

**Administrative Office, School Board Room  
Bronson, FL  
September 27, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Chris Cowart moved to approve, second by, Brad Etheridge 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.

**CMHS Presentation:** Matthew McLelland principal of CMHS came up and introduced Bailey Beauchamp to talk about her experience with the State Representatives in Tallahassee and her trip to Washington D.C. . Bailey started off saying that she is involved in everything that she can be at school. She is a senior, Cheer leader, member of the BETA Club, involved in FFA, and President in SGA. Bailey said that she has gotten the opportunity to have an internship with Charlie Stone one day a week, which allowed her to set in on the Rotary Club session. She also was able to be part of the voting process. Bailey said that she was able to take a 2 day tour of Washington D.C. that was sponsored by Central Florida Electric and that she also meet Ted Yoho. She said she was proud to be part of a small rural county because it allowed her the opportunity to do all the things that she has done and she has learned a lot. She thanked Central Florida Electric again for sponsoring her trip to Washington D.C..

**Insurance Presentation:** Kalee Wade went over the insurance renewal with the board one more time. She recommended that we keep the same company for vision and dental saying that the rate stayed the same. Kalee also recommended that we stay self insured after the renewal committee reviewed all the bids that they had received. There were a few insurance agents that asked questions about our procedures on renewing and after explaining and a brief discussion the board voted to renew with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Rick Turner moved to approve, second by, Brad Etheridge Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Rick Turner moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Board Meeting, second by Brad Etheridge Motion carried.

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

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Mr. Hastings spoke about the school board doing what was best for our employees with renewals and that we could not make all the vendors happy but that we would take all of their thoughts into consideration. He then spoke about how sad it was that we have had a number of students in our county loose their life's recently as well as a member of our staff, Pam Thompson. He asked that we all keep their families in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Hastings then went on to say that the Construction of WMHS went very well even though we have some glitches and short comings our school is up and running unlike Dixie County that had their school under construction at the same time as ours. He said that Todd Duffy had commented on how efficient our finance department was and that they appreciated how well they stayed on top of the invoices and things. Mr. Hastings agreed that we do have a great finance department and that on top of their own job, for the

last 14 months and 40 million dollars they have been on top of all the paper work for the construction of the new WMHS. Bob Clemmons then came up and presented them both with flowers in appreciation of all of their hard work and the extra hours that they had put in.

**Board Comments:** Chris Cowart reminded everyone that the Beast Feast was this Saturday and that the doors opened at 5:30 and dinner starts at 6:00. Cameron Asbell wanted to thank Bruce Greenlee for the excellent job that he is doing behind the scenes with his transportation crew and how well he communicates with them. He also thanked Julia Oberst for brining in chicken biscuits and a few other items that they serve in our lunch rooms for them to sample. Brad Etheridge thanked Breezy Stockman and his team for their behind the scenes work fixing everything that breaks in a timely manner. He also said that he was looking forward to the Beast Feast Saturday evening and that he also has a Festival on Saturday morning at his place so to make sure that you follow the signs and turn into the right place when going to the Beast Feast. Rick Turner then added that they hope that there was enough hay bails in Levy County for Brad Etheridge, that he kept calling and asking for more hay. He ended up needing 50 bails. He also thanked all the people behind the scenes that work so hard to get things done. He thanked the insurance comity for doing a good job looking over the insurance renewals. Paige Brookins then said the she appreciates all of the updates that everyone has shared and also thanked all the people behind the scenes that work so hard.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Paige Brookins, Chairman