

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
January 14, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2014, Meeting

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the November 18, 2014, Meeting is presented for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Minutes, November 18, 2014

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING**

November 18, 2014  
Seminole State College  
Heathrow Campus  
Heathrow, FL

Chair Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting. The following members were present: Vice Chair John Padget, Marva Johnson, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey and Andy Tuck. Dr. Ada Armas and John Colón participated via phone.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Johnson stated that she recently visited Valencia College and is excited that they are looking for an opportunity to expand and serve Osceola County. Ms. Johnson shared a story about an article in the *Wall Street Journal* that said "Mothers, tell your children to be coders." Ms. Johnson stated that going forward computer programming should be given as much importance as a foreign language or science with all the future job opportunities.

Mr. Tuck thanked Randy Hanna, Chancellor, Florida College System (FCS), and the college presidents for the workshop on the FCS. Mr. Tuck reiterated his concern about the disparity between rural and urban districts training and attracting talent. Mr. Tuck stated that he would share with the Board the Community Competitive Analysis done in his region which shows the lack of collaboration between business and education. He also congratulated Governor Scott and the Cabinet for the recent election results.

Chair Chartrand stated that the Governor Scott's big priorities are education and jobs and that should put Florida at the forefront of trying to move the needle forward for our students. Chair Chartrand shared that he recently presented along with Commissioner Stewart and Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, on a panel at Jacksonville University on pre and post-reform era going back 15 years when Florida's graduation rate was at 50 percent and we were ranked 48 out of 50 states. And then all of the policies and procedures that have been put in place and where Florida ranks today and how much we've moved with closing the achievement gap. Chair Chartrand thanked Commissioner Stewart and Mr. Copa for presenting on the panel.

Vice Chair Padget shared a *New York Times* article highlighting the top award in coding, financed by Google, worth a million dollars, the same as a Nobel Prize. It's called the Turing Award, named after the British Mathematician Allen Turing in 1928. Vice Chair Padget thanked Chancellor Hanna for the workshop on the FCS and expressed his interest in moving with urgency to select a vendor for a joint learning management system to use for all 12 universities and 28 colleges.

Dr. Armas congratulated Jayne Ellspermann, 2015 National Principal of the Year and Belinda Chason, 2014 Woman of the Year in Agriculture, for all their hard work. She also congratulated the governor on his re-election.

Mr. Colón thanked Chancellor Hanna for the workshop on the FCS and agreed with the comments by Vice Chair Padget. He also shared his interest in receiving the data on students not being required to take remedial courses.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey thanked Seminole State College for hosting the Board and echoed the urgency shared by Vice Chair Padget. She also shared that code.org is trying to get as many children as possible around the world to participate in the Hour of Code on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Fishman Lipsey encouraged everyone to thank and support teachers as this time of year is the hardest for new teachers. She ended her comments by expressing her concern for school bathrooms being unsanitary and unpleasant.

### **Welcome**

Chair Chartrand thanked Seminole State College for hosting the Board and recognized Dr. Ann McGee, President, Seminole State College, to share more information about the college.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Stewart recognized Bob Nave, Director, Florida TaxWatch, for his work on the Principal Leadership Award program and recognized the following TaxWatch Principal Leadership Award Recipients: Susan Cavinee, Mill Creek Elementary School, Osceola County Public Schools; Deborah Crotty, Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, Duval County Public Schools; Dr. Kelli Hunter-Sheppard, Leisure City K-8 Center, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Dr. Shelia Windom, Memorial Middle School, Orange County Public Schools; and Casandra Robinson, Dillard High School, Broward County Public Schools. Commissioner Stewart also recognized Jayne Ellspermann, 2015 National Principal of the Year and Belinda Chason, 2014 Woman of the Year in Agriculture. Mr. Tuck thanked Ms. Chason and shared a story and the impact she had on his sister's life being her adviser in FFA 25 years ago. Chancellor Hanna also thanked Ms. Chason for the role she played in his life when he was State Officer in the FFA.

Commissioner Stewart recognized Dr. Walt Griffin, Superintendent, Seminole County Public Schools, for being one of 100 superintendents going to the White House to share their opinions.

Commissioner Stewart shared a concern of superintendents regarding the writing assessment and the Department's response to have the writing assessment taken on paper for grades four through seven. Commissioner Stewart also shared that the Department has begun the process for the investigation of assessments in Florida called for by Governor Scott to identify what assessments are given, where we are with regard to assessments, and the work that is being done in the Department. The governor also requested a Standards workgroup be assembled and that process has begun.

Commissioner Stewart provided an update on the FAIR assessment and shared that the new Florida Standards Assessment is on schedule and materials are online and available for students and parents to review and practice. She encouraged everyone to go to [fsassessments.org](http://fsassessments.org) to try out the sample items.

Commissioner Stewart ended her report by thanking Chancellor Hanna; Julie Alexander, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs, Division of Florida Colleges; Kasongo Butler, Vice Chancellor for Public Policy & External Affairs, Division of Florida Colleges; Scott Parke, Vice-Chancellor for Research & Analytics, Division of Florida Colleges; and the College Presidents for the workshop.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padget with a second by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29<sup>th</sup> Board meetings. The motion was made by Mr. Tuck with a second by Vice Chair Padget. The motion passed unanimously.

## **UPDATE**

### **Digital Learning**

Chair Chartrand recognized Ron Nieto, Deputy Commissioner of Technology, to provide the update. Mr. Nieto provided an overview of the Digital Classroom Allocation, Digital Classroom Plan, and the five areas of emphasis used in approving the plans: measurable student performance outcomes, digital learning technology infrastructure, professional development, digital tools and online assessment support. Mr. Nieto stated that 65 digital classroom plans have been submitted, 42 have been approved, and \$18 million of the \$40 million has already been allocated to the districts. Ms. Johnson shared the following for future discussion: The Federal Communications Commission Chairman Wheeler announced that they are going to make a proposal in December to put another billion dollars into the E-Rate Program and Ms. Johnson recommended shifting more funds towards professional development. Ms. Fishman Lipsey shared information regarding a technology experiment in New Jersey that was considered a failure and recommended learning from the failures of others. Chair Chartrand requested data benchmarking Florida compared to other states on bandwidth and devices. Commissioner Stewart provided data from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in which Florida received an A for technology.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Chair Chartrand made a motion to move Consent Item number ten to Action Item number 16 to address concerns from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee with a second by Vice Chair Padget. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0786, Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors**

Chair Chartrand recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to present the next two action items. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the rule. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-6.0786, as presented. Vice Chair Padget made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the rule and the process. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of New Rule 6A-6.0982, Florida Approved Online Course Providers**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-6.0982, as presented. Ms. Johnson made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padget. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the new rule. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of District Turnaround Option Plans for Schools Required to Implement Turnaround in 2014-15**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the turnaround option plans. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. Chair Chartrand recognized Sam Foerster, Deputy Chancellor of Student Achievement and School Improvement, to present the next two action

items. Mr. Foerster provided an overview of the turnaround option plans and the process used to develop them. Ms. Fishman Lipsey stated that in her review of the plans some were very good and some called for further investigation and in the end the plans meet the requirement in law as much of the turnaround work isn't about what's in the plan for compliance but the implementation. She recommended extending the review period for Board members. Vice Chair Padgett stated that he would vote no as the process is too slow and flawed and recommended working with the Legislature to improve it.

Commissioner Stewart explained that the plans before the Board comply with both state law and State Board rule and the Regional Executive Directors work very closely with the districts and their recommendation represents countless hours of work. Vice Chair Padgett recommended replacing the principals at failing schools sooner. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested clarification on what would occur if a plan was not approved. Commissioner Stewart recognized Judy Bone, General Counsel, to provide a response. Ms. Bone explained that the delay of the plans is a product of the statute and not grounds to deny the plan.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board have a workshop on Differentiated Accountability in January. Chair Chartrand requested the workshop include data on free and reduced lunch percentages and school choice options available in neighboring zip codes. Mr. Tuck requested the number of highly effective and effective teachers at each school. Ms. Johnson agreed with having a workshop to learn more about the process and to see if there are opportunities for improvement. The motion passed 6-1 with Vice Chair Padgett in opposition. Mr. Colón confirmed that his vote was in favor and stated that he shares some of the concerns as Vice Chair Padgett. Ms. Fishman Lipsey clarified that she voted in favor of the plans as they met the requirement of the law even though not all were quality plans.

#### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.099811, Differentiated Accountability State System of School Improvement**

Mr. Foerster provided an overview of the amendment. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-1.099811, as presented. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. Vice Chair Padgett stated that he would vote no as this automates and enhances review at the Department level and the best turnaround is with the superintendent and his staff through teacher evaluations. Vice Chair Padgett reiterated his concern that schools should take action sooner. The motion passed 6-1 with Vice Chair Padgett in opposition.

#### **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.024, Articulation Between and Among Universities, Florida Colleges, and School Districts**

Chair Chartrand recognized Matthew Bouck, Director, Office of Articulation, to provide an overview of the rule. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-10.024, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Mr. Bouck provided an overview of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Amendments to Rules relating to Educator Certification: 6A-4.0012, Application Information; 6A-4.002, General Provisions; 6A-4.0051, Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate; and 6A-4.006, General and Professional Preparation**

Chair Chartrand recognized Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality, to provide an overview of the amendments. Chair Chartrand stated that the Board received some minor changes to the rule in response to the Joint Administrative Procedure Committee. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the rules, as amended. Vice

Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. Mr. Dassler provided an overview of the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0943, Statewide Assessment for Students with Disabilities**

Chair Chartrand recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Executive Vice Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, to present the next seven action items. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the rule. Ms. Johnson made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of New Rule 6A-1.09963, High School Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-1.09963, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Ms. Johnson. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the new rule. Ms. Fishman Lipsey expressed her concern for adding a requirement that students with disabilities find part-time paid work as a part of their new graduation requirement. Ms. Tappen explained that the law specifies paid employment and to replace the language with internships or work experience would require a change in statute. Ms. Fishman Lipsey recommended the Department start tracking the positives and any negatives for students who have special needs who now instead of graduating with a special diploma are graduating with a regular diploma. Commissioner Stewart explained that the Department will work with the members over the next month and a half to develop the Board's Legislative priorities. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03022, Exceptional Student Education Eligibility for Students with Dual Sensory Impairments**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-6.03022, as presented. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03028, Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-6.03028, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Ms. Johnson. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03029, Development of Individualized Family Support Plans for Children with Disabilities Ages Birth Through Five Years**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-6.03029, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0331, General Education Intervention Procedures, Evaluation, Determination of Eligibility, Reevaluation and the Provision of Exceptional Student Education Services**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-6.0331, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendments to Rules relating to English Language Learners: 6A-6.0900, Programs for English Language Learners; 6A-6.09022, Extension of Services in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program; 6A-6.0905, Requirements for the District English Language Learners Plan; and 6A-6.0909, Exemptions Provided to English Language Learners**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the amendments to rules relating to English Language Learners, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the rules. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Chartrand recognized Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, to present the next two action items. Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve rule 6A-4.0021, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Mr. Copa provided an overview of the rule. Vice Chair Padgett requested where Florida ranks compared to other states in difficulty to become certified. Mr. Copa explained that the standard setting committee recommended cut scores for a beginning effective teacher, one that is likely to have successful students in his or her classroom as opposed to the prior standard, which was minimum competency. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve rule 6A-4.00821, as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Mr. Copa provided an overview of the rule. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested more information on why the projected passing rate was only 37 percent. Mr. Copa explained that the projections are based on applying the proposed cut scores on the prior performance and typically, once those cut points are established, the performance subsequent to that does rise. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested where Florida ranks compared to other states in difficulty to become a principal. Vice Chair Padgett requested the list of states that Florida has reciprocity for certifications. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendments to Rules related to the School Readiness Program: 6M-4.400, Required Parent Co-payment; 6M-4.500, Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements; and 6M-4.501, Reimbursement During Emergency Closures**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the rules, as amended. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Chair Chartrand recognized Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, to provide an overview of the rules relating to the School Readiness Program and the amendments addressing the Joint Administrative

Procedures Committee's concerns. Ms. Goff provided an overview of the rules. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items one through 16 minus number ten. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colón. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand announced that the next meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 11:30 a.m.

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Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

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Gary Chartrand, Chair