

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
February 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the January 21, 2014, State Board of Education meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, January 21, 2014

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

January 21, 2014
Miami Lakes Educational Center
5780 NW 158th Street
Miami Lakes, Florida

Chair Gary Chartrand 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, Dr. Ada Armas, and Rebecca Fishman Lipsey. John Colon participated via phone.

WELCOME

Chair Chartrand and the Board welcomed Ms. Fishman Lipsey as the newly appointed member to the Board. Chair Chartrand also recognized Andy Tuck, a citrus grower from Central Florida, who will be appointed to the State Board in February.

Chair Chartrand stated that Barbara Feingold was appointed in July 2011 by Governor Scott and her term expired December 2013. The Board presented Mrs. Feingold with a plaque that read "Presented by the State Board of Education in Recognition of your Dedication and Commitment to all Students in the State of Florida, December 2013." Mrs. Feingold thanked present and former Board members for their camaraderie and for being outstanding leaders. Mrs. Feingold provided a brief overview of her time on the Board.

Chair Chartrand thanked Mr. James Parker, Principal, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair, Miami-Dade School Board, and Mr. Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, for hosting the meeting. Mr. Parker welcomed the Board providing an overview stating that the school is a vocational center with 21 different programs of study and a seven-time "A" high school. Ms. Perla Tabares thanked the Board and Governor Scott for their efforts and commitment to support public education. Superintendent Carvalho also welcomed the Board and provided an overview of district achievements. Superintendent Carvalho stated that Miami-Dade County Public Schools was the recipient of the 2012 Broad Prize and will be recognized as the highest performing district by the College Board for student participation and performance in AP exams.

K-12 Public Schools – Superintendent Alberto Carvalho on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Superintendent Carvalho recommended implementing standards in all grades and in all subject areas before students and teachers are held responsible; making robust investments in professional development for teachers to ensure competency and instruction of the new standards; ensuring that school districts have adequate instructional materials by providing funding and extending the timeframe for their implementation; securing an assessment that data would be comparable to other states and internationally; conduct a true assessment of the technological landscape to ensure the appropriate ratio of student to devices; full guarantee that networking speeds and bandwidth across the state are what they must be for testing time; create a transitional accountability system that includes a direct legible and easily understood school report card for parents and business leaders without necessarily imposing a letter grade during the transitional period; allow districts the flexibility to develop student learning growth measures for grades and subjects not assessed by statewide tests; and fully certify and validate the Value Added Model as it's currently

written. Superintendent Carvalho stated that English Language Learners (ELLs) performance should not impact a school grade after only one year of home language instruction. Chair Chartrand agreed with Superintendent Carvalho as it relates to ELLs and stated that Florida will continue advocating for two years versus one year.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Colon stated that he and Dr. Jim Browder, Regional Executive Director, attended a meeting of about 200 Tea Party members expressing appreciation of the changes put in place for Florida Standards.

Dr. Armas thanked Miami Lakes Educational Center for welcoming the Board and thanked Mrs. Feingold for being a great mentor, a great Board member, and becoming a great friend.

Chair Chartrand complimented Commissioner Stewart on her recent presentation to the Senate Education Committee. He stated that the Board must raise the standards for students and assess those standards properly so that students receive the education and the tools that they need to succeed. Chair Chartrand explained that he invited a nonprofit called Code.org to give a presentation on Computer Science later in the meeting and that Computer Science is the number one job gap in Florida and its projected that by year 2020 there will be one million Computer Science jobs going unfilled. He stated that students need to be educated for the jobs that will be available in the future.

Vice Chair Padgett stated that Mrs. Feingold would be missed and welcomed Ms. Fishman Lipsey to the Board.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey thanked the Board for welcoming her and recognized the following teachers from Northwestern Senior High for putting together a massive college tour for qualifying students: George Hart, Dayorsha Collins, Odelia Younge, and Amanda McPhail.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart thanked Superintendent Carvalho and Mr. Parker for welcoming the Board and hosting the meeting. Commissioner Stewart also welcomed Ms. Fishman Lipsey to the Board and thanked Mrs. Feingold for her work on the Board. She recognized: Superintendent Carvalho for being named Superintendent of the Year for the State of Florida and a finalist for National Superintendent of the Year; Luis Espinosa, Aeronautical STEM Teacher, Apollo Middle School in Broward County, as the 2013 Milken Educator Award recipient; and Principal of the Year Finalists: Eric Lundman, Orange County; Dr. Barbara Shirley, Sarasota County; and Brian Kingsley, Broward County; and announced that Dorina Sackman, Florida's Teacher of the Year, has been selected as a finalist for National Teacher of the Year. Commissioner Stewart introduced the new Director of Standards Implementation, Dr. Denise Barrett. Commissioner Stewart announced that the District Data Leader of the Year Award will now be named the Lavan Dukes District Data Leader Award after the retired Chief of the Bureau of Education Information and Accountability, who passed away in January.

Commissioner Stewart citing Governor Rick Scott's Executive Order Number 13-276, stated that the Department transferred its fiscal agent responsibilities for the Partnership for the Assessment of College and Careers to Maryland. Commissioner Stewart recognized Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, and Martha Asbury, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, for all their fiscal agent work.

Commissioner Stewart provided the following update on selecting an assessment: five responses to the Intent to Negotiate were received; the evaluation team met on January 10th to score the applications; negotiations will begin on January 28th; and an assessment will be selected in March.

Commissioner Stewart provided the recommendations to strengthen Florida Standards based on public and expert input. She stated that there are 37 clarifications to the new standards, 60 new standards including 52 Calculus standards, and two deletions. Commissioner Stewart provided the following breakdown of the recommendations: English Language Arts: 13 clarifications; 12 at the elementary level and one at the high school level. Changes include the addition of printing and cursive writing in 2nd through 5th grades, grade appropriate response from kindergarten and 1st grade students to identify as opposed to naming authors, and reading with prompting and support. In Mathematics there are a total of 24 clarifications; 15 at the elementary level, one at the middle school level, and eight at the high school level. Changes include student's use of measurement tools, student's use of money to support application of addition and subtraction of decimals, and working with simple number sentences to identify missing addends in preparation for success in Algebra at higher grade levels. Commissioner Stewart stated that the 52 Calculus standards are currently part of the Next Generation Math Standards but were not part of the Math Common Core State Standards that the Board adopted. Commissioner Stewart recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Deputy Chancellor for Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Services, for further clarification. Ms. Tappen stated that with the adoption of the Florida Standards in February all the Next Generation Standards will be phased out and if Calculus was not added then it would have only been offered through accelerated mechanisms.

Commissioner Stewart stated that Florida is strengthening the standards by providing clarification to 37 standards, deleting two standards, continuing to work with the USDOE to convince them that Florida's calculation of the performance of ELLs is the appropriate approach, and the Department will also propose legislation to ensure Florida's student data is kept secure. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested the reason for deleting two standards. Commissioner Stewart explained that the deletion of the two standards is due to repetition and does not reduce rigor. Commissioner Stewart stated that the plan for school grading as we transition to a new assessment will be discussed at the February meeting.

Vice Chair Padgett requested further detail on the purpose of field testing a new assessment; She stated that the purpose of field testing is to ensure reliability and validity.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2013 Board meeting. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Ms. Fishman Lipsey who abstained from voting as she was not a member at that time.

UPDATE

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 support efforts: establishing the Digital Learning Advisory Committee; collecting feedback

from schools, districts, consortiums, and education groups; and assisting districts in achieving all aspects of their digital learning plan. He stated that the Digital Learning Advisory Committee is comprised of technology and curriculum experts from small, medium, and large districts, and the feedback from this group will be used to improve the quality and efficiency of the digital learning program. Mr. Nieto provided an overview of the Bandwidth Grant, Rural Wireless Grant, and a bandwidth comparison from 2012 to 2013. Vice Chair Padgett requested in a future presentation what the percentage of the whole that is represented by the \$17 million and a timeline. Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested the percentage of Title I schools with wireless access.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and End-of-Course Assessment Requirements

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and End-of-Course Assessment Requirements. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. Chair Chartrand recognized Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, to provide an overview of the amendment. Mr. Copa stated that this amendment establishes the cut scores for levels one, two, three, four, and five on the U.S. History end-of-course assessment and this amendment is in response to legislative changes from last session requiring the establishment of passing a score on all statewide assessments. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examinations. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. Chair Chartrand recognized Mr. Copa to provide an overview of the amendment. Mr. Copa stated that this amendment does the following: it updates the competencies and skills required for educator certification in Computer Science grades K-12 and Technology Education grades 6-12; and, it sets the minimum passing score in Professional Education, ESOL K-12, Mathematics 6-12, Middle Grades Mathematics 5-9, and the PreK-3 certification exam. Mr. Copa provided an overview of the presentation and highlighted the impact of the new passing scores for teacher candidates. Vice Chair Padgett stated that this is excellent work and he would vote in favor of the amendment. Ms. Fishman Lipsey stated that raising the bar to become a teacher is great and applauded the Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-14.099, Failure of Florida College System Administrator or Law Enforcement Agency to Report Child Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new Rule 6A-14.099, Failure of Florida College System Administrator or Law Enforcement Agency to Report Child Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. Chair Chartrand recognized Kasongo Butler, Assistant Chancellor, Public Affairs and Administration, for an overview of the amendment. Ms. Butler stated that this new rule is a result of legislation that was passed in 2012 and 2013 and identifies the definition for administrator and law enforcement agency and the penalty and the process if child abuse and neglect are not reported. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6E-6.001, Failure of Nonpublic College, University or School Administrator or Law Enforcement Agency to Report Child Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new Rule 6E-6.001, Failure of Nonpublic College, University or School Administrator or Law Enforcement Agency to Report Child Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

North Florida Collegiate High School vs. Suwanee County School Board

Chair Chartrand recognized Matt Carson, General Counsel, to provide an overview of the item. Mr. Carson stated that this item is proposed to ratify the decision to dismiss, for lack of jurisdiction, the appeal of the North Florida Collegiate High School and its denial of its charter application by the Suwanee County School Board. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

Baccalaureate Proposals

Approval of Request from Florida Gateway College for a BAS in Industrial Logistics

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Florida Gateway College for a BAS in Industrial Logistics. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from South Florida State College for a BS in Elementary Education and a BS in Nursing

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by South Florida State College for a BS in Elementary Education and a BS in Nursing. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from Eastern Florida State College to Add Concentrations in Sales and Marketing Management and Public Safety Management to the BAS in Organizational Management

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the request from Eastern Florida State College to add concentrations in Sales and Marketing Management and Public Safety Management to the BAS in Organizational Management. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items 1 through 3. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

Code.org – Hadi Partovi, Co-Founder and CEO, Code.org

Chair Chartrand recognized Hadi Partovi, Co-Founder and CEO, Code.org, for a presentation on Code.org. Mr. Partovi stated that Code.org is supported by many of the top companies in technology and their vision is that every school and every student should have access to Computer Science. Vice Chair Padgett requested the presentation electronically. Mr. Partovi

stated that they are developing a curriculum which involves 20 hours of exposure in the first few years of elementary school, 20 hours in the next few years, 20 to 40 hours in middle school and then optional courses in high school. Mr. Partovi explained that the curriculum will be piloted in more than 100 schools across the country this summer, including Broward County Public Schools. Mr. Partovi explained that Code.org uses existing certified teachers and all the stipends for professional development is paid by Code.org with plans to move to a model where states will cover half the cost. Mr. Partovi stated that one thing Florida could do from a policy level is to make Computer Science count towards high school graduation credits in Math or Science. Commissioner Stewart stated that it is possible and the Department will look into it but there would need to be a crosswalk similar to what was done with some of our career and tech courses. Vice Chair Padgett expressed his opinion to move forward with Computer Science as a requirement for high school graduation. Ms. Fishman Lispey agreed with Vice Chair Padgett. Chair Chartrand expressed his opinion to explore a curriculum, not only for high school graduation, but exposing young children to Computer Science earlier. Dr. Armas agreed with Chair Chartrand and stated the importance of students being exposed to Computer Science at a young age.

Chair Chartrand recognized Bob Runcie, Superintendent, Broward County Public Schools, to provide more information about what's being done in Broward County public Schools. Superintendent Runcie stated that the skill sets and critical thinking that students go through as they go through Computer Science is transferable to almost every sector of learning and students are more engaged in school, attendance rates are higher, and achievement is higher. Superintendent Runcie agreed to provide an update to the Board on the pilot around midyear. Chair Chartrand thanked Superintendent Runcie for moving forward with this initiative and Mr. Partovi for presenting to the Board and forming a partnership with Broward County Public Schools.

Chair Chartrand announced that the next meeting will be on February 18, 2014, in Orlando.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 1:18 p.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Gary Chartrand, Chair