh on behalf of the Council of Presidents**

Chair Tuck recognized, Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee Community College, for an update. President Murdaugh provided updates on the legislative budget request and the collaboration between the department, the commissioner, and the COP. Vice Chair Johnson requested the difference in funding for dual enrollment between K-12 and the College System. Chair Tuck commented on the students that graduate and move out of the state for work and how that limits the data on jobs after college. Mr. Grady followed asking if the colleges track students once they graduate for job entry.

## **Turnaround Option Plan for Evergreen Elementary School, Marion County**

Chair Tuck recognized, Jacob Olivia, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools for an update on the turnaround plan for Evergreen Elementary School in Marion County. Chancellor Olivia thanked the board and asked Dr. Heidi Maier, Superintendent, Marion County for provide the update. Dr. Maier briefed the board on the new principal at the school and the external operator that was hired to replace Education Directions. Chair Tuck opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Johnson commented about the number of teachers at the school and noted it was lower than the previous year.

## **Action Items**

### **Approval of 2020-21 Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request**

Chair Tuck recognized Chief Kelly and Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations for an update on the 2020-2021 legislative budget request. Chief Kelly provided an overview of the FEFP student allocation increase. Ms. Pridgeon provided a breakdown of the capital outlay recommendations including repairs and maintenance and a comparison to the 2019-20 budget by category. Chair Tuck opened the board for questions. Mr. Olenick started by thanking the department for listening to the issues raised at prior meetings. Mr. Olenick continued by asking about the expected reduction in mental health counselors and about teacher salaries in Florida. Mr. York commended the increase in mental health resources and asked how the department plans on tracking the success of the mental health initiative. Vice Chair Johnson asked if the apprenticeship programs could possibly supplement the workforce programs for people with special needs. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the 2020-21 Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of New Rule 6A-1.094122, Substance Use and Abuse Health Education**

Chair Tuck recognized Chancellor Olivia to brief the board on new rule 6A-1.094122, Substance Use and Abuse Health Education. Chancellor Olivia provided an outline on the rule; to establish procedures for the school districts to plan and document delivery of required instruction related to substance use and abuse prevention education for students in grades K-12. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the new rule 6A-1.094122, Substance Use and Abuse Health Education. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of New Rule 6A-10.082, Mandatory Reporting of Offenses Affecting the Health, Safety and Welfare of Florida Students**

Chair Tuck recognized Dr. Paul Burns, Chancellor, Department Educator Quality to provide an overview of new rule 6A-10.082, Mandatory Reporting of Offenses Affecting the Health, Safety and Welfare of Florida Students. Dr. Burns explained that this rule creates the

procedures for school districts to report certain offenses committed by instructional personnel and school administrators to the Department within 24 hours. Chair Tuck opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady made a motion to amend the rule adding: The superintendent's report to the Department of Education must include, at a minimum, a summary of the substantiated allegations of misconduct giving rise to this report. This was echoed by Mr. Gibson and Vice Chair Johnson. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion to amend the rule. The motion to amend the rule passed unanimously. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-10.082 as amended. Vice Chair Johnson made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-8.601, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate**

Chair Tuck recognized Shan Goff for an overview of Rule 6M-8.601, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate. Ms. Goff briefed the board on the history of VPK in Florida and the readiness rate selected for VPK providers. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6M-8.601, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. Chair Tuck recognized Madeline Thakur for comments on rule 6M-8.601, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSENT**

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

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair tuck then opened the board for member comments. Vice Chair Johnson started by commending the DOE staff for producing the budget request and thanked the Commissioner for his consistent vigilance in making sure that we prioritize our teachers. Mr. Grady followed stating he appreciated the departments urgency in getting things accomplished. Mr. York thanked Broward College and President Haile and congratulated them again on receiving the Aspen Award. Mr. Gibson echoed the comments of the board and thanked the governor and first lady for their mental health support. Chair Tuck echoed the board and thanked all that came to listen and to speak.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tuck reminded the members that the next meeting would be on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Duval County at KIPP Jacksonville.

Having no further business, Chair Tuck adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 1:55 P.M.

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Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

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Andy Tuck, Chair