

**Bronson, FL
July 31, 2017
5:01 p.m.**

REGULAR SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 31th day of July, 2017 at 5:01 p.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney Brent Hartman present, Cameron Asbell was not present.

Adoption of Agenda: Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Rick Turner, 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.

Athletics Update: Matt McLelland, Director of Administration, said the Athletic Directors are very excited to have the Athletic Trainers assist with the sporting events, which will ensure safety for the athletes. He said the schools will charge \$50.00 per student athlete. This will be a one-time charge, per student, regardless of how many sports they play. Mr. McLelland said this charge is very low compared to other districts. He said charges for participating in sports in other counties range from \$180 - \$600. Chris Cowart suggested adding the ROTC students to the group. Mr. McLelland said one dollar from each ticket sale will be applied towards the cost of the Athletic Trainers.

Public Hearing 2017-2018 Tentative Millage & Budget: Kim Lake 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 2017-2018 school year, stating that the purpose of the hearing was to adopt the final millage and budget and to provide the public the opportunity to offer input. After further review and discussion of the finance information packets, the Board took the following action.

1. Brad Etheridge moved to approve the tentative millage as follows and adopt the tentative millage resolution:

Required local effort	4.3170
Basic Discretionary (operating)	0.7480
Capital Outlay	<u>1.5000</u>
Total Millage	6.5650

The total millage reflects a negative changes (1.41%) 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. Paige Brookins seconded the motion, motion carried.

2. Paige Brookins moved to approve the tentative budget and adopt the resolution to adopt the tentative budget, seconded by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 Board meeting, second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

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

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Wanda Nickolls, CES Food Service Worker, *resignation from employment to Participate in DROP*, effective July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2022.
2. Approval of Job Description for Teacher, Art / Gifted.
3. Approval of Job Description for Teacher, Visually Impaired.
4. Recommendation to open an additional Pre-Kindergarten classroom unit at JBES.
5. S. Gail Hopping, WES Health Assistant, *resignation from employment to Participate in DROP*, effective August 1, 2017 and ending July 31, 2022.
6. Nicholas Paci, CES Teacher, PE, *resignation*, effective May 30, 2017, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date October 19, 2016.
7. Amy Freilds, CMHS Teacher, Science M/J, *effective* August 3, 2017, *replacing* Darby Allen.
8. James A. Smith, WMHS Administrative Assistant, *effective* August 3, 2017, *replacing* Scott Hall.
9. Elizabeth Erickson, JBES Teacher, 2nd Grade, *effective* August 3, 2017, *replacing* Lenita Cato.
10. Derek Shepherd, CMHS Teacher Aide, *effective* August 8, 2017, *vacancy*.
11. Christopher Jay Crooms, WMHS Teacher Aide, *effective* August 8, 2017, *vacancy*.
12. Erin Hurst, CMHS Teacher, Language Arts S/H, *effective* August 3, 2017, *replacing* Melissa Cook.
13. Meredith Stone, JBES Teacher, ESE, *change in funding*, effective August 3, 2017, as follows:

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14. Nickolas Vascellaro, BMHS Teacher, Soc. ST M/J, *effective* August 3, 2017, *replacing* Francis Raykovitz.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Julia Oberst, District Coordinator, Food Service, School Nutrition Association Annual National Conference, July 7-12, 2017, Atlanta, GA., travel expenses paid from Project #41000.
2. Leigh Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, Youth Mental Health Instructor Training, July 24-26, 2017, USF, Tampa, FL., all travel expenses paid directly by Project Aware, no cost to Board.

c) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:
 - i. 2017-2018 Agreement between the Alachua Multi-County Title I, Part C, Migrant Education

Program and the School Board of Levy County.

d) **Instructional Services:**

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:

- i. 2017-2018 I-Ready Training Professional Development Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Curriculum Associates, LLC.
- ii. 2017-2018 Professional Development Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Core Connections, Inc.

Superintendent’s Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Jeff Edison asked Marla Hiers to update the Board on the hiring status. He distributed the PD calendar for the month of August, and invited the Board to the first PD day for teachers, August 4, 2017 at CMHS. Candy Dean updated the Board on the process for the MTSS group and said they create problem-solving procedures using data to analyze students’ needs and a resolution to assist students, where needed.

Board Comments: Brad Etheridge said the enthusiasm of everyone is ramping up anticipating the beginning of school. He thanked Kim Lake and Anna Kroll for the finance and budget reports and said he appreciated all the hard work and time it takes to prepare these reports. Chris Cowart thanked Bruce Greenlee and Joe Wain for taking care of all the transportation and bus routes to ensure drivers are in place for the new school year. He thanked William “Breezy” Stockman for ensuring the schools are ready to open and for transporting the portable to CKS. Mr. Cowart reminded the Board of the Master Board Training, August 17, 2017, 8:00-12:00, in the Board Room.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Chris Cowart, Board Chairman