

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

June 10, 2021

Florida State College at Jacksonville
Advanced Technology Center
401 West State Street
Room T140/141
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Chair Andy Tuck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Ben Gibson, Ryan Petty, Monesia Brown and Joe York, with Vice Chair Marva Johnson and Tom Grady via telephone.

WELCOME

Chair Tuck thanked members and guests for attending the meeting and recognized, special guest, Governor Ron DeSantis.

Governor DeSantis started by thanking the board and the Department for all their hard work and shared his support for the prohibition of Critical Race Theory in Florida. He further explained that historical factual truth needs to be taught in Florida's classrooms and not indoctrinating students with personal ideology. Governor DeSantis added that in the upcoming school year students should be allowed to go to school normally and not be forced to wear facemasks.

Chair Tuck thanked Governor DeSantis for speaking at the meeting and recognized Dr. John Avendano, President, Florida State College of Jacksonville (FSCJ) for a brief welcome and update on the Council of Presidents.

President Avendano started by thanking the board and commissioner for choosing FSCJ as the meeting location, also thanking Governor DeSantis and the legislature for their continued support of Florida Colleges through appropriations and funding. Continuing, President Avendano briefed the board on FSCJ being selected as one of the 16 most promising community colleges for work in the county, partnerships with charter schools in Duval County, an expansion of dual-enrollment courses, and a new partnership with St. Johns River State College in Financial Technology.

Commissioner's Report

Chair Tuck recognized Commissioner Corcoran for his report. Commissioner Corcoran started by thanking President Avendano for hosting the State Board of Education and recognized three outstanding school leaders: Principal of the Year, Jennifer Halter of Green Cove Springs Junior High School in Bay County; Assistant Principal of the Year, Zemenaye Harris of Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Hillsborough County; and the Florida School Related Employee of the Year, James Henry of the Florida State University School District. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the commissioner's report. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes from March 17, 2021 meeting

Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting. Mr. Petty made the motion with a second by Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

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

Chair Tuck recognized Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, Duval County for a brief update on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Superintendent Greene started by thanking the employees of Duval County for all their hard work, support and compassion during the COVID pandemic. Continuing to the B.E.S.T. Standards and how districts will need to prepare for: new laws, revised curriculum, required instruction, additional parental notifications, as well as new statewide assessments, and purchasing of new instructional materials. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Vice Chair Johnson asked about the number of students going to summer school for remediation.

Chair Tuck then amended the agenda to remove Action Item 4, Request for Approval of Revised Turnaround Option Plan and Annual External Operator Contract for Escambia County Public Schools.

ACTION ITEMS

Request for Approval of Closure Turnaround Option Plan for Marion County Public Schools

Chair Tuck recognized Jacob Oliva, Chancellor, Division of Public Schools for the next three items. Chancellor Oliva started by thanking the Commissioner and Board and briefed them on the closure turnaround plan for Marion County, Evergreen Elementary School. Providing some background, Chancellor Oliva stated that the school has been graded a D for the past three years and that with closure the department and district would move the students to better schools in the area and the students would be monitored for success for three years following the move. Commissioner Corcoran recommended to approve the plan, moving students to better schools and monitoring them for three years afterwards. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the commissioners recommendation. Mr. Petty made the motion with a second by Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Approval of Annual External Operator Contract for Hillsborough County Public Schools

Chancellor Oliva continued, briefing the board on the turnaround plan submitted for Hillsborough County schools, Foster Elementary School and Oak Park Elementary, which had conditions to attain a new external operator, hire new principals and to retain all highly-effective and effective teachers. Chancellor Oliva then recognized Superintendent Davis, Hillsborough County, to provide an update on each of the schools. Superintendent Davis thanked the board and briefed them on the status of Foster Elementary Schools projected grade of C and Oak Park Elementary Schools projected grade of C. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Mr. Gibson asked how much of the iReady data is due to COVID and how have students been doing virtually. Mr. York asked if this was MGTs first or second

year as an external operator. Mr. Petty asked about the involvement of parents at the school and what is being done to get them involved. Chair Tuck asked why the price for the external operator has gone up despite the number of students at the school declining. Commissioner Corcoran recommended approval to extend turnaround for another year. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the commissioners recommendation. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. Petty. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.094124, Required Instruction Planning and Reporting

Chair Tuck recognized Chancellor Oliva to brief the board on the amendment to rule 6A-1.094124, Required Instruction Planning and Reporting. Chancellor Oliva started by providing some background of the rule and the amendments being made that allow for teachers to use supplemental materials but only if they align to the B.E.S.T. standards. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-1.094124, Required Instruction Planning and Reporting. Ms. Brown made the motion with a second by Mr. Grady. Chair Tuck then opened the board for public comment. Mr. Grady provided an amendment to the rule. Chancellor Oliva then read the amendment in to the record. Mr. Grady made the motion to approve the amendment to the amendment with a second by Mr. Petty. The motion passed 5-2 with Ms. Brown and Mr. York in opposition. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the rule as amended. Mr. Petty made the motion with a second by Mr. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-1.0018, School Safety Requirements and Monitoring

Chair Tuck recognized Tim Hay, Executive Director, Office of Safe Schools for an update on new rule 6A-1.0018, School Safety Requirements and Monitoring. Mr. Hay thanked the board for all the work they do and outlined the benefits of the new rule: setting fourth requirements relating to school safety, defining safety measures that schools are expected to meet, and outlining the requirements and responsibilities for Office of Safe Schools-school district offices. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-1.0014, School Safety Requirements and Monitoring. Mr. Petty made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of New Rule 6A-14.0582, Florida College System Intercollegiate Student-Athlete Compensation and Rights

Chair Tuck recognized Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Florida College System for an overview of new rule 6A-14.0582, Florida College System Intercollegiate Student-Athlete Compensation and Rights. Chancellor Hebda briefed the board on, Senate Bill 646 that provided a timeline for when collegiate athletes could be compensated for their name, image and likeness. Chair Tuck opened the board for questions. Mr. Gibson asked how this rule compares to what the university system is implementing. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve new rule 6A-14.0582, Florida College System Intercollegiate Student-Athlete Compensation and Rights. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Tuck then called back Chancellor Oliva for an overview on the amendment to rule 6A-1.0943, Statewide Assessment for Students with Disabilities. Chancellor Oliva started by updating the board on the history of the rule and the changes made that will improve the

guidelines and provide a clear definition for significant cognitive disability. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the amendment to rule 6A-1.0943, Statewide Assessment for Students with Disabilities. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Gibson made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Tuck opened the board for comments. Mr. Gibson started by thanking all the individuals that made the trip to speak on Critical Race Theory and spoke of his support for the rule that was passed. Mr. York thanked everyone for making the trip to his hometown and thanked Florida State College of Jacksonville for hosting the board. Ms. Brown thanked the board and the department for all their hard work and preparation and asked that we elevate teachers and recognize all the hard work they do for students. Mr. petty echoed the comments made by other members. Mr. Grady thanked everyone for attending the meeting and taking the time to speak to the board and suggested that everyone read Dr. Martin Luther King's-I Have a Dream speech and President Obama's-Race Speech. Vice Chair Johnson echoed the comments made by Mr. Grady and encouraged everyone to follow and join the Department of Education's rulemaking process. Chair Tuck thanked everyone that attended the meeting and recognized Chair McGee from FSCJs Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Tuck adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 12:53 P.M.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Andy Tuck, Chair