

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
March 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the February 18, 2014, State Board of Education meeting are presented for approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes, February 18, 2014

Facilitator/Presenter: Chair Gary Chartrand

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

February 18, 2014
Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center
445 West Amelia Street
Orlando, Florida

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, Dr. Ada Armas, John Colon, Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, and Andy Tuck.

WELCOME

Chair Chartrand recognized Bill Sublette, Chairman of the Orange County School Board to welcome the Board.

Chair Chartrand explained the procedures for public testimony.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Fishman Lipsey reminded everyone of the technology discussion from the last meeting and her hope for the Board to receive answers to questions and progress towards teaching and giving students access to coding at the next meeting. Ms. Fishman Lipsey stated the importance of parents being involved in the process and thanked the public in attendance for taking time out of their day to share their opinions.

Dr. Armas welcomed Mr. Tuck to the Board and stated that she's looking forward to hearing the public comment on the standards.

Vice Chair Padget thanked Chair Chartrand for inviting Hadi Partovi, Co-Founder and CEO, Code.org, to the last meeting and stated that he is looking forward to the report next month on what can be done. Vice Chair Padget also stated the importance of revisiting the digital plan to know where we are headed and the cost to make an informed decision on the financial ask of the Florida Legislature.

Mr. Colon stated that he is a big believer in public comment and wants to hear input from everyone regarding as many issues as possible.

Mr. Tuck thanked the Board for welcoming him and stated that it's a proud moment to be on the Board as we are recognizing Ms. Inagawa, Assistant Principal of the Year from Highlands County.

Chair Chartrand requested Commissioner Stewart work on a way to expose students to Computer Science at a younger age because it's projected that by year 2020 there will be one million Computer Science jobs going unfilled. Chair Chartrand stated that he and Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools, attended an education summit at Jacksonville University, titled *Education Policy: Why it Matters*. Chair Chartrand provided an overview of his presentation on what Florida has done in ten years, such as being ranked 30th out of 41 states in 2003 on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to being ranked sixth in 2013. Chair Chartrand encouraged fellow Board members when out in the community to talk about what Florida has accomplished in the last ten years.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stewart welcomed Mr. Tuck to the Board and recognized 2014 Principal Achievement Award Winner Dr. Barbara Shirley, Alta Vista Elementary School, Sarasota County; 2014 Assistant Principal Achievement Award Winner Jeannie Inagawa, Cracker Trail Elementary School, Highlands County; Florida TaxWatch Elite Principal Award honorees: Miami Dade County - Tangela Goa, Van E. Blanton Elementary School; Dr. Linda Amica-Roberts, Coconut Palm K-8 Academy; Anna Hernandez, M.A. Milam K-8 Center; Guillermo Munoz, Westland Hialeah Senior High School; and Dr. Verena Cabrera, Hialeah High School; and National Superintendent of the Year Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Commissioner Stewart introduced the new Deputy Chancellor of Educator Quality, Mr. Brian Dassler. Commissioner Stewart ended her report by stating that the department is on track and that a new assessment will be selected in March.

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

MINUTES

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was made by Vice Chair Padgett with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Tuck who abstained from voting as he was not a member at that time.

UPDATE

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

Chair Chartrand recognized Randy Hanna, Chancellor, Florida College System to provide the update. Chancellor Hanna stated that 15 out of the 28 colleges in Florida have been recognized as semifinalists for the National Aspen Award. Chancellor Hanna stated that President Henningsen was unable to attend as he was called to testify before the House Appropriations Committee and he would answer any questions regarding the update provided by the Council of Presidents.

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

Chair Chartrand recognized Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools, to present on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS). Superintendent Jenkins provided an overview of the digital learning pilot in Orange County. Superintendent Jenkins provided recommendations on behalf of FADSS for the proposed accountability plan, end-of-course exams, and a transitional accountability system.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to amend the agenda, to move consent item 1, Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09441, Requirements for Programs and Courses Which are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and for Which the Student May Earn

Credit Toward High School Graduation, to action item 12. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards

Chair Chartrand recognized Commissioner Stewart to provide an overview of the process for the amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C. Commissioner Stewart stated that the vote before the Board is to make the recommended changes to the English Language Arts and Mathematic standards or to leave the standards as they have been taught for the past two-and-a-half years. She explained that the proposed standards have been vetted by K-12 content area experts and the post-secondary level and there is a legislative proposal to ensure our students' data is not shared with the Federal Government. Commissioner Stewart recommended characterizing these standards plus the Science and Social Studies standards as Florida Standards.

Commissioner Stewart recognized Mary Jane Tappen, Deputy Chancellor for Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Services, for a presentation on the amendment. Ms. Tappen stated that the proposed changes to English Language Arts includes 13 clarifications; 12 at the elementary level, one at the high school level, and the addition of cursive writing. Ms. Tappen stated that the proposed changes to Mathematics includes 24 clarifications; 15 at the elementary level, one at the middle school level, eight at the high school level, and the addition of 52 current Calculus Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Chair Chartrand opened the meeting for public comment and stated that each individual would have two minutes. (See the official transcript of the meeting for official proceedings and deliberations.) Upon completion of public comment Chair Chartrand recognized fellow Board members for discussion. Ms. Fishman Lipsey thanked everyone for contributing to the decision-making process and stated her support for the standards and shared the following ideas that were repeated throughout the public testimony: strengthening teacher morale, concern for the stress of our youngest and most vulnerable students, and to be vigilant about Federal overreach. Ms. Fishman Lipsey stated that there's much more to education than a degree and the ability to get a job; it's about enriching lives and raising citizens and shaping a generation and expanding horizons. Mr. Tuck thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and stated his support for the standards and the goal of the Board to make Florida the leader in education achievement in the country.

Chair Chartrand reminded everybody that the public comments, public hearings throughout the state, workshops and collaboration of experts, parents and educators each contributed to the standards that are before the Board for a vote today. There were three hearings, one in Tampa, one in Davie, and one in Tallahassee. We had nearly 1,000 comments from over 100 speakers, e-mails and comments were collected for a full month and more than 1,600 e-mails and nearly 20,000 comments were received. Chair Chartrand thanked Governor Scott for his leadership as evidenced by the Executive Order that engaged citizens in this review process. The Florida Standards were developed by Floridians for our students and represent the fundamentals that our districts and teachers will use in charting the success of their communities.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09401 as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09412, Course Requirements Grades K-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09412 as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09414, Course Requirements Grades PK-12 Exceptional Student Education

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09414 as presented. Mr. Colon made the motion with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. Chair Chartrand recognized Andrea Rediske for public comment on the rule. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-1.0016, Application for and Issuance and Revocation of Master School Identification Numbers

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve new Rule 6A-1.0016 as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendments to Rules Relating to Exceptional Student Education: 6A-6.03028, Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities; 6A-6.0331, General Education Intervention Procedures, Identification, Evaluation, Reevaluation and the Initial Provision of Exceptional Education Services; and 6A-6.03311, Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rules 6A-6.03028, 6A-6.0331, and 6A-6.03311 as presented. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. Ms. Tappen provided an overview of the three rules. Ms. Fishman Lipsey applauded the amendment for increasing the rights of parents but recommended making it easier for parents to understand their rights and to be accessible in multiple languages, and to simplify the process so teachers can as seamlessly as possible do the right thing for their students. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from Eastern Florida State College for a BAS in Applied Health Sciences

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve the baccalaureate proposal by Eastern Florida State College for a BAS in Applied Health Sciences. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion with a second by Mr. Tuck. Chancellor Hanna provided an overview of the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Renaissance Charter School, Inc., and Renaissance Charter School at Seminole vs. School Board of Seminole County

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to grant the appeal for Renaissance Charter School at Seminole. Vice Chair Padgett made the motion to accept the recommendation with a second by Mr. Colon.

Chair Chartrand recognized Adam Miller, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, to provide an overview of the appeal. Mr. Miller recognized Stephanie Alexander, representing Renaissance Charter School at Seminole, and Donna

Blanton, Attorney representing Palm Beach County School Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Renaissance Charter School, Inc., and Renaissance Charter School A vs. School Board of Orange County

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to grant the appeal for Renaissance Charter School A. Vice Chair Padget made the motion to accept the recommendation with a second by Mr. Colon. Mr. Miller recognized Stephanie Alexander, representing Renaissance Charter School A, B, and C, and John Palmerini, Attorney representing the Orange County School Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Renaissance Charter School, Inc., and Renaissance Charter School B vs. School Board of Orange County

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to grant the appeal for Renaissance Charter School B. Vice Chair Padget made the motion to accept the recommendation with a second by Ms. Fishman Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Renaissance Charter School, Inc., and Renaissance Charter School C vs. School Board of Orange County

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to grant the appeal for Renaissance Charter School C. Mr. Colon made the motion to accept the recommendation with a second by Vice Chair Padget. The motion passed unanimously.

Golden Gate Scientific Leadership Academy, Inc. vs. School Board of Polk County

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the appeal for Golden Gate Scientific Leadership Academy. Mr. Colon made the motion to accept the recommendation with a second by Dr. Armas.

Mr. Miller recognized Christopher Norwood, representing Golden Gate Scientific Leadership Academy, and Wes Bridges, Attorney representing Polk County School Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09441, Requirements for Programs and Courses Which are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and for Which the Student May Earn Credit Toward High School Graduation

Chair Chartrand recognized Ms. Tappen to explain the amendment to the amendment. Ms. Tappen stated that page eight of the 2014-15 Course Code Directory, Section one, two, and three are amended to correctly reference Rule 6A-4.0244, F.A.C.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve Rule 6A-1.09441 as amended. Vice Chair Padget made the motion with a second by Mr. Colon. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICY ISSUE FOR CONCURRENCE

Proposed School Accountability Plan

Chair Chartrand recognized Commissioner Stewart to present the proposed plan. Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the Proposed Florida School Accountability Plan presentation. Per the Governor's Executive Order the Department has resubmitted the ESEA Waiver regarding ELL students' achievement measures being included in school accountability after a student lives in the U.S. for two years. Commissioner Stewart provided the following proposed assessment and accountability timeline: The new assessment will be given in the spring of 2015, in the summer of 2015 the Department would begin the standard setting process to establish cut scores for the new assessment and in the fall baseline school grades would be issued on the new assessment with those new cut scores. The new assessment would then be administered for a second time in the spring of 2016 and school grades would be released that summer with the appropriate consequences subsequent to those grades. Commissioner Stewart stated that the new school grading formula would re-focus on student achievement, learning gains, graduation rate, and earning college credit and/or industry certifications. Commissioner Stewart provided an overview of the proposed elementary, middle, and high school grades model, and the recommendation for a periodic review of the scale to determine whether the expectations should be raised to encourage increased student achievement.

Chair Chartrand recognized Superintendent Carvalho to provide comment. Superintendent Carvalho thanked Commissioner Stewart for the willingness to revisit the accountability plan and improve upon it. Superintendent Carvalho recommended reviewing the value of SAT and ACT for college readiness, include participation for AP, IB, and AICE, and to reconsider the policy for progressive automatic adjustment of the school grading process. Superintendent Carvalho concluded his comments by expressing his support for the resubmission of the ESEA Waiver to USDOE pertaining to ELL students.

Chair Chartrand recognized Jose Fernandez, LULAC Florida, to provide comment. Mr. Fernandez recommended implementation of the March 2012 ELL recommendations from the Commissioner's Task Force on Inclusion and Accountability and stated support for the Florida Superintendent's request for a multi-year pause on school grades for all schools during the transition period to the new standards and assessments.

Vice Chair Padgett referenced page 14 of the presentation and requested the Department develop an industry certification qualifier as a college credit earned through an AP class is not equal to one of the lower-level industry certifications. Due to travel constraints Vice Chair Padgett departed.

Ms. Fishman Lipsey requested any national or statewide data showing the benefit of student participation on AP exams and requested more information on why school grades should be issued the first year of the transition. Commissioner Stewart stated the importance of issuing school grades for motivation to improve student outcomes and the first year will be without consequences. Ms. Fishman Lipsey stated her concern for removing the five-year graduation rate points and removing the 95% of eligible students are tested penalty.

Chair Chartrand commended Commissioner Stewart and Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, for their work on simplifying the grading system. Chair Chartrand encouraged the Commissioner to continue to be open minded and to hear everybody's point of view on the new grading system.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Chartrand recognized Michael Blasenitz, Seminole County Public Schools, to provide comment on Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certification of Completion.

Chair Chartrand called for a motion to approve items two through six. Mr. Colon made the motion with a second by Dr. Armas. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Chartrand announced that the next meeting will be on March 18, 2014, in Tallahassee.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Chartrand adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 2:10 p.m.

Cathy Schroeder, Corporate Secretary

Gary Chartrand, Chair

