

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
June 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the May 20, 2014, State Board of Education meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, May 20, 2014

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

May 20, 2014

Santa Rosa School Board Office
Milton, FL 32570

Chair Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order at 8:30 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

The Board thanked Santa Rosa County Public Schools for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Tuck thanked Commissioner Stewart for speaking to the Leadership Highlands Class in March.

Ms. Johnson thanked Commissioner Stewart and staff for their hard work during the legislative session.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey echoed the compliment by Ms. Johnson and informed the Board she had visited Youth Co-Op Charter School in Hialeah last month for National Charter School Week. Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared their three basic points for high impact and great results: quality of the school leader, quality of the teachers and high expectations for kids.

Mr. Colón shared that he recently attended the Puerto Rico Summit in Orlando where they held a symposium to discuss education and his intention for the Commissioner to make an appearance at the next event in July. He also applauded the efforts of Superintendent Rick Mills, Manatee County Public Schools, for listening to everyone and moving forward with their budgetary items in a tough environment.

Vice Chair Padget shared that during National Charter School Week he hosted a roundtable with the leaders of all six charter schools in the Florida Keys to discuss issues and opportunities. Vice Chair Padget thanked the Commissioner and staff for their support.

Chair Chartrand shared that he visited the following four schools since the last meeting: River City Science Charter Academy, KIPP Charter School, Phoenix University, and an after school program at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School where they were teaching Code.org. Chair Chartrand reiterated that computer science is the number one job gap in the country and expressed the need to engage students to it at an earlier age.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart thanked Superintendent Tim Wyrosdick, Santa Rosa County Public Schools, for hosting the Board meeting. Commissioner Stewart also thanked Superintendent Malcolm Thomas, Escambia County Public Schools, and Patty Hightower, Vice Chairman, Escambia County School Board, for their work and support.

Commissioner Stewart recognized teachers of the year from the local area: Susan Marino, Spanish teacher at Emerald Coast Middle School; Danielle Clark, fourth grade teacher at Holly Navarre Intermediate School; Richard Davenport, Band Director at Chipley High

School; and Victoria Hurley, Literacy Coach and Professional Development Coordinator at Baker School.

Commissioner Stewart provided the following summary of her travels around the state with Bonita Hampton, Director of Recruitment and Recognition, to announce the Teacher of the Year finalists: Kevin Ford, Band Instructor, Tarpon Springs; Lyndsey Matheny, STEM teacher, Citrus Elementary School; Christi Bassett, Art teacher, Highlands Grove Elementary; Jill Tillis-Espinosa, Kindergarten teacher, Belle Terre Elementary; and Daryl Cullipher, English Language Arts teacher and teaching academy instructor, St. Augustine High School. She provided an overview of her attendance at the Academic Challenge Awards Dinner in Orlando and the National Mathcounts Awards Dinner where Garrett O'Donnell, a student at Fairview Middle School in Leon County made it to the countdown round. She stated that last week staff traveled the state to provide districts with a legislative update to help them navigate through all the changes that happened in education that are going to affect them throughout this next school year. She also shared her appreciation for those Board members that were able to visit schools during National Charter School Week.

Commissioner Stewart stated that the final details of the test administration schedule for American Institutes for Research (AIR) Assessment contract for 2014-15 are being finalized. She also provided the following timeline for the AIR Assessment: This month we will provide the test administration schedule, the computer-based test transition schedule, and the technology specifications; in June, there will be sample test questions, blueprints for that assessment, and test item specifications; and in July, writing rubrics.

Commissioner Stewart shared that DOE has been working with Code.org to receive information on course content with regard to coding and we are still waiting on complete information on what they will include in courses by grade levels.

Vice Chair Padgett requested more information on the number of students who took the FCAT online this year. Commissioner Stewart explained that every student is provided the test online unless they are a student with a disability whose IEP indicates they have a paper-based test. Commissioner Stewart recognized Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, to provide more detail. Mr. Copa stated that all tests are delivered online in high school, most of our middle schools are online testing, and most of our elementary schools remain on paper at this point.

Vice Chair Padgett requested whether or not there will be penalties in place for the AIR contract for failure to deliver certain mile markers. Commissioner Stewart provided that there would be assurances in the contract. Chair Chartrand requested more information on the recent testing outage and lessons learned. Mr. Copa explained that it was a national outage dealing with Pearson's delivery mechanism for Internet service and testing was able to resume the next day without issue, districts were provided additional flexibility to deal with that outage, and backups were identified in case of a future nationwide Internet outage. Matt Carson, General Counsel, provided that the Department is currently in the middle of the process to determine Pearson's negligence and what options are available. Ms. Johnson requested if that same network concern is being carried forward as we look to the school districts to produce technology plans to support the online testing and funding to support the redundancy. Ron Nieto, Deputy Commissioner of Innovation, Division of Technology and Information Services, provided that we're working with school districts to ensure Internet access at the local level and we're working with some funding that we received this year to help bolster those needs in those different areas.

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

MINUTES

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10th and 11th Board meetings. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE

An Update on Career and Adult Education Programs in Florida

Chair Chartrand recognized Rod Duckworth, Chancellor, Career and Adult Education, to provide the update. Chancellor Duckworth presented a video and stated that Florida is a national leader in career and technical education (CTE) and industry certifications. He provided the following statistics: Cohort graduation rate among secondary CTE concentrators was 92 percent in 2012-13 and 81 percent of CTE concentrators who graduated with a standard diploma or high school equivalency were found employed, in the military, or enrolled in postsecondary education in the year following their exit from the program. Chancellor Duckworth recognized the following individuals to share their experiences with career and adult education programs in Florida: Georgia Addy, Jim C. Bailey Middle School, Information Technology Academy Student; Jennifer Tonnaer, Escambia High School, Engineering Academy Student; Steven Thames, Milton High School, Finance Academy Graduate; Haley Howard, Locklin Tech, Pharmacy Tech Academy, Career Dual Enrollment Student; Kevin Jones, Locklin Tech, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating Technology (HVAC) Program, Postsecondary Adult Student; Kristie Kelley, Gulf Power Company, Employee Development Coordinator; Scott Luth, Sr. Vice President, Economic Development, Greater Pensacola Chamber; and Shannon Ogletree, Executive Director, Santa Rosa Economic Development.

Mr. Tuck requested what the Board could do to help with the supply chain for vacant jobs. Mr. Ogletree stated that encouraging parents and students to really look at career academies and technical school so they can be ready for a job when they graduate. Vice Chair Padgett asked if companies are looking for bachelor degrees or high school graduates with a certificate. Mr. Luth provided that fewer and fewer companies are looking for the degree and more for the skills from a certificate program. Mr. Tuck expressed the need to expand the horizons for students in rural counties and bring in higher paying jobs. Chair Chartrand encouraged the economic development personnel to continue to be noisy with the education community and to do it with good data. Mr. Tuck requested what the Board can do to ensure all districts are providing students with opportunities for industry certifications. Commissioner Stewart stated that every district should work with their local workforce boards to identify industries that can thrive in that area. Chancellor Duckworth encouraged Board members to talk about these kinds of programs whenever they have the opportunity to go out and speak to a group. Chancellor Duckworth thanked Charlin Knight, CTE Director, Santa Rosa County Public Schools; Michelle Taylor, CTE Director, Escambia County Public Schools; and Lisa Morgan, CTE Supervisor, Escambia County Public Schools, for their work in helping to arrange all the presenters for the meeting. Vice Chair Padgett thanked Chancellor Duckworth and staff for their work and expressed the need to reward the actual achievement of the final certificate and not seat time.

An Update on the 2014 Legislative Session

Chair Chartrand recognized Tanya Copper, Director, Governmental Relations, to provide the update. Ms. Cooper stated that it was a busy but successful Legislative Session and staff worked very hard to summarize the highlights. Commissioner Stewart provided the following statistics: In 2004 Florida ranked near the bottom for graduation rates in the nation and in 2013 moved from eleventh to number six in the nation in student achievement; Florida has the highest graduation rate in the nation for Hispanic students; the graduation rate has increased by over 15 percent over the last ten years; on the last NAEP administration, Florida was the only state in the nation that narrowed the gap between white and African-American students in both fourth and eighth grade reading and Math proficiency; ranked second in the nation in participation in Advanced placement (AP) courses and fifth in the nation in success rate; and ranked twice in a row by the National Council on Teacher Quality as having the best teacher quality policies in the nation. Commissioner Stewart provided that the 2014-15 year will be the highest ever total funding for the State of Florida in education and the highest ever state-level funding in education in Florida.

Mr. Copa provided the Board with a summary of the Governor's Education Accountability Summit held last August and the activities and Legislation related to those areas and the revised accountability system contained in Senate Bill 1642; student data privacy in Senate Bill 188; and double testing in House Bill 7031. Mr. Copa stated that we've been in contact with the U.S. Department of Education and the ESEA waiver will be resubmitted. Chair Chartrand thanked Mr. Copa and the Commissioner for their work.

Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality, provided a summary of legislative changes related to educator evaluation, certification, sexual offenses and professional development. Mr. Dassler stated that Florida has begun conversations to discuss partnering with the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and it could appear on a future Board agenda.

Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, provided a summary of legislative changes related to middle grades progression, high school graduation requirements for standard diplomas, support for students and families with disabilities and instructional materials. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested the reason for mandating an online course as a graduation requirement and some examples of courses. Ms. Tappen explained that as we are moving to a digital world the rationale is to make sure our graduates have at least a minimum level of experience with digital content and learning with a digital format and classes are offered in everything from physical education, driver's education, to AP courses. Vice Chair Padgett recommended adding to next year's legislative agenda the requirement to pass the online course if it's not already required. Vice Chair Padgett requested more information related to the personal learning account, specifically, do the scholarship funding organizations (SFOs) already exist. Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, stated that there are four SFOs that are approved but only one is operational at this time. Mr. Miller also provided that a resource guide is being developed to provide additional support and guidance to parents.

Chancellor Duckworth provided a summary of House Bill 487 and Senate bill 850. Vice Chair Padgett recommended designing the Workforce Student Information System pilot to be able to track certificates no matter where they were earned. Mr. Tuck recommended legislation for next year to require districts to offer industry certifications to compliment targeted areas throughout the state. Mr. Colón recommended compiling a list of employment needs by district to target technical schools to those areas. Ms. Johnson suggested to not discount the

opportunity that virtual school programs offer without having to add more brick and mortar assets in every district.

Mr. Nieto provided a summary of House Bill 5101 and the Technology Readiness Inventory Report. Ms. Fishman Lipsey expressed her concern to ensure the digital plan includes professional development and maintenance for technology devices.

Randy Hanna, Chancellor, Florida College System, provided a summary of House Bill 7015, House Bill 851, House Bill 850, House Bill 5101, Senate Bill 236, budget increase, and Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO). Chair Chartrand requested more information on how dual enrollment is now funded. Chancellor Hanna stated that if a student takes a dual enrollment course at a college during the year, the district pays \$71.98 per credit hour for that student; if a student takes a course at a college during the summer the district does not pay; if the student takes a dual enrollment course at a high school taught by a college professor, it is at a lower rate; and if the course is at a high school taught by a high school professor, there is no charge. Chair Chartrand recommended tracking whether dual enrollment increases or decreases on campuses as opposed to embedded dual enrollment.

Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, provided a summary of the 2014-15 education budget, House Bill 5101, and House Bill 337. Ms. Fishman Lipsey suggested for the Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance Program to collect data to determine what teachers need for their classrooms.

Commissioner Stewart thanked staff for all their hard work in preparing the presentations, traveling the state to present, and for working with the Legislators and staff to make sure it was a good Legislative Session. She also thanked Representative Adkins and Representative Marlene O'Toole, for their work on the School Grading Bill and Senator John Legg for his work on Senate Bill 1642. Mr. Colón thanked Senator Bill Galvano, who chaired Education Appropriations.

Florida College System – Pensacola State College President Ed Meadows, on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Chair Chartrand recognized President Meadows for an update on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President Meadows provided an update on performance measures and baccalaureate degree authority. He shared that the Council of Presidents worked very closely with Senator Negron to come up with the moratorium that has been placed on the colleges and the colleges are looking forward to evaluating their role in workforce Baccalaureate degrees.

K-12 Public Schools – Tim Wyrosdick, Superintendent, Santa Rosa County Public Schools on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Chartrand recognized Superintendent Wyrosdick to present on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Wyrosdick welcomed the Board to Santa Rosa County. Superintendent Wyrosdick provided a summary of concerns related to the following: implementation of the new statewide assessment, technology, and providing an extra hour of instruction for the 300 lowest performing elementary schools in reading. Superintendent Wyrosdick expressed the appreciation of FADSS for maintaining the three groups to help in validating the assessment and results; the one year "pause" in the accountability system while maintaining the school grades; and for maintaining the state system for instructional materials.

ACTION ITEMS

Dismissal of Charter School Appeal for Lack of Jurisdiction

Chair Chartrand recognized Matt Carson, General Counsel, to provide an overview. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to dismiss the charter school appeal for lack of jurisdiction. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. Mr. Carson provided a summary of the dismissal. Chair Chartrand recognized Christopher Norwood, representing the City of North Miami and Mindy McNichols, Attorney, representing Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-6.07862, Model Forms for District Innovation Schools of Technology

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new Rule 6A-6.07862 as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. Chair Chartrand recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to provide an overview. Mr. Miller stated that the rule incorporates the model application and evaluation instrument for districts to apply to the State Board of Education for the authority to operate a district innovation school of technology. The motion passed unanimously.

Contract between State Board of Education and SEED School of Miami, Inc.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the contract between the State Board of Education and SEED School of Miami. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. Ms. Johnson recommended benchmarking student progress to similarly-situated students who are not a part of the SEED Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.09021, Annual English Language Proficiency Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs)

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-6.09021 as presented. Mr. Colón made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02412, Foreign Language Competence and Equivalence

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-10.02412 as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2014–2015 Dual Enrollment Course—High School Subject Area Equivalency List

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the 2014–15 Dual Enrollment Course—High School Subject Area Equivalency List. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from Lake-Sumter State College for Site Designation Change to the South Lake Center from a Special Purpose Center to a Campus

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the request from Lake-Sumter State College for site designation change to the South Lake Center from a Special Purpose Center to a

Campus. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padget. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items one through six. Vice Chair Padget made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand announced that the next meeting will be on June 17th in Fernandina Beach.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:55 p.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Gary Chartrand, Chair