**ACTION ITEM -- MAJOR SYSTEMS WORK SESSION SUMMARY**

1. Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the School Board of Seminole County accept as part of its permanent record this report of the June 5, 2014 Major Systems Update work session.

2. Background/Analysis:

School Board Chairman Karen Almond called to order the Major Systems Update work session on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 1:03 p.m. All School Board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Walt Griffin, Deputy Superintendents Dr. Anna-Marie Cote and George Kosmac, Executive Director of Human Resources Boyd Karns, Executive Director of Secondary Education-High Schools Dr. Mike Blasewitz, Executive Director of Secondary Education-Middle Schools Dr. Robin Dehlinger, Director of ePathways Dr. Jason Wysong, Director of Teaching and Learning Dr. Corbet Wilson, Director of Staffing and State Reporting Tim Harper, Director of Employee and Government Relations Mark Russi, Coordinator Assessment and Accountability Kelly Thompson, Administrator on Assignment for Data and Compliance, Cheri Meyers and Coordinator of Instructional Resources Kathy Green.

Dr. Griffin explained the purpose of the work session is to review the legislative updates from the Florida House and Senate legislative session this year as it affects our major systems quadrants: Assessment, Data Systems, Evaluations, and Teaching and Learning/Instruction. Dr. Cote explained that due to the complexity of the information to be presented the updates to each quadrant would be delivered and summarized by a quadrant leader.

Dr. Wilson introduced the Teaching and Learning Quadrant. Ms. Green reviewed Senate Bill 864-Instructional Materials and the district adoption process. SB 864 states that the School Board is responsible for establishing a process for adopting instructional materials and that at least 50% of the allocation be set aside for digital instructional materials for the 14/15 school year. House Bill 5001-Instructional Materials covers the appropriations provided for instruction materials to include library media, science labs, dual enrollment, digital materials for students with disabilities, and a portion shall be available for purchase of instructional content and technology. Dr. Wysong reviewed House Bill 5101- K-20 Education Conforming Bill. HB 5101 has two parts: part one is a state five year strategic plan to establish Florida digital classrooms. This plan must be established by October 1, 2014 and must identify minimum technology requirements and digital tools and resources the state would like to adopt. Part two of HB 5101 states that each school district board shall adopt a digital classroom plan and submit the plan for approval to the DOE by October 1, 2014. Upon approval of our plan Seminole County Public School’s Digital Learning Classrooms Allocation will be $766,637. This allocation will be proportionately shared with our charter schools. Dr. Wysong and Dr. Blasewitz presented information on HB 5101 pertaining to dual enrollment, virtual education, and computer science courses.

Dr. Wysong introduced Senate Bill 850. As of the date of this work session this bill had not been signed by Governor Scott. SB 850 was submitted as a single item bill and passed as an omnibus bill on the last day of Legislative session with twenty two amendments. SB 850 is made up of many different components. The first component of SB 850 is Career & Professional Education (CAPE). CAPE introduces a digital tools certificate offered to K-8 students dealing with word processing, spreadsheets, digital arts, and coding. The Legislature wants at least 75% of middle grades students to earn at least one CAPE Digital Tools certificate by July 1, 2018. CAPE also reaffirms the commitment to industry certifications in grades 6-12. CAPE introduces two new opportunities for high school students; CAPE
Innovations and CAPE Acceleration. Dr. Dehlinger presented the second component of SB 850; an early warning system for struggling middle grade students. The third component deals with course code directory and professional development. Dr. Blasewitz presented information on the forth component; hazing and the requirements for reporting hazing incidents. Dr. Blasewitz presented information on the fifth component; a collegiate high school program. The Crooms Academy of Information Technology program fulfills our requirement for providing a collegiate high school. Dr. Wysong presented information on the sixth component; Voucher Programs. SB 850 establishes the Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Account for eligible students. SB 850 also expands eligibility for participation in the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Dr. Wysong presented information on the seventh component; special education. SB 850 repeals a special diploma option for students with disabilities effective July 1, 2015. Dr. Cummings presented information on the eighth component; 3rd grade retention and the parental notification requirement. Dr. Wysong presented information on the ninth component in SB 850 which deals with students in the Juvenile Justice Program, driver education courses, high school equivalency examinations and the district's requirement to report annually on student access to and participation in fine arts courses. Dr. Wilson summarized the changes to the Teaching and Learning Quadrant.

The School Board Chairman recessed the work session at 2:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

Dr. Harper introduced the Assessment Quadrant. Ms. Thompson presented information on SB 1642-Education and Accountability Revisions. Some of the highlighted revisions to this bill are the letter grade penalties, bonus calculations for learning gains and how the transition will be handled, district grade calculations, district report cards, and student medical exemptions from statewide assessments. SB 1642 also includes requirements for standards based assessment implementation and which local assessments can be used for teacher assessments. Ms. Thompson reviewed course code and testing information. Of the 595 courses offered in our high schools, 363 courses are not covered under an existing test and require the district to write test items, blueprints and tests for these courses. Staff will be working this summer on writing items for tests for secondary courses without an assessment and test blueprint development for the courses that have existing items created by the state. Dr. Harper presented information on test implementation and scheduling, and the variety of testing options with budget implications. Dr. Harper summarized SB 1642. Ms. Meyers presented information on HB 7031-General Bill by the K-12 Subcommittee. This bill is known as the “clean-up” bill for last year’s HB1076. SB 850, if passed, overrides most of the provisions of this bill. This bill addresses a variety of middle school and high school items such as: middle school EOCs, high school testing requirements, high school physical education requirements, high school online course requirements, industry certifications, Scholars diploma designation, Merit diploma designation, uniform transfer of high school credits, revised duties of the Auditor General, and revised membership of district school boards. Dr. Harper summarized the changes to the Assessment Quadrant.

Dr. Harper introduced the Data Quadrant. Mr. Russi presented information on Senate Bill 188-Education Data Privacy. SB 188 covers notification of rights, limitations on providing education records, directory information, and student identification numbers. SCPS does not use student’s social security numbers to identify our students. School Board policies 5.70 Student Records and 5.71 Directory Information will need to be revised as a result of SB 188. Mr. Russi presented information on House Bill 337-Teacher Classroom Supply Allocation. Teachers will receive their allocation no later than September 30, 2014 in the amount of $250.00. Mr. Russi presented information on Senate Bill 1524 Information Protection Act. This bill deals with the protection of personal information and requires districts to develop a process for detecting, reporting, and responding to suspected or confirmed security incidents.

Mr. Karns introduced the Evaluation Quadrant. Mr. Karns presented information on House Bill 433-
Educator Certification. HB 433 deals with certification and qualifications of teachers that are assigned to struggling schools. Mr. Russi presented information on House Bill 485-Sexual Offenses Against Students by Authority Figures. This bill created state statute 775.0862-battery offense by an authority figure upon a student younger than 18 years of age. Mr. Karns presented information on FS 1012.34 and 1012.3401-Instructional and School Administrator Evaluations and FS 1012.22-Instructional and School Administrator Compensation.

School Board members thanked staff for putting together the information presented at this work session.

The work session adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

3. Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the District.

4. Prepared by:

Walt Griffin, Superintendent of The School Board of Seminole County Florida

RESULT: APPROVED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dede Schaffner, Board Member
SECONDER: Amy Lockhart, Board Member
AYES: Karen Almond, Tina Calderone, Amy Lockhart, Dede Schaffner

5. Board Meeting Date 07/29/2014

Updated: 6/23/2014 8:13 PM by Anna-Marie Cote