

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

August 26, 2015
Santa Fe College
Northwest Campus
Fine Arts Hall
3000 NW 83rd Street
Gainesville, Florida 32606

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 John Padget, John Colón, and Andy Tuck. Gary Chartrand, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, and Michael Olenick attended via phone.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Chartrand thanked Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, and her staff for all their hard work on the proposed legislative budget request.

Mr. Olenick echoed Mr. Chartrand's comment.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey echoed Mr. Chartrand's comment as well and thanked all the teachers for their time and effort preparing classrooms for the start of a new school year. She encouraged everyone to use programs like Adopt-A-Classroom and Donors Choose to help offset teacher expenses.

Vice Chair Padget provided the following data from a recent Gallup Poll: 90 percent of the public nationwide support teaching of coding and computer science; 75 percent of schools do not offer coding or programming classes; and only eight percent of administrators and teachers believe there is demand from parents. The latest data from the end of June shows that in Florida there are 22,000 open computer science jobs, nationwide that number is 580,000 and there will be a million openings by 2018. He shared that this a terrific opportunity for Governor Scott's job initiative for high quality, high paying jobs. In total from last spring, only 925 students passed the Advanced Placement Exam in computer science. He divided the term "digital" in the following three categories: 1) devices and bandwidth 2) technology techniques for instruction and he emphasized 3) coding and programming. He shared that roughly 1,100 teachers in Florida have earned their computer science teaching certificate and on average Florida is only producing 28 per year. He then shared the following enrollment data: Florida has 26 high school programs across the state with 68,000 students enrolled; middle school has nine programs with about 10,000 students enrolled in 2012-13 and that increased to 18,000 in 2013-14. There are pilot programs with Code.org in Miami-Dade and Broward. He recommended students start taking computer science courses in middle school and start incentivizing and recognizing those schools and classrooms and teachers which pursue and encourage their students to earn a certificate.

Chair Johnson provided an overview of her recent attendance at the Career and Adult Education Conference and shared the need to educate families on all the options that are available. She also recommended having school districts that are successfully engaged in computer science to present to the Board at future meetings.

Mr. Tuck also thanked Commissioner Stewart and Ms. Champion for all their extra time spent going over the budget and all the teachers for their hard work as they are beginning a new school year

Mr. Colón shared an article from the August 3rd *Wall Street Journal* about Japan rethinking its educational process and changing the focus of their education from strictly liberal arts into more innovation. He thanked the teachers and wished them best in the new school year and Superintendent of Manatee County, Diana Greene, for accepting the challenges in her new role. He ended his comments by thanking the independent groups that had backpack giveaways with school supplies for students this year.

Chair Johnson shared an overview of her recent opportunity to address summer graduates at the University of Central Florida and that Florida has been twice recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality as having the best policies in the country as it relates to teacher quality. To the graduates who are entering the teaching profession this year and many of whom are starting jobs for the first time in the teaching profession, she wished them well.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart thanked Jackson Sasser, President, Santa Fe College, for hosting the meeting. She recognized the Helios Education Foundation, Bank of America, and Florida Blue for their generous donations to the Florida Division of Colleges Foundation to be able to offer scholarships and thanked Vice Chair Padgett for his commitment to education and service on not only the State Board of Education but also the Florida Division of Colleges Foundation Board. She then recognized President Sasser; Robert Woody, Santa Fe College Trustee; and Dr. Ed Bonahue, Provost, to share the importance of scholarships to the college. She also recognized three students receiving scholarships to share their story: Brook Pybas, Chelsey Barnes, and Joshua Hudson. President Sasser shared the opportunity these scholarships provide. Commissioner Stewart recognized Madeline Pumariega, Chancellor of the Florida College System. Chancellor Pumariega thanked Santa Fe for hosting the meeting and provided a brief overview of the mission and importance of the college system. She thanked Florida Blue, Helios Foundation, and Bank of America for their partnership and generosity throughout Florida. Vice Chair Padgett provided a brief overview of the Florida College System Foundation and its purpose.

Commissioner Stewart announced a new initiative called "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" thanks to Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools. Chancellor Lyons provided an overview of the event which will be held on September 30th. Commissioner Stewart presented Chancellor Lyons with a proclamation from Governor Scott declaring September 30th as "Dads Take Your Child to School Day."

Commissioner Stewart shared that effective August 17th all full-time instructional personnel are automatically covered by \$2 million of educator professional liability insurance and thanked Governor Rick Scott and the Legislature for recognizing the need and allocating the funds.

Commissioner Stewart provided an update on Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts and thanked Adam Miller, Executive Director of the School Choice Office, for his strong leadership and dedication to the students of Florida.

Commissioner Stewart introduced two new employees: Melissa Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of School Improvement and Tracy Pierce, Executive Director, Florida Education Foundation.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the Strategic Plan framework. Vice Chair Padgett made a motion to approve the framework with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart recognized Tanya Cooper, Director, Governmental Relations, to present the Department's 2016 Legislative priorities. Ms. Cooper provided an overview of the following priorities: career education and job training, school choice, educator professional practices, and minimum term funding.

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

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23 Board meeting. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Olenick who abstained from voting as he was not present for the July meeting.

UPDATES

Florida College System – President Jackson Sasser, on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Chair Johnson recognized Jackson Sasser, President, Santa Fe College, on behalf of the Council of Presidents (COP). President Sasser expressed the support of the COP for performance funding and thanked Governor Scott for his leadership. He requested the Board's support for PECO funding and \$80 million for workforce.

K-12 Public Schools – Rick Shirley, Sumter County Superintendent on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Johnson recognized Rick Shirley, Superintendent, Sumter County Public Schools, on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Shirley provided an overview of Sumter County. He requested support for the following: calculating class size at the school level; base student allocation that's increased by at least five percent; separate funding source for programs that achieve over 1.0 on the FTE cap; addressing the gaps within budget categories; fully fund the lowest 300 instructional day requirements; and capital outlay for charter schools at the consent of the local school board. Mr. Tuck requested FADSS plan for addressing teacher shortages. Vice Chair Padgett suggested FADSS coordinate events and a marketing plan to attract new teachers. Mr. Chartrand shared his support for class size at the school average and the Board requested more information be provided at a future meeting.

Alachua School District on the use of technology in the classroom

Chair Johnson recognized Dr. Owen Roberts, Superintendent, Alachua County Public Schools, for a presentation on technology in the classroom. Superintendent Roberts introduced Jessica Mead, K-12 Science Specialist; Crystal Tessmann, Fourth grade teacher;

and Leanne Brewster, Instructional Technology Coach, for an overview of Florida Standards and technology integration in Alachua County.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2016-17 Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request

Chair Johnson recognized Commissioner Stewart for a budget introduction and Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, for a presentation on the 2016-17 proposed education budget request. Commissioner Stewart thanked Ms. Champion, Amy Hammock, Budget Director, and staff for all their hard work. She provided the following highlights of the budget request: historic \$20.2 billion in total funding; historic \$7,209 per student which is an increase of \$104 per student over last year; an additional \$20 million in funding for digital classrooms and a minimum of at least \$500,000 for smaller school districts; \$104 million for professional development; an additional 27 million for programs supporting economic development and workforce demands; \$5 million dedicated to support STEM bachelor degree programs; and \$96.7 million increase in funds dedicated to the repair and maintenance of education facilities in K-12 public schools, charter schools and Florida colleges. Ms. Champion provided a more detailed overview of the budget request. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the 2016-17 Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of District Turnaround Option Plans for Schools Required to Implement Turnaround in 2015-16

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons to provide an overview of the District Turnaround Option Plans. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the turnaround option plans. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Bachelor Degree Programs in the Florida College System

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Pumariega for an overview of the proposals.

Degree Programs for Colleges without Prior Baccalaureate Authorization:

- **Tallahassee Community College (TCC) - Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Chancellor Pumariega introduced Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, TCC; Dr. Feleccia Moore-Davis, Provost, TCC; Dr. Barbara Sloan, TCC; and Mark O'Bryant, CEO, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, to provide a summary of the baccalaureate proposal. Mr. Olenick made the motion to approve the proposal with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

Degree Programs for Colleges with Prior Baccalaureate Authorization:

- **Polk State College (PSC) - Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a STEM Focus**

Chancellor Pumariega introduced Dr. Eileen Holden, President, PSC, to provide a summary of the baccalaureate proposal. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion to approve the proposal with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Polk State College - Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education**

Vice Chair Padgett made the motion to approve the proposal with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Seminole State College of Florida (SSCF) - Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences**

Chancellor Pumariega introduced Dr. Laura Ross, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, SSCF and Dr. Angela Kersenbrock, Associate Vice-President of Career and Professional Programs, SSCF, to provide a summary of the baccalaureate proposal. Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the proposal. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Santa Fe College (SFC) - Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems Technology**

Chancellor Pumariega introduced President Sasser, SFC, to provide a summary of the baccalaureate proposal. President Sasser introduced one of their partners, Joelle Smith, CEO, Mindtree, an international software company. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion to approve the proposal with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Johnson thanked the Board for being well informed, researching issues outside of what is presented and for having passion for the items before them. Mr. Chartrand encouraged Board members to use their relationships with Legislative Representatives in the House and Senate to fight for the things that they believe in.

Chair Johnson announced that the next meeting would be September 21st at the SEED School in Miami.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair