

Administrative Office, School Board Room
Bronson, FL
September 13, 2016
5:45 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 13th day of September, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. with Board Chair Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator Dennis Webber had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 17-01 (mother, sister and student present): After discussion from the Board Members, Brad Etheridge moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2016-2017 SY and 2017-2018 SY, without services. Motion carried.

6:00 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 13th day of September, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chair Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Adoption of Agenda: Cameron Asbell moved to approve, second by, Chris Cowart motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Paige Brookins welcomes all visitors and asked if there was anyone from the audience who wanted to address the Board.

FSA Perfect Score Recognitions: Mr. John Lott Jr. Welcomed all the parents and students that came for the Perfect score Recognition. He called out the students names while Mr. Hastings presented the certificate and shook their hand. Afterwards Mr. Lott Jr. had all of the students come back up front and get a picture together for the paper.

Essay: Mr. John Lott Jr. then introduced Lacy Redd the Principal of CES to come up. Ms. Redd came up and spoke about having her students to write an essay about what it means to be an American. She then introduced one of her students Clair Horn who read her essay.

Insurance Presentation: Kalee Wade presented to the board the bids for the school insurance. She went over what the companies had to offer. She informed everyone about the flu shots and passed out a schedule for when they were available. She asked the board to look over the insurance company's bids so they would be able to vote at the next board meeting on September 27, 2016. She asked that the board vote on the Life Insurance renewal tonight so that it would not expire. Chris Cowart moved to approve, second by Brad Etheridge Motion carried.

Public Hearing Adoption of the Final 2016-2017 Millage and Budget: Bob Clemons informed the Board that this was the second and final hearing of the two required public hearings to be held concerning the millage and budget for the 2016-2017 school year, stating that the purpose of the hearing was to adopt the final millage and final budget and to provide the public the opportunity to offer input. After further

review and discussion of the budget information distributed by Mr. Clemons, the Board took the following action. (See Supplemental Minutes)

- 1) Chris Cowart moved to approve the final millage rates as follows and adopt the resolution.

Required local effort	4.6370
Basic Discretionary (operating)	0.748
Capital Outlay	<u>1.500</u>
Total Millage	6.8850

The total millage reflects a negative change of 3.32% of the current year's total proposed rate as a percent change of the rolled-back rate as found on line 22 of the schools taxable value.

Brad Etheridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 2) Motion by Chris Cowart with second by Brad Etheridge, to approve the final budget and adopt the resolution to adopt the final budget. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 Board Meeting, second by Brad Etheridge. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Rick Turner moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent, second by Cameron Asbell. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:

Mr. Hastings congratulated Jeff Edison for being elected as our new Superintendent for the Levy County School Board. He then went on to let the board know that Angela Hogan his confidential secretary had surgery and would be out for a few weeks. He asked that everyone keep her in their prayers. Mr. Hastings spoke about an article that the Dade County School Board had put in the paper on how they were going to cut back on testing for their students. He also said that Levy County had already cut back on their testing. He disagrees with the teachers getting paid by the number of students passing tests. He said "we test students to see what they have learned and to see what we still have to teach them, and that should not affect teachers pay". He let the board know that the City of Williston had rejected the school boards offer to sell them the old Williston High School and instead of paying cash they could take the money off of the school boards electric bill. Mr. Hastings then went on to say that he was talking to the state and trying to get 1.2 million dollars from them for the turn lane on Hwy 41 and the removal of the rock and dirt from the new WMHS that the School Board had to pay.

Mr. Hastings then spoke about keeping in contact with Jeff Edison and John Lott Jr. while he was out of town during the storm and how he kept Holly informed. He also spoke with her after the storm and let her know that there was a lot of water, road and bridge damage as well as businesses and homes, but there was minimal damage to the school. He talked about the impacted the storm had on Cedar Key, and how the community got together to clean it up. He also thanked the lunchroom workers for keeping the shelters up and running. They had a young man that had a birthday during the storm and the lunch room workers made him a cake and sang him Happy Birthday. In closing he asked that we all keep Cedar Key residents in our prayers.

Board Comments:

Brad Etheridge let everyone know that the ribbon cutting at WMHS went well. He also let everyone know that WMHS needs a P.E. coach. He let everyone know that WMHS had won their first football game. Rick Turner reminded everyone that the Beast Feast was October first and that it would be at Brad Etheridge's packing shed which was covered in case of bad weather. He also thanked Donna and Sherry

for stepping in for Angela while she is out. Chris Cowart thanked everyone that helped in the clean up of Cedar Key. A special thanks to Coach Richardson and the football players for their help and Joshua Slemp and help for cleaning up the school. Cameron Asbell also commented on the clean up efforts of all and thanked Central Florida Electric, Duke Energy for their dedicated service.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Chairman