

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

September 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Minutes of the August 15, 2018 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the August 15, 2018, meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, August 15, 2018

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

August 15, 2018
Renaissance Hotel Orlando Airport
Orlando, Florida

Chair Marva Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Tuck; Ben Gibson; Michael Olenick and Joe York. Gary Chartrand and Tom Grady attended by phone.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. After which, she recognized Commissioner Pam Stewart to present her report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart recognized nine outstanding school district programs for the 2018 Family and Community Involvement Award, which recognizes exemplary school practices that focus on increasing family involvement, welcoming families into the local school system, providing effective communication, supporting student success, and promoting collaboration within the community. She then reported on other activities and events that occurred since the last meeting including the Summer Literacy Institute, Summer Science Symposium, School Improvement Convenings, and back to school visits. She also provided a brief overview of the Florida College System Student Success Center, which supports Florida's state and community colleges' efforts to develop student-centered pathways and increase student completion rates. Commissioner Stewart then introduced two new team members; Ms. Bethany Swanson, Executive Director of the Florida Education Foundation and Mr. Damien Kelly, Director of the newly created Office of Safe Schools. After which, she invited Mr. Kelly to present an update of his activities since assuming his role.

Mr. Kelly provided a brief presentation of the Office of Safe Schools, outlining the focus and priorities of the Safe Schools team. His outline included the activities of he and his staff around the state of Florida since May of 2018 as well as an overview of the new requirements of implementing SB 7026. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions.

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

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2018, Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of DeSoto County

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools who provided a brief overview of the next two action items as it related to Turnaround Option Plans for DeSoto and Marion Counties, which were being presented as a follow up to the

July 18, 2018, board meeting where the TOPs for these districts were denied. Both districts were invited back to present updated TOPs. He reminded the Board and presenters that presentations would be limited to five minutes. He then introduced Mr. Adrian Cline, Superintendent, DeSoto County Public Schools to present.

Superintendent Cline provided an overview of the updated turnaround option for Nocatee Elementary School, detailing the specific areas of concern outlined by the Commissioner and the Board at the July 2018 meeting. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Turnaround Option Plan for Nocatee Elementary School be conditionally approved with specific expectations added to the contract between the district and selected external operator (EO). These expectations would require regular reports to the Department and the Board as follows: the inclusion of EO performance points; the receipt of a teacher roster which demonstrates the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings and includes the number of vacancies at the time of the report; a report detailing regular and meaningful meetings between the district superintendent, EO and regional executive director (RED) regarding outcomes; report of trainings held detailing the topic, duration and number in attendance for each training session; and evidence of progress monitoring. If all of these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Nocatee Elementary.

Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to conditionally approve the TOP-EO for Nocatee Elementary School. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Marion County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Dr. Heidi Maier, Superintendent, Marion County Public Schools. Superintendent Maier provided an overview of the updated turnaround option plan for Evergreen Elementary School, detailing the specific areas of concern outlined by the Commissioner and the Board at the July 2018 meeting. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Turnaround Option Plan for Evergreen Elementary School be conditionally approved. She specified that an updated/reconciled teacher roster indicating vacancies have been filled with teachers that have effective or highly-effective VAM ratings be submitted to the Department, and should include a vacancy report; a monthly report to the Department which details regular meetings between the district superintendent, EO and RED regarding outcomes; and evidence of progress monitoring.

Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to conditionally approve the TOP-EO for Evergreen Elementary School. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. 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. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Johnson opened the floor for Board member comments, indicating that the budget workshop occurring after lunch would offer an additional opportunity for comments. Mr. Chartrand made an inquiry about the status of the Department's ESSA Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 11:41 a.m.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair

