

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
August 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Minutes of the July 18, 2018 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the July 18, 2018, meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, July 18, 2018

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Marva Johnson

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

July 18, 2018

Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
1500 Masters Boulevard
ChampionsGate, Florida

Chair Marva Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 provided remarks on various topics and activities occurring throughout the summer, including the release of the 2017-18 student performance and school grades. She indicated that students in Florida have improved and that all students have continued to narrow the achievement gap, showing performance increased one percent in grades three through ten in English language learners FSA and a two percent increase in grades three through eight Mathematics FSA and statewide EOC in Algebra I and U.S. History. She reported that school grades also improved this year, stating that the percentage of schools earning an A or a B increased to 58 percent, and the number of F schools significantly reduced going from 43 schools down to 33 schools – a 23 percent reduction in the number of F schools.

Commissioner Stewart provided an update on the work that is going on in Jefferson County to improve those schools. With the help of external operator, Somerset, Jefferson County Elementary improved its school grade from a D to a C; Jefferson Middle School earned a C and the high school earned a B. She also indicated that student performance in Jefferson County also improved significantly, reporting that Algebra I performance improved from nine percent in 2017, to 30 percent of the students earned a level three or above in Algebra I. Math grades three through eight improved from 25 percent at level three and above to 40 percent at level three and above. English Language Arts, grades three through ten, improved from 28 percent to 30 percent.

Commissioner Stewart then reported on the Teachers of the Year celebration, where First Lady Ann Scott announced Joy Prescott from Glades County as the 2019 Statewide Teacher of the Year, who was awarded \$20,000 from the State. During that event, they also recognized the district Teachers of the Year, each awarded \$10,000 from the State; the statewide finalists, each awarded \$15,000. Two other awards were presented; the Dr. Brian Dassler Leadership Award and the Mary J Brogan Excellence in Education Award.

Commissioner Stewart then gave an overview of Florida College System performance funding indicating that system-wide colleges have improved on the metrics of retention, completion and graduation to entry-level wage comparison rates. Colleges earned an average of 1.66 more points this year than they have the previous year, and wages are now at 111 percent of regional entry-level wages.

She then closed out her report indicating her activities since the May 2018 Board meeting, which included the Business Recognition Award Ceremony and the Sunshine State Scholars Event.

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

MINUTES

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018, Board meeting. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Johnson recognized Mr. Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools who provided a brief overview of the next several action items as it related to Turnaround Option Plans being presented and reminded the Board and presenters that presentations would be limited to five minutes per grade band. He then introduced Ms. Jacqueline Byrd, Superintendent, Polk County Public Schools to present.

Review of Turnaround Option Plans for School District of Polk County

Superintendent Byrd provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Griffin Elementary and Lake Marion Creek Middle School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommend the turnaround option plan for Griffin Elementary be approved, indicating the district must, however, commit to the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings at the school. Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to approve the TOP-EO for Griffin Elementary School. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart recommend the turnaround option plan for Lake Marion Creek Middle School be approved. Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to approve the TOP-EO for Lake Marion Creek Middle School. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plans for School District of Hillsborough County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Mr. Jeff Eakins, Superintendent, Hillsborough County Public Schools. Superintendent Eakins provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Sheehy, Foster and Oak Park Elementary Schools. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Sheehy Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings (per state VAM ratings) at the school, and the receipt of a teacher roster which verifies this has occurred by the beginning of the school year. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve

the turnaround option plan for Sheehy 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 Sheehy Elementary School. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Foster Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings (per state VAM ratings) at the school, and the receipt of a teacher roster which verifies this has occurred by the beginning of the school year. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Foster 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 Foster Elementary School. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Oak Park Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings (per state VAM ratings) at the school, and the receipt of a teacher roster which verifies this has occurred by the beginning of the school year. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Oak Park 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 Oak Park Elementary School. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of DeSoto County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Mr. Adrian Cline, Superintendent, DeSoto County Public Schools. Superintendent Cline provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Nocatee Elementary School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Turnaround Option Plan for Nocatee Elementary School be denied in its current format and brought back before the Board at its August 2018 meeting. She indicated the TOP should be revised to provide detail concerning the selected external operator (MGT Consulting Group) on items such as former successes as an external operator, roles and responsibilities of staff, and clearly stated deliverables. Additionally, she indicated that the TOP should detail the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings. Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to deny the TOP-EO for Nocatee Elementary School. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plans for School District of Pinellas County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County Public Schools. Superintendent Grego provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Fairmount Park and Lakewood Elementary Schools. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Fairmount Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings at the school, and the TOP must indicate that a change in school leadership will occur if the school does not achieve its expected increases. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Fairmount 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 Fairmount Elementary School. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. One member was opposed. The motion passed.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Lakewood Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings at the school. If this conditional item is met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Lakewood 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 Lakewood Elementary School. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. Mr. Grady was opposed. The motion passed.

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 a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Evergreen Elementary School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the Turnaround Option Plan for Evergreen Elementary School be denied in its current format and brought back before the Board at its August 2018 meeting. She specified that the revised TOP should indicate that teacher vacancies will be filled with teachers that have effective or highly-effective VAM ratings, and also state the academic reasons for retaining current leadership. The revised TOP should indicate the type of support systems that are in place for the chosen external operator. Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to deny the TOP-EO for Evergreen Elementary School. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Brevard County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Mr. Mark Mullins, Superintendent, Brevard County Public Schools. Superintendent Mullins provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Endeavour Elementary School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Endeavour Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings at the school. Additionally, empower the Commissioner of Education to reevaluate the placement of administrative leadership at Endeavour based upon improvement at the end of the 2018-19. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the

Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Endeavour 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 Endeavour Elementary School. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plans for School District of Duval County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Dr. Patricia Willis, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools. Superintendent Willis provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plans—external operator (TOP-EO) for Lake Forest Elementary School and Northwestern Middle School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Lake Forest Elementary be approved. Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to approve the TOP-EO for Lake Forest Elementary School. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Northwestern Middle School be approved. Chair Johnson, indicating that no public comments were offered, called for a motion to accept Commissioner Stewart's recommendation to approve the TOP-EO for Northwestern Middle School. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Putnam County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Mr. Rick Surrency, Superintendent, Putnam County Public Schools. Superintendent Surrency provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plan—external operator (TOP-EO) for William D. Moseley Elementary School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. Mr. York recommended establishing a "model process" for presenting to the board regarding turnaround option plans for consistency and ease of process. Chair Johnson then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for William D. Moseley Elementary be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings at the school, and the receipt of a teacher roster which verifies this has occurred by the beginning of the school year. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for William D. Moseley 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 William D. Moseley Elementary School. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Turnaround Option Plan for School District of Escambia County

Chair Johnson recognized Chancellor Lyons who introduced Mr. Steve Marciano, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Escambia County Public Schools. Mr. Marciano provided a detailed overview of the turnaround option plan—external operator (TOP-EO) for Warrington Middle School. After which, Chair Johnson opened for Board member questions. She then asked Commissioner Stewart for her recommendation for each school.

Commissioner Stewart recommended the turnaround option plan for Warrington Middle School be conditionally approved. Conditions include the addition of specific language to the TOP detailing the placement of teachers with effective or highly-effective VAM ratings at the school, and the receipt of a teacher roster which verifies this has occurred by the beginning of the school year. If these conditional items are met, the Board—with its affirmative vote—authorizes the Commissioner of Education to fully approve the turnaround option plan for Warrington Middle School. 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 Warrington Middle School. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Mr. Olenick. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Johnson recognized Ms. Melissa Ramsey, Executive Director, Bureau of School Improvement, who provided a brief presentation outlining the amendment to Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amended Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C. Vice Chair Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Johnson then recognized Mr. Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of School Choice, for the next six action items.

Florida Charter Educational Foundation, Inc., and South Palm Beach Charter School v. The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida

Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of the charter school appeal process, indicating the two coming before the Board today were heard at a previous Board meeting. He asked Mr. Matt Mears, Department of Education General Counsel, to outline why these two charter school appeals were back before the Board for consideration.

Mr. Mears indicated the Fourth District Court of Appeal rejected the charter school appeal decision, affirming the power of the State Board to review decisions, but found that the Charter School Appeal Commission did not have a sufficient record to enable the Fourth District Court to review it because there wasn't a fact-based justification on record. Based on that decision, Charter School Appeal Commission members were provided training to better understand their role and how it helps to inform not only the State Board, but any appellate courts that review the decision. Mr. Mears indicted the Commission then re-heard the two appeals, establishing a fact-based justification for the record. In both cases, the Commission upheld its earlier decision to grant the appeal.

Mr. Miller then invited representatives from the South Palm Beach Charter School and the district, respectively, to provide their oral arguments. After each representative presented their five-minute argument, Chair Johnson opened for questions from the Board.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to uphold the Charter School Appeal Commission's recommendation to grant the appeal. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Renaissance Charter School, Inc., and Renaissance Charter High School of Palm Beach v. The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida

Mr. Miller, explaining that this appeal is similar in nature to the previous appeal, then invited representatives from the Renaissance Charter School and the district, respectively, to provide their oral arguments. After each representative presented their five-minute argument, Chair Johnson opened for questions from the Board.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to uphold the Charter School Appeal Commission's recommendation to grant the appeal. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-2.0020, Eligibility for Charter School Capital Outlay

Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of the amendment to Rule 6A-2.0020, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amended Rule 6A-2.0020, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03315, Private School Scholarship Compliance

Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of the amendment to Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the amended Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-6.0951, The Hope Scholarship Program

Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of the new Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the new Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-6.0962, Reading Scholarship Accounts

Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of the new Rule 6A-6.0962, F.A.C.

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the new Rule 6A-6.0962, F.A.C. Mr. Olenick made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Olenick made an inquiry specific to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind rule, after which, 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. Comments included the appreciation of staff for their hard work throughout the year, and specifically for the great work on the Teacher of the Year events. Mr. Gibson commented on the efforts of the Florida College System to keep tuition low in keeping with Governor Rick Scott's commitment to providing access to higher education without being burdened by student loan debt. Mr. Chartrand recognized the efforts of the teachers and the leaders in the district that are really working hard to achieve the excellent results we are seeing in the increases in school grades and NAEP, proving that Florida has the right policies and the right accountability system in place. He also commented on the possibility of using data to do predictive analysis in the districts before the need for turnaround plans to try and be more proactive. Chair Johnson closed out Board comments concurring with what was already offered and adding that the great progress we are seeing in Florida is a result of great people working hard and an accountability system that works. With that, she offered an opportunity to highlight these successes on Spectrum News.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson announced the next meeting will be on August 15th at the Renaissance Orlando Airport.

Having no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 2:52 p.m.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Marva Johnson, Chair