

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
January 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2013, State Board of Education Meeting

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the November 19, 2013, State Board of Education meeting are presented for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Minutes, November 19, 2013

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING**

November 19, 2013  
Santa Fe College  
Fine Arts Hall  
Gainesville, FL

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, John Colon, and Kathleen Shanahan. Barbara Feingold participated via phone.

**WELCOME**

Chair Chartrand recognized the following Santa Fe Collegiate Veterans to lead the Pledge of Allegiance: Timothy Blackford, Marine Corps veteran; Dennis Lee, Marine Corps veteran; and Daniel Wright, Army veteran.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to amend the agenda, withdrawing action item 1, Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements and to move consent item 5, Adoption of a Resolution Requesting the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$240,000,000 State of Florida, State Board of Education Lottery Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series to be Determined), to action item 11 to add the statement "The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold by competitive sale for the purpose of achieving debt service savings." Mr. Colon made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padget. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Chartrand recognized Lynn Abbott, Director, Office of Executive Management and the State Board of Education, and thanked her for her 36 years of service to the state.

Chair Chartrand stated that it is the last meeting for Kathleen Shanahan who has served on the Board for eight years. Chair Chartrand presented Ms. Shanahan with a plaque that read "From January of 2006 to December of 2013, Kathleen Shanahan, Presented by the State Board of Education in Recognition of your Dedication and Commitment to all Students in the State of Florida."

Mr. Colon thanked Mrs. Abbott for her many years of service and for making his transition onto the Board much easier. Mr. Colon stated that Ms. Shanahan's opinions are highly valued and her insight was crucial to the Board and that she will be missed. Mr. Colon stated that he met with Mr. Lawrence Drake the President and CEO of the LEAD Program, a mentoring program for minority and at-risk youth of diverse backgrounds, to explore starting the program in Florida.

Vice Chair Padget congratulated Mrs. Abbott on her retirement and thanked her for all her work over the years. Vice Chair Padget stated that Ms. Shanahan has been his mentor since his first day on the Board and thanked her for always reminding the Board to make decisions based on data-driven information. Vice Chair Padget stated that 150 years ago today President Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address and if he had the courage in 272 words to make that memorable speech then we as leaders should be able to summon the courage to solve today's problems, which are minuscule compared to what President Lincoln faced.

Mrs. Feingold thanked Mrs. Abbott for all her work and stated that she was a mentor, highly respected and regarded, and will be missed. Mrs. Feingold thanked Ms. Shanahan for all her guidance and for keeping the Board at the forefront of reform. Mrs. Feingold stated that the only way Florida will produce better prepared students is by continuing to push for higher standards.

Dr. Armas thanked Mrs. Abbott for all her work and Ms. Shanahan for being a source of knowledge. Dr. Armas requested more information on the LEAD program.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the Department needs to continue to push for higher NAEP inclusion rates and to work with Corneila Orr, Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board. Ms. Shanahan stated that Florida has created a national model on African-American, ESE, and Hispanic students showing progress and that needs to be the expectation of other states. Ms. Shanahan applauded Kurt Browning, Superintendent, Pasco County Public Schools, for his leadership in setting policy that only A and B students can be on honor roll. Ms. Shanahan requested the letter sent to Secretary Arne Duncan, USDOE, regarding the ESEA Waiver be shared with Florida Congressional Delegation in Washington D.C. to leverage their relationships. Ms. Shanahan urged the Department to take a significant look at what can be done internally and what the Department needs help with in rolling out a statewide implementation plan as Florida should not lose the momentum that's been established over the last 15 years with accountability, assessment, and measurement. Ms. Shanahan stated that at last week's Council of 100 meeting Speaker of the House Will Weatherford explained that two key initiatives of the Florida Legislature will focus on education. Ms. Shanahan urged Board members to be involved in the Legislative process as they evaluate the school grading formula and Just Read, Florida! Ms. Shanahan stated that it is the role of the Board to be a portal for input from the Department, superintendents, presidents, parents, and business people, and to be the strongest and most vocal advocate on behalf of students. Ms. Shanahan applauded the Florida Colleges for their work with veterans. Ms. Shanahan thanked Ms. Abbott for all her work, Governor Bush for her first appointment, Governor Crist for her second appointment, and Governor Scott for her term as Chair.

Chair Chartrand stated that he also attended the Florida Council of 100 last week and that 80 percent of the content was centered on education reform and pushing for higher standards. Chair Chartrand also stated that he met with representatives from the Gates Foundation and Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, about attracting the best and brightest, high-impact charter schools into the lowest income areas throughout Florida. Chair Chartrand stated that the Gates Foundation is 100 percent behind the initiative. Chair Chartrand ended his comments by stating that there have been two conference calls with USDOE regarding the ESEA Waiver and Secretary Duncan is evaluating Florida's request to evaluate ELL growth and proficiency for a two-year period as opposed to a one-year period.

Chair Chartrand recognized Dr. Jackson Sasser, President, Santa Fe College, and Hershel Lyons, Interim Superintendent, Alachua County Public Schools, to welcome the members of the State Board of Education. President Sasser provided an overview of dual enrollment partnerships at Santa Fe College. Superintendent Lyons welcomed the Board to Alachua County.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the NAEP results and highlighted the following areas of improvement: an increase from 71 to 75 percent at basic or above on fourth grade reading and an increase from 35 to 39 percent at proficient and above; an

increase from 73 to 75 percent at basic or above on eighth grade reading and an increase from 30 to 33 percent at proficient and above; and an increase from 68 to 71 percent at basic or above on eighth grade math and an increase from 28 to 31 percent at proficient and above. Commissioner Stewart stated that only three states in the nation scored significantly higher than Florida in fourth grade reading and no state outperformed Florida's African-American students in reading or Hispanic students in fourth/eighth grade reading or fourth grade math. Commissioner Stewart stated that Florida's inclusion rates for students with disabilities is the appropriate level and that the National Assessment Governing Board should set a standard that all states have the same inclusion rates. Vice Chair Padgett requested an interim report on NAEP on inclusion rates and to not wait another year or two. Chair Chartrand requested the Department formalize the request to NAEP and ask them to respond and to copy the Board.

Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of public input on Florida standards and stated that from the meetings, e-mail address, and the public website the department received 19,000 comments. Commissioner Stewart stated that the Department has contracted with a third-party researcher to categorize and summarize those comments and that a report will be presented to the Board in January. The comments will then be reviewed by K-12 and higher education content experts to provide their expert view on any additions, deletions or changes to the standards and a rule will be presented to the Board in February at the earliest for implementation no earlier than the 14/15 school year. Ms. Shanahan recommended teachers be over weighted vs. non-teachers on the report. Chair Chartrand recommended having a survey developed by the research firm to collect objective feedback on Common Core State Standards from kindergarten, first and second grade teachers. Mrs. Feingold recommended gathering comments from middle school principals to determine why students struggle in middle school.

Commissioner Stewart stated that the Intent to Negotiate (ITN) was posted on October 25<sup>th</sup> and applications are due December 16<sup>th</sup> and a decision regarding the assessment will be made in March.

Commissioner Stewart provided a summary of the Legislative Committee week and stated that the Senate will meet the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> and both the House and Senate will meet the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Stewart thanked President Sasser for hosting the Board meeting and thanked Mrs. Abbott for her service. Commissioner Stewart ended her report by thanking Ms. Shanahan for being a mentor and an encourager and for providing words of wisdom over the years.

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 State Board meeting of September 17, 2013. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the State Board meeting of October 15, 2013. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

## **UPDATES**

### **K-12 Public Schools – Superintendent Peg Smith on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents**

Chair Chartrand recognized Peg Smith, Superintendent, Volusia County Public Schools, to present on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Smith stated that Superintendents strongly support a rigorous accountability system and high standards but are concerned that the foundation of the accountability system is in jeopardy, as much has changed since the Common Core State Standards were introduced in 2010. Superintendent Smith shared the concerns of Superintendents and respectfully requested the Board to pause with the implementation timeline and allow for a transitional period of three years that would provide for a full and quality implementation in all of the components of Florida's accountability system, curriculum standards, student assessment, teacher and administrator evaluation, and school grades. Ms. Shanahan requested Superintendent Smith correlate the request for a three year status quo when the NAEP results show that students are performing. Superintendent Smith stated that FADSS is preparing a proposed timeline for consideration.

Vice Chair Padgett requested Superintendent Smith elaborate on the following statement in their 2014 Legislative Platform: "The new statewide assessment must not be a homegrown or Florida-developed assessment; otherwise, cross-state and international comparability will not be possible." Superintendent Smith stated that Florida students need to be globally competitive and to do that Florida needs to be able to compare our students with others both domestically and globally.

### **Florida College System – President Jim Henningsen, College of Central Florida, on behalf of the Council of Presidents**

Chair Chartrand recognized President Jim Henningsen, College of Central Florida, on behalf of the Council of Presidents. President Henningsen provided an overview of the Florida College System Facts At-A-Glance document. Vice Chair Padgett requested the data showing the number of out-of-state and international students in the Florida College System and a plan to increase those numbers. Ms. Shanahan applauded the FCS for their data collection.

## **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 short-term goals 2014-2015, long-term goals 2017-2018, infrastructure standards, and an updated Digital Learning Plan schedule. Mr. Nieto stated that the Education Super Highway Test that was started in September is now complete and the data will be compared to that of the technology readiness inventory. Mr. Nieto stated that the Department is working with the Department of Management Services to provide bundled internet services.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Request from Valencia College for Site Designation Approval for the Poinciana Campus in Osceola County**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the request from Valencia College for Site Designation Approval for the Poinciana Campus in Osceola County. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Baccalaureate Proposals**

### **Approval of Request from Broward College for a BS in Environmental Science**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Broward College for a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Request from College of Central Florida for a BS in Nursing**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by the College of Central Florida for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. Chancellor Hanna introduced Dr. Henningsen, President; Dr. Mark Paugh, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Barbara Lange, Dean of Health Sciences; and Dr. Cheryl Fante, Associate Vice President for Career and Technical Education; College of Central Florida. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Request from Florida State College at Jacksonville for a BAS in Logistics**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Florida State College at Jacksonville for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Logistics. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. Chancellor Hanna stated that the Florida State College at Jacksonville Board recently hired Dr. Cynthia Bioteau from Salt Lake City Community College as the new President and thanked Dr. Willis Holcombe, Interim President, for his service. Vice Chair Padgett requested the applicability of the program in attracting more out-of-state students to Florida. Chair Chartrand recognized Dr. Holcombe to provide a response. Dr. Holcombe stated that with the expansion of the port it will be necessary to attract more of a workforce to Jacksonville to meet the impending need. Dr. Holcombe stated that the out-of-state tuition rate is currently four times the in-state rate. Vice Chair Padgett recommended adding a change to out-of-state tuition to the legislative agenda. Ms. Shanahan requested a capacity analysis of the Florida College System. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Request from Miami Dade College for a BS in Information Systems Technology**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Miami Dade College for a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Technology. Mr. Colon made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. Chancellor Hanna stated that information systems technology is one of the areas identified by the Board of Governors Access and Attainment Commission. Chancellor Hanna introduced Dr. Mollie DeHart, Director of Academic Programs; Ms. Thania Rios, Associate Dean of the School of Business; and Dr. Richard White, Director of the School of Computer and Engineering Technologies. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Request from Miami Dade College for a BAS in Supply Chain Management**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Miami Dade College for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supply Chain Management. Dr. Armas made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Rules**

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

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.0943, Statewide Assessment for Students with Disabilities. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendments to Rules 6A-4.002, General Provisions and 6A-4.003, Degrees, Programs, and Credits**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rules 6A-4.002, General Provisions and 6A-4.003, Degrees, Programs, and Credits. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of New Rule 6A-6.0574, Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new Rule 6A-6.0574, Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of a Resolution Requesting the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$240,000,000 State of Florida, State Board of Education Lottery Revenue Refunding Bonds, [Series to be determined]**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the resolution requesting the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$240,000,000 State of Florida, State Board of Education Lottery Revenue Refunding Bonds, [Series to be determined]. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items 1 through 5. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSING**

Chair Chartrand presented the Board with the following proposed meeting schedule for 2014: January 21<sup>st</sup> location to be determined, February 18<sup>th</sup> location to be determined, March 18<sup>th</sup> and April TBD in Tallahassee, and May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and November 18<sup>th</sup>, with locations to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 11:20 p.m.

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Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

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Gary Chartrand, Chair