

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

May 13, 2020
Via Conference Call

Chair Andy Tuck called the telephonic meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Marva Johnson; Ben Gibson; Tom Grady; Michael Olenick; Ryan Petty; and Joe York.

WELCOME

Chair Tuck thanked members and guests for participating in the State Board of Education telephonic meeting. Chair Tuck then recognized Commissioner Corcoran for his report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Corcoran started by recognizing two outstanding students for their accomplishments and work during COVID-19, Kathy Angedoni, Daytona State College and Jonas Goldstein, J.W. Mitchell High School. Commissioner Corcoran also briefed the board on the department's COVID-19 initiatives, safeguards for early learning programs, requirements for state scholarships, the shift to virtual instruction, deadline extensions for English Language Learners, updates on the Governor's task force, and reopening Florida's schools effectively. Chair Tuck opened the board for questions. Mr. Olenick suggested that the state create its own COVID-19 budget, based on each district's financial impact. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve Commissioner Corcoran's report. Vice Chair Johnson made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Olenick in opposition.

Minutes

Minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting

Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2020 meeting. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

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

Chair Tuck recognized Dr. Mike Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Dr. Grego provided an overview of the resources and support that has gone out to students. Including the enhancement to digital programs, creation of virtual systems, how to prevent and mitigate any potential academic impacts of COVID-19, as well as the distribution of CARES Act funding. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Johnson thanked Dr. Grego for his thoughtful recommendations on the CARES Act and asked what kind of hybrid learning initiatives districts are considering. Mr. Gibson followed and asked what kind of timeline the districts are looking at as far as opening schools and asked the districts to think of the students' mental wellbeing.

Florida College System – President Murdaugh on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Chair Tuck recognized Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee Community College on behalf of the Council of Presidents. Dr. Murdaugh briefed the board on the difficulties facing the College System, initiatives to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19, the opening of colleges in the fall, and how the colleges intend to keep students safe in the fall.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of New Rule 6A-1.0017, School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

Chair Tuck recognized, Damien Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Safe Schools, for a brief overview of new rule 6A-1.0017, School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting. Mr. Kelly provided background on the creation of the rule, how the rule clarifies SESIR reporting, how the new rule aligns school district reporting requirements to federal reporting requirements, and who is responsible for training districts on federal reporting. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-1.0017, School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR). Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Tuck opened the rule for public comment.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency

Chair Tuck recognized, Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System for a brief overview of rule 6A-10.02413. Chancellor Hebda provided a brief history of the rule, the existing civics assessments, and how the rule would align with the Board of Governors. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Tuck opened the rule for public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Tuck opened for public comment.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Tuck opened the board for comments. Vice Chair Johnson started and thanked Commissioner Corcoran for his leadership on the Reopening Taskforce and commented on the upcoming hybrid education models that focus on the achievement gap. Mr. Grady followed and thanked the commissioner, the governor, and the district for all they have done to keep Florida students safe and educated. Mr. Gibson echoed the comments of his fellow members and also congratulated the "District Teachers of the Year". Mr. Olenick echoed the comments and added that the digital divide in rural areas is imperative as we go forward. These comments were echoed by the rest of the members.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Tuck adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:44 A.M.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Andy Tuck, Chair