

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Action Item**

July 18, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the May 16, 2018 Meeting

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the May 16, 2018, meeting are presented for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Minutes, May 16, 2018

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Chair Marva Johnson



**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING**

May 16, 2018  
Pinellas County School Board Office  
301 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Largo, Florida

Vice Chair Andy Tuck 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: Gary Chartrand; Ben Gibson; Tom Grady; Michael Olenick and Joe York.

**WELCOME**

Vice Chair Tuck recognized Gibbs High School ROTC to present the colors and Taylor Aronson, a senior at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School to perform the Star Spangled Banner. He then welcomed Mr. Joe York, newest member of the Board, to his first meeting. Vice Chair Tuck then recognized Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County Schools to welcome the Board and, to accommodate time constraints for Superintendent Grego, Vice Chair Tuck allowed the K-12 Public Schools update to be presented as well.

**K-12 Public Schools Update**

Superintendent Grego shared an overview of activities and initiatives occurring within Pinellas County Schools. After which, he provided a brief outline of statewide activities on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Stewart recognized seven students for academic excellence and community involvement in the face of adversity. These included students from K-12; colleges; Career and Adult Education; Vocational Rehabilitation; and blind services. She then recognized several staff members within the school districts whose efforts with students were being rewarded. These recognitions included: Milken Education Award, which comes with a \$25,000 award from the Milken Foundation - Dale Adamson; nominees for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science, which is a national recognition - Tiffany Oliver and Robin Barks; and nominees for the School-related Employee of the Year, which comes with a \$6,500 award for all finalists and a \$10,000 award for the statewide winner - Sylvester Jones, Stephanie Melton, Jermaine Green, Debra Canning and Sarah Woods, with the statewide award in this category going to Stephanie Melton.

After presenting awards and pictures, Commissioner Stewart continued her report indicating the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) were released and Florida performed extremely well, outperforming all other states in grade 4 mathematics and grade 8 reading as well as in mathematics between 2015 and 2017 administrations. Additionally, all of Florida's student subgroups outperformed their national peers in grade 4 mathematics and reading, and Florida's 4th-grade Hispanic students rank number one among the 50 states in both reading and mathematics. She also noted that three Florida College System institutions were named in the top ten colleges for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, congratulating Broward College, Indian River State College and Miami Dade College for the prestigious designation. She continued her report, noting events she attended throughout the state, including 2019 Teacher of the Year finalist recognition, and advised that May 18<sup>th</sup> the spring 2018 assessment window closed,

successfully administering 4.2 million computer-based assessments and 1.2 million paper-based assessments. Commissioner Stewart closed out her report, announcing the appointment of Special Agent Damien Kelly as the Director of the Office of Safe Schools.

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

### **MINUTES**

Vice Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2018, Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **UPDATE**

#### **Florida College System Council of Presidents Update**

Dr. Tonjua Williams, President, Saint Petersburg College, shared an overview of activities occurring within the Florida College System (FCS) on behalf of the FCS Council of Presidents.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of New Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency**

Vice Chair Tuck recognized Ms. Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges, who provided an overview of Rule 6A-10.02413, F.A.C.

Vice Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve new Rule 6A-10.02413, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements and Repeal of Rule 6A-1.094223, Comparative and Concordant Scores for the Statewide Assessment Program**

Vice Chair Tuck recognized Mr. Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Accountability Research and Measurement, for the next three items. Mr. Copa provided an overview of the amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, and repeal of Rule 6A-1.094223, F.A.C. Mr. Copa indicated that the setting of concordant scores for the SAT and ACT are necessary to align to standards set by the Board in 2016. He indicated that in the alignment, the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) will no longer be an alternative testing option. He explained that following an independent review, PERT was found to be the least aligned with the rigor and complexity of the now-adopted Florida Standards and therefore omitted as a concordant test option. This will take effect starting with Freshman students who are beginning high school in Fall 2018. Students currently enrolled in high school can continue to use PERT as a concordant test option. After which, Mr. Copa answered questions from the Board. Board members commented on the outreach from districts and students concerning the new concordant scores and expressed interest in further exploring alternative pathways to graduation.

Vice Chair Tuck then recognized audience members for public comment. Public comments included requests to continue to use PERT as a low-cost alternative testing option as well as requests to keep concordant scores at current levels. Following public comments, Mr. Copa provided additional clarification to the Board regarding the alternative assessments identified as options for concordant scores. Further discussion resulted in a request by the

Board to include the PSAT as an additional concordant test option. Matthew Mears, General Counsel suggested the Board make a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, F.A.C., to include additional language with the PSAT as an additional concordant test. Mr. Copa read out loud the amended language that included the PSAT option.

Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, with the additional language to include the PSAT as an option, and repeal of Rule 6A-1.094223, F.A.C., with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0021, Teacher Certification Examinations**

Mr. Copa then provided an overview of amended Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C.

Vice Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve amended Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-4.00821, Florida Educational Leadership Examination**

Mr. Copa then provided an overview of amended Rule 6A-4.00821, F.A.C.

Vice Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve amended Rule 6A-4.00821, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Chartrand. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Consideration of Applications for Hope Operator Designation**

Vice Chair Tuck recognized Mr. Adam Miller, Executive Director, Officer of Independent Education and Parental Choice, who provided a brief overview of the Hope Operator application process and then introduced Ms. Gabriella DiFilippo, Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) New Jersey, who provided brief remarks about the KIPP programs.

Vice Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the application for KIPP New Jersey. Mr. Chartrand made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Tuck recognized Mr. Miller for introduction of Mr. Steve Cuning, Democracy Prep Public Schools, who provided brief remarks about its programs.

Vice Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the application for Democracy Prep Public Schools. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Duval County Public Schools Corrective Action Plan**

Vice Chair Tuck recognized Mr. Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools, who provided a brief overview of the circumstances in Duval County that compelled this presentation to the Board. He then invited Mr. Wayne Green, Lead Regional Executive Director, Bureau of School Improvement, who provided further detail regarding school closures and student reassignment. Mr. Green then answered questions from the Board.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Tuck opened the floor for Board member comments. Comments included accolades to the Board, state Legislature and leadership at the state level for their work and commitment to raising the educational bar in Florida, which is evidenced by exceptional NAEP performance scores. Members also expressed great compliment to Florida's teachers, administrators and school-related employees for their efforts on behalf of students in Florida. Additionally, members reflected on a need to focus efforts on mathematics similar to efforts of the Just Read! Florida initiative. Members also reiterated their desire to look at alternative pathways to graduation that does not lower standards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Tuck announced the next meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Orlando area.

Having no further business, Vice Chair Tuck adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 1:00 p.m.

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Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

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Andy Tuck, Vice Chair