

MINUTES
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Chairman T. Willard Fair welcomed the members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting in the Cabinet Meeting Room of the Capitol, at 9:30 a.m., on February 20, 2007, with the following members present: Donna Callaway, Phoebe Raulerson, Kathleen Shanahan, and Linda Taylor. Mr. Roberto Martinez joined the meeting upon his arrival in Tallahassee. Mr. Akshay Desai was not present for this meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Fair called for a motion to amend the agenda to add the teacher performance pay plans as noted in the amended agenda and to withdraw the Martin School District Plan. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The vote passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chief of Staff Jeanine Blomberg stated that the Department of Education provided technical assistance to middle and high schools that are enrolling eighth grade students in Major Areas of Interest. Mrs. Blomberg stated that a total of 18,640 Major Areas of Interest are available for the 2007-08 first year high school students in Florida. Mrs. Blomberg recognized Broward County School District as having approximately 100 different Major Areas of Interest at the high school level. Mrs. Blomberg stated that the Department recently released, "Your Child, Your Public School" DVD, which was designed as a tool to assist parents and guardians by answering frequently asked questions about Florida's public schools.

Mrs. Blomberg provided an overview on the recommendations of the Commission on No Child Left Behind. Mrs. Blomberg stated that Florida currently is in alignment with several of the recommendations being proposed by the Commission.

Mrs. Blomberg recognized K-12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke to provide an update on Repeating F Schools for the following counties: Miami Dade, Duval, Jefferson, and Orange Counties. Chancellor Yecke stated that the Department is currently working with these districts to determine if districts have similar concerns that should be addressed.

Mrs. Blomberg announced the following new appointments to the Department of Education: Jay Pfeiffer, Deputy Commissioner for Accountability, Research, and

Measurement; Luci Hadi, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Education; and Carrie Fraser, Director of Governmental Relations.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to adopt the Commissioner's report. Mrs. Taylor made the motion with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007, State Board of Education Meeting. The motion was made by Mrs. Callaway with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed with Mr. Martinez abstaining from voting as he was not present for the January 25, 2007, State Board of Education Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Job Description, Required and Preferred Qualities, Education and Experience for the Commissioner of Education

Members of the Board provided input on the characteristics of Florida's next Commissioner of Education. Mrs. Raulerson recommended that the candidate have knowledge of Florida Laws.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to adopt the job description as presented and discussed. The motion was made by Mr. Martinez with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invitation to Negotiate for the Purpose of Securing a Search Firm for Candidates for Commissioner of Education

Chief of Staff Jeanine Blomberg provided an overview of the process and criteria for ranking and choosing the search firm. Mr. Martinez requested that measures be taken to prevent Members from being lobbied by potential search firms.

Mrs. Taylor recommended that stakeholder input be incorporated in the selection process. Chairman Fair stated that stakeholder input would be considered in the selection process.

Chairman Fair recognized Bill Montford, CEO for the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Mr. Montford commended the Board on their efforts and process for selecting the next Commissioner of Education. Chairman Fair invited Mr. Montford to participate in the selection process as a stakeholder.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the Invitation to Negotiate for Securing a Search Firm for Candidates for Commissioner of Education. The motion was made by Mr. Martinez with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Teacher Reform Proposal

K-12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided an overview of the recommendations to address Teacher Preparation, Recruitment and Retention, Compensation, and Effectiveness that were presented at the State Board of Education Workshop on October 17, 2006.

Chancellor Yecke proposed that military personnel who can provide proof of their completion of Defense Language Institute training be used to demonstrate subject area competencies in a foreign language, which is a critical teacher shortage area.

Chancellor Yecke also recommended that teachers who become reading coaches be included as recipients of the Dale Hickam Excellent Teacher Program.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the teacher reform proposal as presented. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2007-08 Legislative Agenda

Governmental Relations Director Carrie Fraser provided an overview of the 2007-08 Department of Education Legislative Agenda. Mrs. Fraser provided the following proposals: Place performance-based pay in statute to ensure continuation of funding; include ESE Pre-K and charter school teachers in the Teacher LEAD Program; strengthen the Dale Hickam Excellent Teacher program by defining guidelines for mentoring and coaching; create an outstanding teacher mentoring incentive program which will provide bonuses to outstanding teachers to mentor other teachers; expedite the standards revision and implementation timeline; institute that every school will have a reading coach in all Florida schools; establish a public recognition program for high performing school leaders within the William Cecil Golden Program; establishment of the office of Math and Science, Division of Workforce Education and the Division of Finance and Operations; provide that community colleges may offer baccalaureate programs in teaching, nursing, and applied sciences.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the 2007-08 Legislative Agenda as presented. Mr. Martinez stated for the record that he disagreed with the agreement between community colleges and the State Board of Education addressing baccalaureate degrees in teaching, nursing, and applied sciences. The motion to approve the Legislative Agenda was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Proposed Class Size Transfer Calculation and District Eligibility for Voluntary Pre-K School Program (VPK)

Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations Linda Champion provided an overview on the proposed class size transfer calculation for the 2006-07 school year. Ms. Champion stated that after all appeals have been considered, there are 86 traditional public schools and 49 charter schools not in compliance with the class

size requirement. Ms. Champion proposed that the total transfer amount of \$5.3 million would be presented to the Legislative Budget Commission. Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the class size transfer calculation. Mrs. Callaway made the motion with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the determination of ineligibility for non-compliant schools. The motion was made by Mrs. Callaway with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Recommendations of the Charter School Appeal Commission

Discovery Education Services d/b/a Discovery Academy of Science vs. The District School Board of Orange County

Attorney Lynda Barrow Moser was present on behalf of Discovery Education Services. Attorney Mike Olenick was present on behalf of the District School Board of Orange County. Mrs. Taylor expressed concern over the financial integrity of Discovery Education Services. Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to grant the Charter School Appeal. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Mr. Martinez. The vote passed with Mrs. Taylor being the opposing vote.

Imagine Charter School at Pasco vs. The District School Board of Pasco County, Florida

Attorney M.B. Adelson was present on behalf of Imagine Charter School at Pasco. Attorney Mike Olenick was present on behalf of the District School Board of Pasco County. Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the charter school appeal. Mrs. Raulerson made the motion with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

Padah's Academy vs. The School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

Ms. Mary White was present on behalf of Padah's Academy. Attorney Greg Hearing was present on behalf of the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida. Chairman Fair called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission to deny the Charter School Appeal. Mrs. Callaway made the motion with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

Good Start University, Inc. and Good Start Academy, Inc. vs. The School Board of St. Johns County, Florida

Mr. Moses Floyd and Ann Floyd were present on behalf of Good Start University, Inc. and Good Start Academy, Inc. Attorney Mike Olenick was present on behalf of the School Board of St. Johns County, Florida. Chairman Fair called for a motion to deny

the charter school appeal. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The vote passed unanimously.

Universal Education Services Inc. d/b/a Osceola Universal Schools vs. The School Board of Osceola County, Florida

Attorney Lynda Barrow Moser was present on behalf of Universal Education Services. Attorney Suzanne D'Agresta was present on behalf of The School Board of Osceola County. Chairman Fair called for a motion to grant the appeal of the charter school. Mrs. Callaway made the motion with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed with Mrs. Taylor being the opposing vote.

Approval of Teacher Performance Pay Plans for Nassau, Putnam, DeSoto, Suwanee, St. Lucie, and Gilchrist Counties. P.K. Yonge Developmental School and Charter Schools: Aventura City of Excellence, Bonita Springs Charter School, Cape Coral Charter, Coral Springs Charter, Downtown Miami Charter, Four Corners Charter Elementary/Middle, Gateway Charter High, Gateway Charter School, Hollywood Academy Middle School of Arts and Science, Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science, Keys Gate Charter, North Broward Academy of Excellence, North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle, Palm Bay Community Charter, Renaissance Charter Middle, Renaissance Elementary, Six Mile Charter Academy K-6, Lawrence Academy, Inc, Terrace Community Middle Charter, Berkley Accelerated Middle School, Day Star Academy of Excellence, Four Corners Charter School, Good Schools for All Leadership Academy, and Montessori Academy of Northern Palm Beach.

K-12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided an historical overview on the history of Performance Pay Plans. Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the teacher performance pay plans as submitted. Ms. Shanahan made the motion with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Community College Baccalaureate Proposals: Introduction and Overview.

Chief of Staff Jeanine Blomberg provided an overview on the history of baccalaureate degree programs. Mrs. Blomberg stated that community colleges' proposals to offer baccalaureate degrees must include the following information: (1) Demand for the program by the workforce development board, local businesses, and industry, local chambers of commerce, and potential students; (2) unmet need for graduates of the proposed degree program is substantiated; (3) the community college has the facilities and academic resources to deliver the program.

Vice Chancellor Judy Bilsky provided an overview of the application pre-approval process. Dr. Bilsky stated that the following community colleges submitted proposals to offer Baccalaureate Degree programs: (1) Chipola College; (2) Edison College; (3) Indian River Community College; (4) Miami Dade College and; (5) Okaloosa Walton College.

Indian River Community College President Dr. Ed Massey provided an overview on the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management. Dr. Massey stated that this degree would provide on-the-job promotion opportunities for those who currently do not hold a bachelors degree.

Chairman Fair recognized University of West Florida President Dr. John Cavanaugh. Ms. Kitty Myers was present on behalf of Chipola College.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the BAS in General Business Management at Chipola College. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Callaway. The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the BS Degree Programs in Secondary Math Education and Biology Education at Edison College. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Raulerson. The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the BS Degree Programs in Elementary Teacher Education and Middle Grades Math/Science as submitted by Okaloosa-Walton College. The motion was made by Ms. Shanahan with a second by Mrs. Taylor. The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve all BS Degree Programs as submitted by Indian River Community College. The motion was made by Mrs. Taylor with a second by Mrs. Shanahan. The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Fair called for a motion to approve the BS Degree Program in Nursing at Miami Dade College. Mr. Martinez made the motion with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The vote passed unanimously.

Policy Issues for Concurrence

Process to Obtain Approval for Exclusive Authority to Sponsor Charter Schools

Executive Director of the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Carlo Rodriguez provided an overview of the requirements and the recommendations to enter into rulemaking to solidify the process and provide an opportunity for public input into the process by both charter school operators and school district staff.

Executive Director Carlo Rodriguez recognized the following to provide comments on the process to obtain approval for Exclusive Authority to sponsor charter schools: Wendy Dodge of the Polk County School; Executive Director, Rene Lewis, Florida Charter School Consortium; Liza McFadden, Vice Chair, Florida Schools of Excellence; Dr. Jim Hamilton, Hillsborough County School District; Dr. Tim Kitts, Bay Haven Academy; and Jon Hage, CEO Charter Schools USA.

Timeline for Revision of Sunshine State Standards

K12 Chancellor Cheri Yecke provided an overview of the revision process of Sunshine State Standards. Chancellor Yecke stated that some legislative changes regarding the adoption of textbooks would assist in reaching the two year implementation cycle.

Executive Director for Assessment and School Performance Cornelia Orr provided a brief overview of steps it would take to realign the FCAT assessment with the revision timeline of the Sunshine State Standards. Dr. Orr stated that realigning the FCAT is sequential and the first year it would be available for students would be in the Spring of 2010.

Mr. Martinez encouraged the Department to begin working toward implementation of a two-year Sunshine State Standards revision cycle.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Fair stated that the next Board meeting will be held March 20, 2007, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Having no further business, Chairman Fair adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education.

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

T. Willard Fair, Chairman