

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

March 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of the January 17th Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the January 17, 2018, meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, January 17, 2018

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

January 17, 2018
The Capitol
Room LL03
Tallahassee, Florida

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 Andy Tuck; Ben Gibson; Tom Grady; and Michael Olenick. Gary Chartrand participated via conference call.

WELCOME

Chair Johnson shared her regard for exiting member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey whose term expired in December. She expressed appreciation for Ms. Fishman Lipsey's service and commitment to the State of Florida. Chair Johnson then welcomed new member Joe York to the Board, providing a brief overview of Mr. York's experience. Chair Johnson then amended the agenda specific to Action Item #9 Consideration of an Additional Year of District-Managed Turnaround, removing Miami-Dade County's Brownsville Middle School from consideration at this meeting. Miami-Dade County will come back to present before the Board at its March 2018 meeting. After which, she recognized Commissioner Pam Stewart to provide her report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart announced a new representing sponsor to help recognize and celebrate the Teacher of the Year. Florida Prepaid will support statewide teacher leadership programs and expand the influence of Florida's most accomplished teachers; elevate teaching as a rewarding and honored career choice and help solve the teacher shortage; and celebrate excellence in one of the most impactful professions. She then shared brief comments about seven students who were recognized at this meeting for academic achievement and community involvement. After which, each of the students were presented with an award certificate and photos were taken with the members. She then provided an update on the status of statewide efforts to support displaced Puerto Rican students impacted by the 2017 hurricanes. She announced the 2018 Principal of the Year finalists; Eric Fleming; Kenneth Savage; and Traci Wilke, and Assistant Principal of the Year finalists; Trisha Elliott; Jackie Ramsey; and Tiffany Cantwell. Commissioner Stewart then provided an update on Career and Professional Education (CAPE) industry certification, indicating that data is demonstrating that industry certification completions are on the rise. She announced the Governor and First Lady Scott's 2018 Black History Month student and educator contests, and then closed her report with the introduction of Dr. Paul Burns as the Florida Department of Education's Deputy Chancellor of Educator Quality.

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

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. John Holdnak, President, Gulf Coast State College shared an overview of activities occurring at Gulf Coast State College then provided an update on behalf of the Florida College System (FCS) Council of Presidents regarding items related to the FCS.

K-12 Public Schools Update

Mr. Larry Moore, Superintendent, Jackson County Schools, shared an overview of activities occurring in his district and then provided an update on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents on items related to K-12 education issues and initiatives.

Status of the District-Managed Turnaround Option Plans for Hillsborough County

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, who provided a quick summary of the current status of the District-Managed Turnaround Option Plans for Hillsborough County, specific to the addendum submitted to the Department on September 29, 2017. He then introduced Mr. Jeff Eakins, Superintendent, Hillsborough County, who overviewed actions taken at the district level to implement its TOP addendum. After discussions from the members it was determined that Department staff will work with Hillsborough County to determine a course of action that ensures the district is compliant with the activities indicated in its approved addendum for the schools and staff indicated within.

ACTION ITEMS**Approval of New Rule 6A-1.0998271, Schools of Hope**

Chair Johnson recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Officer of Independent Education and Parental Choice, who provided a brief overview of the new rule.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the new rule 6A-1.0998271, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Miller for the next item.

Approval of A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation- Florida, LLC as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2018-19

Mr. Miller provided a short overview of the application process and statutory requirements of the Board. He then introduced Ms. Kimberly Dyson, President, A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation. Ms. Dyson outlined the mission and goals of the Foundation and gave a brief overview of the students and communities served by A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation application. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Miller for the next item.

Approval of Step Up for Students, Inc. as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2018-19

Mr. Miller provided a short overview of the application. He then introduced Mr. Doug Tuthill, President, Step Up for Students, Inc. Mr. Tuthill outlined the mission and goals of the Step Up for Students and gave a brief overview of the students and communities they serve.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Step Up for Students, Inc., application. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Schools of Hope Program Awards for Traditional Public Schools – Whole School Transformation Model (TOP-3 applications) Second Round

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who provided an overview of the application review and selection process for round two of the Schools of Hope Program Awards. In this round, 32 applications were received from 15 districts. Commissioner Stewart reminded the Board that in this round a maximum of 14 additional schools—for a total of 25 schools for both rounds—may be awarded. She then recommended approval of 14 schools from 10 district applications: Brevard, Palm Bay Elementary; Duval, Ramona Boulevard Elementary and Arlington Heights Elementary; Gadsden, George W. Munroe Elementary; Hamilton, Hamilton Elementary; Hernando, Moton Elementary; Hillsborough, Chamberlain High and Robles Elementary; Pinellas, Largo Middle, Mildred Helms Elementary and Midtown Academy; Polk, Kathleen Senior High; Putnam, George C. Miller Middle; and Volusia, Blue Lake Elementary. Commissioner Stewart indicated the recommendations are based from scoring and reviews by the Differentiated Accountability (DA) review teams and Department staff members.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation of these 14 schools. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons for the next item.

Consideration of an Additional Year of District-Managed Turnaround

Chancellor Lyons provided an overview of this item, indicating each district would provide a five-minute presentation outlining its case for consideration by the Board to grant an additional year of district-managed turnaround. He then introduced Mr. Robert Runcie, Superintendent, Broward County, who presented specific data points and actions currently underway in the district to increase the school grades for Walker Performing Arts Magnet School; Martin Luther King Montessori Academy; and Markham Elementary School.

Commissioner Stewart indicated to the Board members that her role in making recommendations about whether or not to approve the additional year of district-managed turnaround for these schools is based on several factors, among them being the likelihood of districts to achieve a grade C or better given current circumstances.

Commissioner Stewart recommend the Board approve the additional year of district-managed turnaround for Walker Performing Arts Magnet School with the condition that the district demonstrate that teacher VAM scores are at (or below) the district average at this school.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation for Walker Performing Arts Magnet School. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

Based on data and information presented and the current school grade of F, Commissioner Stewart recommend the Board not approve the additional year of district-managed

turnaround for Martin Luther King Montessori Academy. She indicated the difficulty of this school to achieve an 11-point improvement to C (or better) by the end of the current year plan. Board members asked several questions for clarification regarding teacher and administration staffing, and efforts at MLK Montessori to improve its current grade.

Mr. Grady made a motion to approve the additional year of district managed turnaround for MLK Montessori with a condition that the principal and top administrators at the school would be changed if the improvement to a school grade of C (or better) did not occur by the end of the current school year. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2. In opposition, Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Tuck.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board conditionally approve the additional year of district-managed turnaround for Markham Elementary School with the expectation that VAM scores are at (or below) the district average at this school.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation for Markham Elementary. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. Grady. The motion passed unanimously.

Chancellor Lyons then introduced Dr. Kamela Patton, Superintendent, Collier County, who presented specific data points and actions currently underway in the district to increase the school grade for Village Oaks Elementary. Commissioner Stewart recommend the Board approve the additional year of district-managed turnaround for Collier County.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation for Village Oaks Elementary. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Chancellor Lyons then introduced Mr. Gregory Adkins, Superintendent, Lee County, who presented specific data points and actions currently underway in the district to increase the school grade for Manatee Elementary. Commissioner Stewart recommend the Board approve the additional year of district-managed turnaround for Lee County.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation for Manatee Elementary. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chancellor Lyons then introduced Dr. Diana Green, Superintendent, Manatee County, who presented specific data points and actions currently underway in the district to increase the school grade for Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary School and W.D. Sugg Middle School. Commissioner Stewart recommended the Board conditionally approve the additional year of district-managed turnaround for Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary School with the expectation that district VAM scores are verified (Department data is different) for teachers at this school are at (or below) district average by end of the current year.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the conditional recommendation for Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart recommend the Board approve the additional year of district managed turnaround for W.D. Sugg Middle School.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the recommendation for W.D. Sugg Middle School. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09430, Statewide, Standardized Alternate Assessment Program Requirements

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division Accountability Research and Measurement who provided an overview of the amendments to Rule 6A-1.09430, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amendments to Rule 6A-1.09430, F.A.C. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09981, School and District Accountability

Mr. Copa then provided an overview of the amendments to Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C., indicating the changes were to incorporate alternate assessment cut scores into the school and district accountability measures.

Chair Johnson call for a motion to approve the amendments to Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. 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 Vick Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Johnson opened the floor for member comments. Members thanked Department and district staff for the hard work that has been done to ensure that education in Florida is moving in a positive direction. Members noted that this is evidenced by the recent graduation report which shows the great news of an increase in Florida high school graduates since 2003-2004.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be on March 21st in Hendry County.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 2:04 p.m.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair

