

Bronson, FL
December 13, 2016
4:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 13th day of December, 2016 at 4:40 p.m. with Board Chair Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney Brent Hartman, present.

Expulsion Hearings: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsions. After the School Administrators Candy Prescott and Lindsay Legler had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 17-04 (mother and student present): After discussion from the Board Members, Paige Brookins 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, with the opportunity to attend the Alternative School, a baseline drug test and drug testing every 30 days, at the parents' expense. Motion carried.

Student 17-05 (mother, grandmother great-grandmother and student present): After discussion from the Board Members, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Brad Etheridge to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2016-2017 SY and 2017-2018 SY, with the opportunity to attend LLA Alternative School, a baseline drug test and drug testing every 30 days, at the parents' expense. Motion carried.

Student 17-06 (parent and student present): After discussion from the Board Members, Paige Brookins 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, with the opportunity to attend LLA Alternative School and to receive Anger Management Counseling, while enrolled at LLA. Motion carried.

Student 17-07 (parent 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.

REGULAR SESSION 6:00 p.m.

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

Adoption of Agenda: Cameron Asbell moved and second by Paige Brookins, to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Chris Cowart welcomes all visitors and asked if there was anyone from the audience who wanted to address the Board. Visitor Ruth Rupert thanked the Superintendent and Board Members for all they do for the students of Levy County and for supporting the Summer Reading Programs.

YTS Presentation: Ms. Melody Carson, YTS First Grade Teacher, had her first and fifth grade students perform to the sound track from Lee Greenwood, God Bless the USA, by singing and signing the words. The Board congratulated and thanked them for their performance and said they did a fantastic job.

Trauma Informed Care Presentation: Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, gave a Power Point Presentation and an overview of Trauma-Informed Care. She said she will have complete presentations during PD Days at BES, CES, BMHS and LLA. She said this program is a multi-agency network for students with emotional / behavioral disabilities. She reviewed the indicators with the Board and showed a video of examples on how to identify trauma in students and co-workers. Paige gave everyone a Trauma-Informed Care Wheel, which has definitions on one side and the identifying symptoms on the reverse side.

ESOL Project Stellar Grant: Valerie Boughanem introduced Dr. Maria Coady, a Professor at UF ESOL and International Studies. She supports the county Administrators in ESOL Trainings and applying for Grants. Dr. Coady gave a PowerPoint overview of the Project STELLAR, (Supporting Teachers and Educators of English Language Learners Across Rural Settings), which is a 5-year Grant from the United States DOE to provide high quality professional development to teachers and educational leaders of ELLs, English Language Learners.

Social Studies Textbook Adoption: Carol DuBois gave a Power Point Presentation for Social Studies Textbook Adoption and the proposed timeline for adoption. She said the U.S. History for middle and high schools have state EOC Exams which count for 30% of the student's grade. She said areas for Social Studies review are World History, U.S. History, Social Studies and Civics. She said everyone will be involved with the textbook adoption.

Fierce Conversations Presentation: John R. Lott, Jr., Assistant Superintendent gave a Power Point presentation on Fierce Conversations. He said this presentation was given by NEFEC in training for the Administrators in Faculty Development. He said NEFEC showed everyone how to come out from behind yourself to make the conversation real.

Approval of Minutes: Rick Turner moved to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Board Meeting, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Brad Etheridge moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Heather Hawkins, WMHS Food Service Worker, **resignation**, effective December 6, 2016, original hire date August 14, 2014.
2. John D. Ronchetti, CES Custodian, **resignation**, effective November 18, 2016, original hire date August 24, 2016.
3. LuAnn Love, WMHS Teacher, PE, effective November 28, 2016, **replacing** Trent Viau.
4. Cassandra Webster, District Bus Driver, **increase** drive time from 6 hours **to** 7.75 hours.
5. Amy Jo Boyd, District Bus Driver, **increase** drive time from 7.25 hours **to** 8 hours.
6. Keyiah Swopshire, District Bus Driver, **decrease** drive time from 7.75 hours **to** 7.25 hours.
7. Carnesia James, District Bus Driver Aide, **decrease** time from 6 hours **to** 5 hours.
8. Tiffany Roberts, District Bus Driver, **decrease** drive time from 8 hours **to** 7 hours.
10. Gloria Petty, BMHS Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective December 31, 2016.
11. Eva Jean Watson, JBES Teacher Aide, resignation from employment, **to participate in DROP**, effective January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2021.
12. Candace M. Dean, **change position** from Director of Personnel, **to** Assistant Superintendent of Administration, **effective** January 3, 2017, and **change in funding**, as follows:

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To: 1000E 7200 0110 9001 11030 100%

13. Julius L. Dexter, Bus Driver, *resignation*, effective December 20, 2016, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 10, 2016.
14. Gerald Miller, District Maintenance / Bus Mechanic, *resignation*, effective January 3, 2017, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 7, 2002.
15. Amanda Brown, WMHS Custodian, *effective* December 1, 2016, *replacing* Stephen Goldbolt.
16. Rhonda M. Garner, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective December 20, 2016, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date November 16, 2015.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Approved Sept. 27, 2016):** Angela Heredia, BES, *extended* Family Medical Leave through October 17, 2016 - January 2, 2017, *amend ending date to* December 5, 2016.

c) Military Leave Requests:

1. Lamar Doug Asbell, Jr., Training Blitz, December 8 and 9, 2016 (8 hours per day).

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Jiannina C. Hudson, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, FFA Middle School Conference, December 3-4, 2016, Haines City, FL., expenses paid from Internal Accounts.
2. John C. Wilder, WMHS Teacher, FFAE Mid-Winter Conference, January 4-8, 2017, Haines City, FL., expenses paid from Project #15322.
3. John C. Wilder, WMHS Teacher, FFA Board of Directors Meeting and State Officers Workshop, January 26-27, 2017, Haines City, FL., expenses paid from Project #15322.
4. Tanya Taylor, WMHS Teacher, FETC Conference, January 24-27, 2017, Orlando, FL., expenses paid from Project #15322.
5. Teresa Pinder, ESE SS District LATS Specialist, Access Points Advisory Committee Meeting, December 7-8, 2016, Tallahassee, FL., expenses paid from Project #40290 F2017.
6. Julia Oberst, District Food Service Coordinator, 2017 Legislative Action Caucus, February 13-14, 2017, Tallahassee, FL., expenses paid from Project #41000.
7. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, CASE, FOIL and FASSA Collaborative Meeting, February 15-17, 2017, Altamonte Springs, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2017.
8. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, ISRD / NEFEC ESE Mid-Year ESE Directors' Meeting, February 21-23, 2017, St. Augustine, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #14939.
9. Scott Hall, WMHS Teacher, Baseball Clinic, December 8-9, 2016, Daytona Beach, FL., no cost to Board.
10. Henry Cobb, WMHS Teacher, Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Conference, January 11-14, 2017, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL., sub only cost to Board, Project #11038.

11. Catherine Sturgill, WMHS Teacher, American Classical League Mid-Year Meeting, January 13-16, 2017, Philadelphia, PA., ACL pays all travel expenses, including sub, plane and hotel; no cost to Board.
12. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), attend the following conferences, travel expenses paid from Project #40290:
 - January 5-6, 2017 - AT in the classroom, Palatka, FL.
 - January 11-13, 2017 – R-LATS Duties Flagler County, Palm Coast and Bunnell
 - January 17-21, 2017 – Assistive Technology Industry Association Conference, Orlando, FL.
 - January 24-25, 2017 – (FETC) Future Educators Technology Conference, Orlando, FL.
13. Jennifer Handley, WMHS Teacher, WIDA Training, November 30 – December 2, 2016, Jacksonville, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40220 F2017.
14. John R. Lott, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Commissioners Leadership Academy, January 10-11, 2017, Orlando, FL., hotel, mileage and meal reimbursements paid for by Council for Educational Change; therefore, no cost to Board.
15. ISRD LEA Training for ESE District Staff and Administrators, February 2-3, 2017, Chipley, FL., subs paid from Project #40230, mileage, meals, and hotel paid from Project #14939, for the following:

CMHS: Danielle Rosson, Assistant Principal and Teri Edison, School Counselor

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. BMHS and CMHS, SGA District II Retreat, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, December 4-5, 2016, Chaperones Valerie Perez, Carlotta Neill, County Van, Private Vehicles, 17 students, travel expenses paid from Project #15300, and all other expenses paid from the SGA Internal Accounts.
2. WMHS 8th Grade end-of-the-year field trip / transition from Middle to High School, Universal Studios, Orlando, FL., May 5, 2017, Chaperones Barbara Leathers, Camille Thompson, Mario Martinez, Jenny Handley, Ashley Faust, Tanya Taylor, Natalie Couey, Charter Bus, and 160 students, travel expenses paid from Internal Accounts.

f) Instructional Services:

1. 2016-2017 Agreement with Professional Development for Achievement DBA / Core Connections, Inc., to provide Writing and Classroom Model Trainings, August 2016 through June 2017, paid from Title II Project #40220 F2017.
2. 2016-2017 Agreement with Cambridge Education, to provide Effective Classroom Observation Training to CES, BMHS and WMHS, paid from Project #13917 and #40220 F2017.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Information as of November 2016.
- b) Budget Amendments 3B.

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Edison shared names of the school-based TOYs, ESPOYs, the District TOY and ESPOY. He updated the Board on the FADSS Conference in Tampa, and the 2017 Legislative Platform. He updated them on the Florida Accountability System and the different assessments required for accountability. Mr. Edison said there will be additional pathways for students to receive a diploma. He informed the

Board about the Master Board Training May 4 and 5, in Gainesville. All Board members agreed they want to participate in the training for certification. Superintendent Edison updated the Board about the new Federal issued requirement for health insurance, effective January 1, 2017, which requires agencies to provide services, such as medication or surgery, for gender re-assignment. He said since SBLC is self insured, we have the option to opt-out. Brad Etheridge made a motion, second by Cameron Asbell to opt out of providing the new services, motion carried.

Board Comments: Paige Brookins asked Bob Clemons, Finance Director, about the recent audit. He said the audit was clear and clean. Rick Turner said if projects and initiatives could be paid for by grants, then it would free up school money for other needs. Brad Etheridge and all Board Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holidays. Cameron Asbell said he's thankful to live in Levy County. He said the Professional Development is fantastic and he appreciates all the Schools' Marquees keeping the Levy County residents updated with information. Chris Cowart congratulated the Cedar Key Hi-Q Team for placing 2nd in the District, and the FFA Team for doing well. He said CES is having a cake and pie auction on Thursday, December 15th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board going into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Chris Cowart, Board Chairman