

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
March 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of February 16 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the February 16 meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, February 16

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

February 16, 2017
Alachua County School Board Office
620 East University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Chair Marva Johnson 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 Andy Tuck, Gary Chartrand, Tom Grady and Rebecca Fishman Lipsey. Michael Olenick arrived at 9:10 a.m.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson recognized Sandra Hollinger, Interim Superintendent, Alachua County Schools, to welcome the Board. Interim Superintendent Hollinger recognized the following in attendance: Rob Hyatt, Chair; Gunnar Paulson, Vice Chair; Mrs. Roy, Board Member; Dr. McNealy, Board Member; Virginia Mance, Mayor of Micanopy; and Gib Coerper, Mayor of Alachua. She ended her welcome by providing a brief overview of Alachua County.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Tuck thanked Alachua County for hosting the board meeting and stressed the importance of funding Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida to maintain the State's economy.

Mr. Grady agreed with Vice Chair Tuck's comments and shared that the lack of economic activity in Jefferson County could be related to the difficulties that the county has faced in educating students.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared that *Harvard Law and Policy Review* published an article on reducing out-of-school suspension and recognized Miami-Dade County and Broward County public schools for decreasing arrests and suspensions. Both districts have implemented programs that provide a more restorative approach to addressing this behavior. She also shared with the Board a document for discussion that lists the Every Student Succeeds Act deadlines.

Mr. Chartrand shared his concern for teacher recruiting and retention and stressed the need for proper incentives.

Chair Johnson shared her excitement for Governor Scott's budget proposal which includes \$10 million for one-time hiring bonuses for teachers, a bonus to increase the diversity of teachers and support for our lowest performing schools. She shared her attendance at Governor Scott and First Lady Scott's Black History Month essay contest. She ended her comments by sharing the following statistics: Miami-Dade College awarded more associate degrees to minority and Hispanic students than any other college in the nation, according to the Community College Week 2016 Top 100; 14 Florida College System institutions ranked in the Top 100 colleges nationwide for the total number of associate degrees awarded; 11 Florida College System institutions placed in the Top 100 colleges nationwide for the number of associate degrees awarded to minority students; and eight Florida College System institutions ranked in the Top 100 colleges nationwide for the number of degrees awarded to Hispanic students.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart provided each Board member with a bookmark developed by the department with the four goals of the Strategic Plan on one side and additional information on the other (<http://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/strategic-plan.stml>).

Commissioner Stewart recognized the following recipients of the *Commissioner's Leadership Award*: Daniel Hampton, an 8th grader from Oak View Middle School; Jeremiah Neal and Malachi Neal both 5th graders and Ceazjiah Neal, a 2nd grader all attending Terwilliger Elementary School; Jasmin Sprain, a senior at Loften High School. Also recognized was Jacobi Bedenfield from Santa Fe College and Margaret Polk, Florida's 2017 School Nurse of the Year.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of Hispanic Heritage Month and the following essay winners who won a four-year prepaid scholarship: elementary school category - Ailanie Sanchez from San Jose Catholic School in Duval County; middle school category - Madilynn Vidal from Southwood Middle School in Miami-Dade County; and high school category - Christian Ramos from Manatee School for the Arts in Manatee County. Three grade kindergarten through 3rd grade students won \$250 in the art contest: Karla Angelina Valencia-Gonzalez from John Walker Elementary in Seminole County, Victoria Grace Sanchez from St. Teresa School in Miami-Dade County, and Abraham Cadaval from Coral Reef Elementary in Miami-Dade County. Three educators were honored with the Excellence in Education Award, and each educator received \$1,500 from Volunteer Florida: Rossana Chiarella from Palm Springs North Elementary in Miami-Dade County, Carla Ford from St. Luke's Lutheran School in Seminole County, and Mindy Goode from Pine Ridge High School in Volusia County.

Commissioner Stewart shared that Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott honored the 2017 Black History Month student contest winners and Excellence in Education Award recipients. Three 4th through 12th grade students who won a four-year prepaid college scholarship for their essays: elementary school category - Isabel Alvarez from Aventura City of Excellence Public Charter School in Miami-Dade County; middle school category - Destiny Stewart from Deer Lake Middle School in Leon County; and high school category - Nathalie Sieh from Clearwater Central Catholic School in Pinellas County. Two K-3 students won \$250 in the art contest: Hailey Kate Soto from Columbia Elementary School in Orange County and Christian Dunnon from Glade View Elementary School in Palm Beach County. Educators received the Excellence in Education Award and \$1,500 from Volunteer Florida: Kimberly Rostick from Corbett Preparatory School in the School District of Hillsborough County, Michael Burton from Workman Middle School in Escambia County and Makeda Brome from Lincoln Park Academy in St. Lucie County.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of Governor Scott's proposed budget for education. She shared the following: \$23.9 billion for education which is 28.7 percent of the total budget; a sales tax exemption for students purchasing required textbooks and instructional materials, which will save students \$48 million next year; proposing a freeze on all fees and tuition at state colleges; proposing a total of \$714.5 million for colleges, universities and workforce; \$5.6 million for summer dual enrollment; maintains \$10 million to colleges for students earning industry certifications in high-demand areas; \$217.3 million for Bright Futures scholarships; \$2.9 million to increase the per credit award amount for Florida academic scholars by 10 percent; \$34.7 million for Bright Futures for taking summer classes; historic education budget includes record per-student funding, bringing it to a total of \$7,421 which is an increase of \$216 per student over this current school year; \$15 million to eliminate certification and recertification costs for teachers; \$5 million to increase the diversity of teachers in critical shortage areas and high needs areas; \$5.9 million to

recruit Bright Future scholars that major in education, and commit to four years in the community they graduated from; \$16 million for districts to recruit and retain teachers in their district; \$6.1 million to attract and retain great teachers in low-performing schools; and \$8.5 million for professional development initiatives.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17 Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

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

Chair Johnson recognized Paul Puletti, Superintendent, Hendry County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Puletti provided a brief overview of Hendry County and shared their efforts to reduce out-of-school suspensions and improve student outcomes. Mr. Grady requested the percentage of free and reduced lunch by county.

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

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. James Henningsen, President, College of Central Florida, on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President Henningsen shared that Pensacola State College recently won the National Bellwether Award for their virtual tutoring program. He shared information on 2+2 articulation, Performance Funding Model and meeting the demands of Florida's workforce needs.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Santa Fe College's Proposal for a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting

Chair Johnson recognized Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Florida College System, to present the item. Chancellor Pumariega provided an overview and recognized Dr. Jackson Sasser, President, Santa Fe College. President Sasser shared the need and collaboration efforts for the proposed degree and recognized John Kraft, Dean of the Warrington College of Business; David Gaitnis, Managing Partner, Purvis, Gray & Company and Ken Kurdziel, Partner, James Moore & Company, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the degree proposal with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Turnaround Option Plans for the School District of Jefferson County

Chair Johnson recognized Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools to provide an overview and introduce speakers. Chancellor Lyons recognized the following representatives from Jefferson County: Ms. Watson, Board Member; Ms. Saunders, Board Member; Chair Brumfield; and Superintendent Arbulu. Superintendent Arbulu provided an overview of the turnaround plan to convert the middle/high school and elementary to a charter school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board approve the proposed plan with the following conditions: Superintendent Arbulu shall submit a report to the Commissioner on the actions and tasks undertaken and completed under the portion of the plan titled "Timeline for Completion of Assurances" no more than 24 hours after each of those dates set out in the plan; the Superintendent will notify the Commissioner within 24 hours if an assurance deadline is not going to be met; Superintendent shall consult with persons designated by the Commissioner from the Department prior to recommending a charter operator to the Jefferson County School Board; District and Superintendent will work cooperatively with a charter transition team that will be established within the Department during the negotiation and implementation of the charter school contract; District and Superintendent shall cooperatively work with the Financial Emergency Board, and comply with the directives issued while in a state of financial emergency; the charter school contract shall include a clause that prohibits termination by the District without departmental notice and approval; the elementary and middle/high school shall be consolidated by the start of the '17-'18 school year and both schools must continue with the work that has begun during this year, including finding a principal for the middle/high school; Superintendent shall provide notice to the Commissioner and the Chancellor of any Jefferson County School Board meeting, along with a copy of the agenda at least 48 hours before the meeting, unless the meeting is an emergency meeting, and notice shall be provided as soon as possible; and the Superintendent shall provide progress reports on the District's implementation of the plan to the State Board as directed by the Commissioner, but no less than four reports annually. She also recommending planning Board conference calls periodically after critical deadlines and to cancel if not needed. Judy Bone, General Counsel, shared that if the district does not meet critical timelines then the Board can impose sanctions, withhold State funds or report to the Legislature. Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, explained performance metrics for the charter school. Commissioner Stewart clarified that the charter contract would be for five years. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's recommendation. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made a motion to approve Commissioner Stewart's recommendation with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-1.09951, Requirements for the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program

Chair Johnson recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to provide an overview of the new rule. Mr. Chartrand made a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09951 with a second by Mr. Olenick. Chair Johnson recognized the following for public comment: Jackie Bronkie, Florida Foreign Language Managers; Ester de Jong, President Elect for the TESOL International organization and Mary Risner, President, Florida Foreign Language Association. The motion passed 5-1 with Ms. Fishman Lipsey in opposition.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion

Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the amendment with a second by Mr. Chartrand. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be on March 22nd in Tallahassee.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 1:15 p.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair