

Bronson, FL
March 14, 2017
5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 14th day of March, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, and Board Attorney David Delaney, present. Board Member Cameron Asbell was not present for the meeting.

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

Student 17-14 (parents and student present): After discussion from the Board Members, Brad Etheridge moved with second by Rick Turner 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 Levy Learning Academy, a baseline drug test and drug testing every 30 days, at the parents' expense. Motion carried.

Student 17-15 (mother and student were not present): After discussion from the Board Members, Brad Etheridge moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2016-2017 SY and 2017-2018 SY, without educational services. Motion carried.

Student 17-16 (mother and student were not present): After discussion from the Board Members, Rick Turner 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, without educational services. Student may contact the Superintendent in July, 2017, to schedule a meeting to reappear before the Board to request to attend Levy Learning Academy for the 2017-2018 SY. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION 6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 14th day of March, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Cameron Asbell was not present for the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: For good cause, Brad Etheridge asked that the Agenda be amended to delete item E) CES School Presentation – Lacy Redd, and to re-alphabetize the remainder of the items on the agenda. Paige Brookins moved to amend the Agenda, second by Rick Turner. Paige Brookins moved to approve the amended agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Chris Cowart welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience who would like to address the Board. There were none.

School Choice Plan – For Information Only: Assistant Superintendent John Lott gave a PowerPoint presentation and updated the Board about the new legislation plan regarding Parental Choice. He said the new plan will be in effect for the 2017/2018 SY. He said the SBLC must adopt a controlled open plan that allows parents to choose the school they want their child(ren) to attend. They can only be considered for enrollment if the school has not reached its capacity for enrollment stations.

District LOGO Update and Presentation: Superintendent Jeff Edison shared copies of the proposed new SBLC Logo with the Board. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved and seconded by Paige Brookins to approve one of the three logos, with modifications and changes as requested by the Board, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved and second by Rick Turner to approve the minutes of the February 14 and February 28, 2017 Board meetings, with the dates corrected. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Rick Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Carmelita Halchak, WES Teacher, 3rd Grade, *effective* March 2, 2017, *replacing* Cindy Hiter, retirement.
2. Jeffery L. Tindale, BES Custodian, *effective* February 28, 2017, *replacing* William Roberson.
3. Gabriela DeOliveira, BES Teacher, KG, *effective* March 6, 2017, *replacing* Donna Loudermilk.
4. Kyndra Sailor, WMHS Food Service Worker, 6 hour daily, *effective* March 1, 2017, *replacing* Tina Jacono.
5. Nancy Perez Rivera, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESOL, *resignation* effective March 8, 2017, original hire date October 29, 2013.
6. Shanna Harris, WMHS Food Service Worker, *increase* hours *from* 5 hours daily *to* 7 hours daily, *effective* March 6, 2017, hours remaining available from Bernita Hawkins-Smith's position.
7. Teresa Ozment, WMHS Teacher, Math, Original DROP exit date was August 31, 2017, *extending exit date* to July 31, 2018.
8. Vance Dickey, CKS Teacher, PE / HOPE, *resignation* effective March 10, 2017, original hire date August 3, 2016.
9. Caeli Woodard, BES ESE Aide, *effective* March 8, 2017, *replacing* Tara Morin.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. FASFEPa / ECTAC Spring Technical Assistance Forum, May 9-12, 2017, Orlando, FL., travel expenses to be paid from the following Projects:

Project # 42412 F2017: Michael Homan, District Coordinator, Title Programs
Amanda B. Smith, District Office Secretary
Anna Forde, District Office Grants Manager

Project # 40293 F2017: Valerie Boughanem, District ESOL / Testing Coordinator

Project #40298 F2017: Laura Klock, District Coordinator, Pre-K, Student Services

2. Joseph Wain, District Coordinator, Transportation, FAPT 28th Annual Training Meeting, April 10-13, 2017, Eustis, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17800.
3. Teresa Pinder, ESE District LATS Specialist, travel expenses paid from the MTSS Project #40290 F2017, RLATS Project #, or as indicated, for the following:

- Accessible Educational Materials Technical Assistance Meeting & Universal Design for Learning / International Research Network Conference, March 27-31, 2017, Orlando.
 - Range Finding – Florida Standards Alternate Assessment, April 11-14, 2017, Dover, New Hampshire, Project #14890, all travel expenses direct reimbursement by Measure Progress.
 - Region 2 Spring Meeting, April 17-19, 2017, Orange Park, FL.
 - Environmental Communication Training #4, April 20-21, 2017, Orange Park, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties, Flagler County, April 23-25, 2017, Palm Coast and Bunnell, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties, Flagler County, May 21-23, 2017, Palm Coast and Bunnell, FL.
4. Julia Oberst, District Coordinator, Food Service, PBG Spring Meeting and FSNA Annual Conference, April 19-23, 2017, Kissimmee and Orlando, travel expenses paid from Project #41000.
 5. Anna Kroll, District Interim Finance Director, Fraud Fest 2017, March 15-16, 2017, Gainesville, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17500.
 6. Matthew Dettloff, CMHS Teacher, CTE, CTE Leadership Conference, April 23-25, 2017, Bradenton, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15322.
 7. Leigh Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, SEDNET State Workdays, April 4-7, 2017, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40234 F2017.

c) Illness in the Line of Duty:

1. **(Previously Board Approved February 28, 2017)** – Venisa Scott, Transportation Bus Driver Aide, February 14-24, 2017, *amend ending date to* February 28, 2017.

d) Family Medical Leave:

1. Venisa Scott, Transportation Bus Aide, March 1-10, 2017.
2. Patty Cline, WMHS Lunchroom Manager, February 28 – March 28, 2017.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. BMHS AVID College Tour, March 31, 2017, Valdosta, GA., chaperones Alyssa Raykovitz, Tina Wilkerson, 52 students, one county bus, travel expenses paid from Project #40241 F2017.

f) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:
 - a) 2016-2017 AGAPE Interpreting Services, paid from Project #40230 F2017. (Attachment)
 - b) 2016-2017 Amy Parker Therapy Services, PLLC, paid from Project #11022. (Attachment)
 - c) Cookie King Real Estate Agreement for Sale of Commercial Property – old WHS, March 14, - September 30, 2017.

g) Military Leave:

1. Lamar Doug Asbell, Jr., Maintenance, March 27-31, 2017 and April 3-7, 2017, Starke, FL.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for February, 2017.
- b) Preliminary and Tentative Findings Response 2015-2016 Audit.

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Edison updated the Board about his meeting with ACA regarding the WMHS Gymnasium. He said they will have three proposals projecting the costs and contingency fees for improving the air flow and ventilation in the new gym at WMHS. Brad Etheridge said if A/C can be added to the WMHS Gym, it will be the first in Levy County Schools. Rick Turner said he opposes A/C in school gyms. Mr. Edison read a letter written to the Governor thanking him for his strong commitments to improving and strengthening public education. The letter was signed by the Superintendent and the Board Members. He informed the Board that SBLC has a signed MOU with the Union for a potential grant. The grant will be for Teacher Leadership and have a funding between \$2-3 Million. Mr. Edison said the grant will assist with teacher retention, teacher support and colleagues being able to work side by side. He thanked Candy Dean, John Lott and Rhonda Bourne for working on the MOU to apply for the Grant.

Board Comments: Paige Brookins reminded everyone it's Suwannee River Fair time and asked the Board to decide which school they will purchase the animal for. Rick Turner requested a short executive session. Brad Etheridge said the WMHS cake auction raised over \$13,000. He said WES placed 2nd in the State for FFA. He said we need to support the Levy County Students with their animals at the SRF. Chris Cowart said competition is a good thing for students. He said one of our Chiefland students is paging for Representative Stone. Mr. Cowart said one of our retirees spoke very highly of our health clinic and said they are glad we have the services. He said he signed up for YOGA and encouraged others to join. He said the 2017-2018 School calendar will be up for vote soon.

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