

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

November 28, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of the October 18 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, October 18, 2017

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

October 18, 2017
Florida State College at Jacksonville
Advanced Technology Center, Room T140/141
401 W. State Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

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; Ben Gibson; Rebecca Fishman Lipsey; and Michael Olenick. Member Tom Grady participated via phone.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, President, Florida State College at Jacksonville, to welcome the Board. She then amended the meeting agenda relating to Action Item #6 – Approval of District Turnaround Option Plans (TOP) for Schools Implementing Year 1 in 2017-18, specifically associated with Duval County and Escambia County TOP submissions. Duval County elected to withdraw two TOP submissions from consideration; Ramona Boulevard Elementary School and Arlington Middle School. Escambia County elected to withdraw six TOP submissions from consideration; Ensley Elementary School, Montclair Elementary School, Myrtle Grove Elementary, Warrington Elementary School, Reinhardt Holm Elementary School and Global Learning Academy. These eight TOP submissions were withdrawn.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart shared brief comments regarding 16 students that were being recognized for academic achievement and community involvement at this meeting. After which, each of the students were presented with an award certificate and photos were taken with the members. She then recognized the generosity of the Helios Education Foundation, Florida Blue and Bank of America for contributions to the Florida College System (FCS) Foundation that help to fund scholarships for FCS students who are pursuing nursing degrees or are the first in their families to attend colleges. This year, these funds helped to provide more than \$1 million in scholarship funds to FCS institutions; FSCJ president Cynthia Bioteau and FSCJ Foundation director was presented with a check for \$50,772.

Commissioner Stewart then gave an overview of the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Maria to the families and infrastructure of Florida and in Puerto Rico. She commended Governor Scott for his efforts to quickly restore Florida and to put measures in place to help displaced Puerto Rican families and students. She thanked district superintendents and college presidents for the leadership demonstrated in helping these displaced students, and outlined specific statutes and regulations that have been temporarily waived so that these students can continue to pursue their academic careers. Commissioner Stewart also indicated that the Department is working with the Department of Education in Puerto Rico to help students there to immediately take advantage of the Florida Virtual School platform once internet access is restored. She then provided a brief overview of a report released by the Community College Research Center which ranks Florida’s high school dual enrollment students above the national average for college completion, and recognized the more than 700 Florida schools that earned the five-star school award in 2016-17. The award is given to schools that are committed to incorporating family and community members into the

school environment to enhance student learning. Commissioner Stewart then recognized Kathy Hebda, Chief of Staff, who presented an update on the Department's strategic plan.

Commissioner Stewart then explained that the Department would be proposing a few policy changes that are centered on the Department's strategic plan, focusing on the goals the Board approved. Commissioner Stewart then recognized Ms. Tanya Cooper, Director, Office of Governmental Relations, who presented an overview of the Department's legislative policy priorities going into the 2018 session.

Chair Johnson called for motion to approve the Commissioner's report. Ms. Fishman Lipsey 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 July 17, August 16 and September 13 Board meetings. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Florida College System Council of Presidents Update

Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, President, Florida State College at Jacksonville provided an update on behalf of the Florida College System (FCS) Council of Presidents regarding items related to the FCS. Additionally, Dr. Bioteau provided an overview of the FCS Presidents Legislative Budget request items.

K-12 Public Schools Update

Dr. Patricia Willis, Superintendent, Duval County Schools provided an update on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents on items related to K-12 education initiatives.

Chair Johnson recognized former Commissioner of Education Gerard Robinson to make comments. Mr. Robinson praised Florida's continued efforts to remain top in Nation in higher education and for the significant improvements in our K12 school grades.

ACTION ITMES

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for Alachua County

Chair Johnson recognized Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to provide an overview of the changes to the Turnaround Option plan for Alachua County. Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board approve the plan as presented.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner Stewart. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve staff recommendation with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for Hamilton County

Chancellor Lyons provided an overview of the changes to the Turnaround Option plan for Hamilton County. Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board approve the plan as presented.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner Stewart. Vice Chair Tuck made a motion to approve the recommendation with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of District Turnaround Option Plans for Schools Implementing Year 1 in 2017-18 - Amended

Chancellor Lyons provided a brief introduction of the item and turned it over to Commissioner Stewart for further comments. Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the review process for the plans and recommended all 80 plans for approval.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation made by Commissioner Stewart. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made a motion to approve the recommendation with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Parrish Charter Academy vs. School Board of Manatee County

Chair Johnson recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Officer of Independent Education and Parental Choice, who presented an overview of the charter school appeal process. He then invited Ms. Melissa Gross Arnold representing Parrish Charter Academy to present. Chair Johnson reminded each presenter that they had a five-minute time limit for their presentations. Ms. Gross then provided the Board with a summary of Parrish Charter Academy's position regarding the appeal. Mr. Miller then invited Mr. Mitch Teitelbaum representing the School Board of Manatee County to present. Mr. Teitelbaum provided the Board with a summary of the School Board of Manatee's position regarding the appeal.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to uphold the Charter School Commission's appeal recommendation. Ms. Fishman Lipsey made a motion to approve the recommendation with a second by Mr. Chartrand. After which, Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Scott Hopes, Member, School Board of Manatee County, for comment, reminding him that he had a time limit of two-minutes.

Chair Johnson reminded the members of the earlier motion and second and called for a vote. The motion passed with Mr. Olenick in opposition.

Approval of Amendment to rule 6A-6.0781, Procedures for Appealing a District School Board Decision

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Miller who provided an overview of the amendment to rule 6A-6.0781, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Chartrand made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Schools of Hope Program Awards for Traditional Public Schools – Whole School Transformation Model (TOP-3 Applications)

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons to provide an overview of the statutory criteria for the applications and review process for the 57 applications for the Schools of Hope

awards that were received. He then turned the discussion over to Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the following schools for the Board's consideration for approval. From Dade County: Homestead Middle School; Lorah Park Elementary School; Miami Carol City Senior High; Toussaint L'ouverture Elementary; and West Homestead K8 Center. From Bay County: Lucille Moore Elementary School; and Springfield Elementary School. From Seminole County: Idyllwilde Elementary School. From Palm Beach County: Gove Elementary School; Palm Beach Lakes High School; and West Riviera Elementary School, for a total of 11 schools.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve Commissioner Stewart's recommendation. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the recommendation as outlined with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed with Mr. Grady in opposition. Ms. Fishman Lipsey was not present for this vote.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Johnson opened the floor for member comments. Members expressed their appreciation for Governor Scott's handling of Hurricanes Irma and Maria as well as emergency management staff, and DOE staff to minimize the impact as much as possible on the citizens of Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be November 28 at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg and called the members attention to tentative dates for 2018 meetings.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 1:38 p.m.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair