

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING

December 14, 2022
Conference Call

Chair Tom Grady called the conference call to order at 10 a.m., the following members were present: Vice Chair Ben Gibson, Esther Byrd, Grazie Christie, Ryan Petty, Joe York and Monesia Brown.

Commissioners Report

Chair Grady recognized Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education to present the commissioners report. Commissioner Diaz thanked the board and provided a brief update on education in Florida. Commissioner Diaz first thanked Chancellor Ray Rodrigues of the State University System for his assistance in putting together the first of its kind meeting with all state university presidents and Florida college presidents. The meeting was geared towards articulation within the two plus two program in Florida, and work between our state colleges and our universities to ensure that students in Florida have the best opportunities. Continuing, Commissioner Diaz talked about the response to Hurricane Ian. Stating that governor DeSantis declared a state of emergency for all 67 Florida counties and thanks to the governors leadership and bold recovery efforts all Florida students were back in school shortly after the disaster. Following, Commissioner Diaz briefed the board on school safety, stating that of the 67 districts in Florida 46 have implemented the guardian program, which includes 1,284 staff serving as guardians. Chair Grady called for a motion to approve the Commissioners Report. Ms. Byrd made the motion with a second by Dr. Christie. The motion passed unanimously.

Update

School District Policies and Procedures for Student Services in Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Duval, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Hillsborough, Indian River, Leon, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach

Chair Grady recognized Jacob Oliva, Senior Chancellor, Division of Public Schools for a brief update on district policies and procedures that may have a conflict with legislative changes on student services and supports. Stating that 10 districts had been identified and were sent letters from the department informing them of their non-compliance.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva provided an update on Leon County. Stating that Leon County is working on updating their local policies and based on the most recent correspondence, the district anticipates submitting revisions to their policies to the local school board on January 24, 2023 for consideration of adoption. Chair Grady opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Gibson asked if the January 24 meeting is the earliest the revisions to their district policy can be heard.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva then provided an update on Miami-Dade. Stating that the department has been in contact with the leadership in Miami-Dade County, and was informed that the support guide identified for the 2020-2021 school year was not continued for the 2022-2023 school year. Adding that the guide was removed from their district website. Sr. Chancellor Oliva added that a recent correspondence from Miami-Dade also indicated the school board updated several local policies in regard to student services and support to make sure that their policies at the local level are in compliance with recent legislation

and State Board rule. Chair Grady opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Gibson asked if district has a policy in place where they review new laws and rules to ensure district compliance.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva then provided an update on Indian River. Stating that Indian River received a letter from the department that referenced the districts noncompliance in adhering to the Florida Educational Equity Act. Adding that correspondence received from the district showed draft revisions to the local policies, however, did not establish a clear timeline for when the policy revisions would be considered for adoption.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. Stating that based on correspondence received from Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, the department was informed that they have updated their local policies to reflect recent changes in rules and legislation on December 8th.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Duval County. Stating that the letter Duval received was also in reference to making sure that parents are fully informed of district policies and procedures that are currently in place. Adding that based on correspondence from the district the local board is updating their policies with the school board taking it up for consideration at their next meeting.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Hillsborough County. Stating that the letter Hillsborough received was also in reference to making sure that parents are fully informed of district policies and procedures that are currently in place. Adding that correspondence received from the district indicated Hillsborough is going to do a full review of all of their policies and procedures to ensure compliance with Florida Statute and State board rules and will bring the revised policy for consideration at their next local board meeting.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Brevard County. Stating that the letter Brevard received was also in reference to making sure that parents are fully informed of district policies and procedures that are currently in place. Adding that correspondence received from the district indicated Brevard has removed the out of date support guide from their district webpage and submitted documentation to the department with their updated policies and procedures.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Palm Beach County. Stating that the letter Palm Beach received was also in reference to making sure that parents are fully informed of district policies and procedures that are currently in place. Adding that correspondence received from the district indicated Palm Beach has removed the out of date support guide from their district webpage and that they're working on developing a new guide, that will be in compliance with Florida statutes and State Board of Education rule.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Broward County. Stating that the letter Broward received was also in reference to making sure that parents are fully informed of district policies and procedures that are currently in place. Adding that correspondence received from the district indicated Broward has removed the out of date support guide from their district webpage and that they're working on developing a new guide that will be in compliance with Florida statutes and State Board of Education rule with the updated policy being considered at their next local meeting on March 31, 2023. Chair Grady opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Gibson asked why the district cannot consider the policy update sooner than March 31.

Sr. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on Alachua County. Stating that the letter Alachua received was also in reference to making sure that parents are fully informed of district policies and procedures that are currently in place. Adding that correspondence received from the district indicated that the support guide was not policy adopted by the board and that Alachua has removed the support guide from their district webpage and has taken action to update bathroom, locker room, and dressing room policies while continuing to collaborate with the department and make sure that any procedures that are happening in the school grounds are in accordance with statute and state board rule. Chair Grady opened the board for questions. Mr. Petty asked if the guide was removed from the district or just the website.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Chair Grady recognized Tim Hay, Executive Director, Office of Safe Schools for an overview of the amendment to rule 6A-1.0017, School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR). Mr. Hay thanked the board for their ongoing commitment to school safety and provided a brief update. Stating that the updates incorporate changes recommended by the SESIR workgroup that were presented to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission at the November 16th meeting as well as concerns raised in the final report of the 20th state-wide Grand Jury. Including an update to 16 of the 26 SESIR definitions for clarification in alignment with state law and three incident categories recommended to be renamed in order to better align with Florida's criminal code. Chair Grady called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-1.0017, School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR). Vice Chair Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Petty. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Grady recognized Dr. Andre Smith, Chief Information Officer, Division of Technology and Innovation for an overview of the amendment to rule 6A-1.0014, Comprehensive Management Information System. Dr. Smith thanked the board and stated that data has become an increasingly integral part of the decision-making process in education. With the Comprehensive Management Information Rule defining the student/ staff collection and reporting requirements by school districts. Adding that the rule is being amended to update system definitions and reporting requirements as recommended by the state-wide Grand Jury and Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission to enhance reporting and accuracy in regards to school safety. Chair Grady called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-1.0014, Comprehensive Management Information System. Ms. Byrd made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment #8 of Contract between the State Board of Education and SEED School of Miami, Inc.

Chair Grady recognized Adam Emerson, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice for an overview of amendment #8 of the contract between the State Board of Education and SEED School of Miami, Inc. Mr. Emerson thanked the board and provided some background of SEED School of Miami, stating that the State Board of Education has contracted with SEED to support the charter school's education program, and boarding programs. Adding that SEED runs the only college preparatory boarding program in Florida with the purpose of serving students throughout South Florida that are at heightened risk of academic failure. Continuing, Mr. Emerson added that the Florida

legislature has appropriated \$11 million to SEED and that the proposed contract amendment will allow access to those funds. Chair Grady called for a motion to approve amendment #8 of Contract between the State Board of Education and SEED School of Miami, Inc. Vice Chair Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Grady adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:51 A.M. EST.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Tom Grady, Chair