

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
September 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2014, Meeting and August 18, 2014, Conference Call

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the June 17, 2014, Meeting and August 18, 2014, Conference Call are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, June 17, 2014 and August 18, 2014

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

June 17, 2014

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Nassau Center
Yulee, FL 32097

Chair Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Vice Chair John Padget, Dr. Ada Armas, John Colón, Marva Johnson, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey and Andy Tuck.

WELCOME

Chair Chartrand thanked Dr. John Ruis, Superintendent, Nassau County Public Schools; Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, President, Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ); and Representative Janet Adkins for welcoming the Board to FSCJ Campus in Nassau County.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Johnson stated that she is looking forward to hearing more about the Legislative Budget Request.

Mr. Tuck shared with the Board that he was contacted by the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance (FRBA) which is a partnership formed by Opportunity Florida and Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI) and was informed that the rural counties in Florida now have the broadband they need.

Mr. Colón thanked the Legislators and their staff for their leadership and dedication to education. He thanked Chair Galvano and Chair Fresen for their work on the budget which has historic funding for education this year. He also thanked Chair Legg, Chair O'Toole and Chair Adkins for their support of the Board and Commissioner Stewart and for their leadership in providing a clearer and understandable accountability system for our parents and students. Mr. Colón ended his comments by stating that he is looking forward to hearing more about Voluntary Prekindergarten and how we're moving forward with early childhood learning and the testing that will be done.

Dr. Armas thanked FSCJ for hosting the meeting and that she shares Mr. Colón's interest for early childhood learning and the testing to make sure children are ready for kindergarten. Dr. Armas commended the Department and Commissioner Stewart for their hard work through the implementation of the new standards.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey thanked the Department for doing everything to set up teachers to be able to get the training they need and schools to be able to internalize and implement plans with the rollout of a new assessment and the Florida Standards.

Vice Chair Padget recommended developing a unified name for the 44 vocational centers in Florida such as Career Institutes with a measurable and identifiable end result. He also recommended having a workshop at Manatee Technical Institute so that the Board could gain a better understanding of their needs. He also explained that, as a delegated member of the Florida College System Foundation, the foundation will be advocating for private partnerships in support of our colleges. Vice Chair Padget recommended the Board support

the return of the Phillip Benjamin Matching Grant and to include an amount in the budget that would match previous donations and all future donations.

Chair Chartrand also thanked Chair Adkins for being in attendance and for her steadfast support of education. He also encouraged the Department to do everything possible between now and August to be ready for the new standards. Chair Chartrand requested the Department determine the percentage of students in Florida that obtain high scores on the SATs but do not go on to college due to a financial issue. He further explained that it's our obligation to figure out how we might be of more assistance to help our students move into the higher education world and not let poverty be the barrier.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart recognized the following teachers of the year from the local area: Lynn Green, Instructional Coach in first through third grade at Westside Elementary in Baker County; Brianna Johnson, prekindergarten teacher at Callahan Elementary School in Nassau County; and Daryl Cullipher, 10th through 12th grade English Language Arts teacher at St. Augustine High School in St. Johns County.

Commissioner Stewart thanked Chair Adkins for all her hard work on Senate Bill 1642. She provided an overview of the statewide assessment results released over the past six weeks. Results showed that eighth and 10th grade writing scores went up, while statewide fourth grade writing scores went down by four percentage points. She explained that this is the first year for expository writing in the fourth grade and encouraged Superintendents to review the students' work to determine areas of improvement and incorporate it into the professional development. She provided the results of the FCAT 2.0 for Reading, Mathematics and Science, which were either the same or higher in every grade band and the end-of-course assessment results indicate that performance is up statewide.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the support provided to districts for the successful implementation of Florida Standards and that the implementation of the new assessment is on schedule. She stated that the contract has been signed and the Department will release draft sample items and item specifications on June 30th which is much earlier than the same resources were provided for the change from FCAT to FCAT 2.0.

Commissioner Stewart shared that she recently attended the Prudential Productivity Awards Luncheon where three teams from the Department, the same three teams that were recognized by the Board at the April meeting, were recognized for their good work and saving the state \$500 million. She also shared that she recently attended the Council of President's meeting and agreed to have a workshop on the Florida College System.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. The motion was made by Mr. Colón with a second by Vice Chair Padget. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20th Board meeting. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padget with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE

K-12 Public Schools – Dr. John Ruis, Superintendent, Nassau County Public Schools on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Chartrand recognized Superintendent Ruis to present on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Ruis welcomed the Board and provided an overview of Nassau County Public Schools. Superintendent Ruis provided a summary of concerns related to the following: Accountability/Pay for Performance, charter school standard contract, and providing an extra hour of instruction for the 300 lowest performing elementary schools in reading. He expressed FADSS's appreciation for the increased funding for general operations of public schools. Chair Chartrand congratulated the Nassau District for being Academically High Performing for seven years and for having the highest graduation rate in the state for the past two years.

Vice Chair Padgett requested more information on why Superintendents are concerned with a standard charter school contract. Superintendent Ruis stated that based on his observations he believed that superintendents would like more flexibility when dealing with charter school contracts. Commissioner Stewart added that the Department is currently in the process of rule development for the standard charter school contract and encouraged the superintendents to provide written comments.

Vice Chair Padgett requested more information on the teacher pay and salary structure implementation. Superintendent Ruis explained the difficulty is trying to be fair and equitable for those on the grandfathered schedule and to those on the pay for performance schedule.

Florida College System – Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, President, Florida State College at Jacksonville on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Superintendent Ruis introduced President Bioteau for an update on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President Bioteau welcomed the Board and thanked Representative Adkins for her assistance during her first Legislative Session. President Bioteau provided an update on performance funding, collegiate high schools, and the baccalaureate degree moratorium.

Vice Chair Padgett requested more information on the new legislation that the colleges will receive \$1,000 incremental funding for every industry certification earned. President Bioteau explained that the intent is to reward performance and competency not just seat time. Chancellor Hanna further explained that this is the second year of industry certifications in the Florida College System and during the first year the group of industry certifications that the Legislature allowed reimbursement was limited. Chancellor Hanna also added that a task force is being assembled to look at all the various performance metrics and how to incorporate a system of performance funding into the overall funding model of the state and the Commissioner will be required to issue a report by the end of December.

Ms. Johnson requested at a future meeting more information on what the FCS is doing to address students that score high on the SAT but do not go on to college. Chair Chartrand stated that the Board would have a workshop on the college system in November and if human potential is not being realized because of poverty it's a major problem and needs to be addressed. Mr. Colón and Ms. Johnson requested the Governor's \$10,000 degree program be added to the agenda for the workshop as well. Mr. Colón also requested the success or failures of no longer requiring remedial classes. President Bioteau explained that at FSCJ those kinds of developmental skills are being embedded within our gateway courses such as intro to Math or intro to English.

Chair Chartrand encouraged Chancellor Hanna to contact each Board member to find out what they would like to discuss at the workshop in November. Chancellor Hanna stated that

Florida State University has undertaken a significant research program to look at the impact of the Developmental Educational Legislation and it will last two to three years.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Budget Guidelines for Development of 2015-2016 Legislative Budget Request

Chair Chartrand recognized Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, to provide an overview. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the Budget Guidelines for Development of 2015-16 Legislative Budget Request. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón.

Vice Chair Padgett requested the amount of money of unmatched donations to the Phillip Benjamin Matching Grant and recommended adding it as a new guideline. Commissioner Stewart explained that it would be an appropriate conversation for the individual Board briefings in July to discuss the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. Chair Chartrand recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools to provide a summary of the amendment. Vice Chair Padgett thanked former Board member Dr. Desai for his advocacy for financial literacy standards. Ms. Fishman Lipsey expressed her joy for adopting financial literacy standards for the students and thanked the Department and former Board members. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand recognized and thanked Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, for her attendance.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items one through seven. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand announced that the next meeting will be on September 23rd with a location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:55 a.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Gary Chartrand, Chair

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MEETING**

August 18, 2014
Via Conference Call

Chair Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Vice Chair John Padget, Dr. Ada Armas, John Colón, Marva Johnson, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, and Andy Tuck.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Colón shared that he recently visited Freedom Elementary School and Oneco Elementary School in Manatee County where Superintendent Mills is doing a great job.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey wished all the teachers, students and administrators good luck.

Vice Chair Padget requested the Department work with the legislature to adjust the process so that the Board could meet around the first of August to consider waiver requests prior to the first day of school.

Chair Chartrand agreed with Vice Chair Padget and requested the Commissioner work with the Board to improve the process and have the meeting at an earlier date.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Chartrand recognized Lois Tepper, Interim General Counsel, to clarify specifically what the statute requires the Board to consider when either granting or denying a waiver.

Chair Chartrand recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to provide an overview of the process for waiver requests.

Request for Waiver of Termination – Shining Star Academy of the Arts – Columbia County

Chair Chartrand recognized Mr. Miller to provide an overview of the waiver request. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the data regarding Shining Star Academy of the Arts. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to either grant or deny the request for a waiver of termination. Mr. Tuck made the motion to deny with a second by Dr. Armas. Chair Chartrand recognized Tony Buzella, Principal and Founder, on behalf of Shining Star Academy of the Arts. Mr. Buzella recognized Steven Schwab, teacher, to provide an overview of the school. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Waiver of Termination – Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – Broward County

Chair Chartrand recognized Mr. Miller for an overview of the waiver request. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the data regarding Broward Charter School of Science and Technology. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to either grant or deny the request for a waiver of termination. Mr. Tuck made the motion to deny with a second by Ms. Johnson.

Chair Chartrand recognized Melissa Gross-Arnold, Attorney, and Dr. Jamie Manburg on behalf of Broward Charter School of Science and Technology. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Waiver of Termination – Florida International Elementary Academy – Miami-Dade County

Chair Chartrand recognized Mr. Miller for an overview of the waiver request. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the data regarding Florida International Elementary Academy. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to either grant or deny the request for a waiver of termination. Mr. Colón made the motion to deny with a second by Ms. Johnson. Chair Chartrand recognized Sonia Mitchell on behalf of Florida International Elementary Academy. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Johnson explained that closing a school is not an easy decision and she would much rather be having a discussion either midyear or after the first year about how to work harder and not be in this situation.

Chair Chartrand announced that the next meeting will be on September 29th at the Tampa Airport Marriott.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:54 a.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Gary Chartrand, Chair