

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the March 18, 2014, State Board of Education meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, March 18, 2014

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

March 18, 2014
Via Conference Call

Chair Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Vice Chair John Padget, John Colon, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, and Andy Tuck. Ada Armas was unable to participate in the meeting.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Chartrand stated that because we are in the early hours after the Commissioner's assessment selection and in the process of procurement, it is important that Board members refrain from any comments or questions about the assessment and for Board members to contact the Commissioner directly for any questions.

Mrs. Fishman Lipsey welcomed Mr. Tuck to the Board and stated that she met with a representative of Educate Tomorrow, a Miami-based organization focused on helping children who have been through the foster care system to get access to college. Mrs. Fishman Lipsey informed the Board of a widely underutilized scholarship referred to as the Road to Independence Scholarship that stipulates that children who have spent time in the foster care system have access to a substantial college scholarship and living stipend.

Mr. Tuck requested the Board introduce legislation next year that requires districts and regions to work hand-in-hand with economic developers to identify target industries and programs to be set up in each district that will be a talent supply pool for those respective industries.

Mr. Colon agreed with the comments by Mr. Tuck.

Vice Chair Padget congratulated the Commissioner and staff for selecting the vendor for the FCAT replacement and expressed interest in seeing the details of the contract, identifying the major milestones, deliverables, dependencies, and risks.

Chair Chartrand also congratulated the Commissioner and staff and recognized Commissioner Stewart for her leadership through this most difficult process with profound implications for the state of Florida.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart thanked Mr. Tuck for his comments and stated that the Department will start compiling legislative priorities that are most important to the Board and bring the finalized list to the Board for approval. Commissioner Stewart provided a brief overview of her attendance at the Sunshine State Scholars Program.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the selection of the new English/Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment, developed by the not-for-profit corporation known as American Institutes for Research (AIR). The assessment meets the eight goals outlined in Governor Scott's executive order; the assessment in English/Language Arts is more comprehensive than a reading assessment and will add eleventh grade English/Language Arts, and an Algebra II End-of-Course (EOC) exam. The assessment also includes writing in

fourth through eleventh grade, and includes performance tasks in all grades and is not significantly different in time than the current assessment and the cost is very similar. Commissioner Stewart stated that this was the best decision for Florida students for an assessment that can be delivered in 2015 and beyond that measures the standards that Florida students have been learning. She explained that AIR has provided several options for making state comparisons and which states and how many is still to be determined.

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. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE

Florida College System Update

Chair Chartrand recognized Randy Hanna, Chancellor, Florida College System (FCS) to provide the update. Chancellor Hanna provided an overview of the history of the post-secondary education system in Florida and the development of the FCS. Chancellor Hanna stated that the FCS has approximately 850,000 students; 37% full-time students; 63% part-time students; average student age 26, 58% female, 55% minority enrollment; and third best in the country in percent of people graduating.

Chair Chartrand requested the percentage of out-of-state and foreign students in the FCS and recommended using the gap analysis study done by the Florida Council of 100 to show the areas juniors and seniors focus on. Chancellor Hanna provided that less than five percent are out-of-state students and the FCS is continuing to attract more out-of-state and international students. Vice Chair Padgett stated that research shows that foreign and out-of-state students very often end up staying where they've gone to school and they start businesses and with some wise decisions, our colleges could be a really bigger part of Florida's economic future. Vice Chair Padgett shared concerns for college readiness and requested Chancellor Hanna provide at the next Board meeting and on a regular basis whether remediation is getting better or worse. Chancellor Hanna provided that over the last four to five years the percentage of students who need developmental education, who go into college directly out of high school has decreased from 19% to 14%.

Digital Learning

Chair Chartrand recognized Ron Nieto, Deputy Commissioner of Technology and Innovation, to provide an update on digital learning. Mr. Nieto provided an overview of the following: the goal of digital learning; keys for success; bandwidth and security; status of wireless classrooms; status of digital learning devices; digital learning professional development; accommodations for Students with Disabilities; instructional materials; and the Technology Readiness Inventory report. Mr. Nieto reported that the Department of Management Services has negotiated with AT&T and starting in June we'll be able to provide bandwidth to the districts for about \$13.9 million a year which is a cost savings of approximately \$36 million.

Mrs. Fishman Lipsey thanked Mr. Nieto for his work on the digital plan and the opportunity for cost savings and increased access across the state. Chair Chartrand recommended leveraging the department to drive down the cost for bandwidth even more as well as for devices and any kind of digital instruction. Chair Chartrand also recommended developing a pilot of about 50 schools to develop best practices and what success looks like in implementing digital learning with excellence.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Request from Eastern Florida State College for a BAS in Computer Information Systems Technology

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Eastern Florida State College for a BAS in Computer Information Systems Technology. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. Chancellor Hanna provided an overview of the proposal process and recommended approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from Florida Gateway College for a BAS in Water Resources Management

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Florida Gateway College for a BAS in Water Resources Management. Mr. Colon made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Chancellor Hanna provided an overview of the proposal and recommended approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from Santa Fe College for a BAS in Multimedia and Video Production Technology

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Santa Fe College for a BAS in Multimedia and Video Production Technology. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Chancellor Hanna provided an overview of the proposal and recommended approval. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items one through three. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand announced that there will be a workshop on teacher preparation April 10th and a meeting on April 11th in Tallahassee.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:24 a.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Gary Chartrand, Chair