

**Bronson, FL**  
**August 22, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** For good cause, Chairman Chris Cowart asked that the Agenda be amended to add item D) BMHS School Presentation, and E) Duke Energy, and to re-alphabetize the remainder of the items on the agenda. Rick Turner moved to amend and approve the 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.

**BMHS School Presentation:** Gary Masters, BMHS Principal introduced four cheerleaders from BMHS; Jenevieve Squires, Katie Lott, Rebecca Rodgers, and Diamond Sheffield. The ladies updated the Board on their summer activities while at Cheerleading Camp. They said summer practice was very important and showed their new shirts, with their school motto “Eagle Nation” on the front and “Lead from the Front” on the back. They said this year the Varsity and JV cheerleaders are combined so they can work together and learn from each other. They said they are very excited for the new school year.

**Duke Energy:** Donna Turner, Director of the Levy County Schools Foundation introduced Dorothy Pernue, and Denny George from Duke Energy. She said Duke Energy is a Paragon Sponsor because they donate \$10,000 or more every year to the Foundation. She said in addition to the Grant Program, Duke Energy supports the Gala, Scholarships, and Beast Feast. She said the Grant Program allowed the Foundation to give over \$70,000 to the schools, and \$43,000 for seniors to attend college. They also support the CTE programs, welding tests, and STEM projects. Mrs. Turner thanked Mrs. Pernue, Denny George, and Duke Energy for their support of Levy County Schools, students, and education. Mrs. Pernue said Duke Energy gave \$1.7 million to education and workforce grants last year. Chairman Chris Cowart thanked Dorothy Pernue, Denny George and Duke Energy for providing support for many years to Levy County students and education.

**Construction Types – CMHS:** John Lott, Assistant Superintendent, talked about the three Construction Types, which are Construction Manager, Design Build, and Hard Bid. He gave a summary of each type and said whichever type is chosen for construction of the new CMHS, the local community, staff and employees will have input prior to submitting the RFP proposals. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Design Build Method of Construction, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading Camp Update:** Michael Homan, Coordinator of Title Programs, updated the Board about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading Camp and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retention Data for the 2016-2017 school year. She said the students who are retained are receiving services through IEP’s. She said if a student is retained two years in a row without IEP can be “Promoted for Good Cause”. Mrs. Homan said CES was visited several times during the summer and found the teacher was using best practices and next steps to prepare K-2 students to ensure they will be ready for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**ESE DOE LEA Profile:** Dr. Rosalind Hall updated the Board on the Local Educational Agency (LEA) 2017 Profile. She said there are 14 State Performance Plan Indicators that are monitored every year; Graduation Rate, Dropout Rate, Participation / Performance on Statewide Assessments, Discipline Rates, LRE, ages 6-21, LRE, ages 3-5, Early Childhood Outcomes, Parent Involvement, Disproportionate Representation in Special Education, Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disability Programs, 60-Day Timeline, Transition from Part C to Part B, Secondary Transition IEP Components, and Post-school Outcomes. She said students can remain in school with services until age 22. She gave a PowerPoint Presentation and overview of the percentages for the Levy

County compared to the State Rate of students with disabilities and their graduation rates. Dr. Hall congratulated Superintendent Edison on receipt of his letter from Chancellor Hershel Lyons stating that Levy County's LEA meets the requirements of Part B of the IDEA, with 17 out of 17 points.

**Approval of Minutes:** Rick Turner moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Board meeting, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

**a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:**

1. **(Board approved August 8, 2017)** - Margaret Kelly, BES Teacher, ESE, K-2, effective August 3, 2017, replacing Martha K. Hudson, *amend to add* out-of-field in ESE, *certified* in Elem. Ed. K-6 .
2. **(Board approved August 8, 2017)** - Brent Slaughter, CMHS Teacher, Business & Math M/J, effective August 3, 2017, replacing Pam Plemmons, *amend to add* out-of-field in Math M/J, *certified* in Business Ed. 6-12.
3. Rosesanie Arquino, CES Custodian, *effective* August 10, 2017, *replacing* George Hatchcox.
4. Arthur Hunter Fugate, WMHS Teacher, Math M/J, *effective* August 3, 2017, *replacing* Drue Hamilton.
5. Mark Schneider, Transportation Bus Driver, *effective* August 10, 2017, *replacing* Cassandra Webster.
6. Tonya Parker, BES Teacher Aide, PK, *increase hours from* 5 hours daily, *to* 7.5 hours daily, (PK Program full time), *effective* August 8, 2017.
7. Susan Stancil, BES Teacher Aide, PK ESE, *increase hours from* 6.5 hours daily *to* 7.5 hours daily, (PK Program full time), *effective* August 8, 2017, and *change funding* as follows:

<b>From:</b>	4210E 5200 0150 1011 40232 F2018	100%
<b>To:</b>	4210E 5200 0150 1011 40232 F2018	86.67%
	1000E 5500 0150 1011 13720	13.33%

8. Greg Dristiliaris, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 9, 2017, *replacing* Joshua Mathews.
9. Catherine Soto, WMHS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, *resignation*, effective August 9, 2017, original hire date August 3, 2017.
10. Amanda Brown, WMHS Custodian, *increase hours* from 5.5 hours to 6.5 hours daily, *effective* August 14, 2017, and *ending* at the end of the 2017-2018 football season.
11. Wanda Williams, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *change in position* to Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 8, 2017, and *funding change*, as follows:

<b>From:</b>	1000E 5500 0150 0092 13720	100%
<b>To:</b>	4210E 5500 0150 0092 40230 F2018	87%
	1000E 5500 0150 0092 13720	13%

12. George Riley Deen, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts M/J, *effective* August 10, 2017, *replacing* Mara Powell.
13. Michael Wilson, BMHS Teacher, Business Ed, *effective* August 10, 2017, *replacing* James Roundtree.
14. Sandra S. Prew, CMHS Teacher, Social Studies, *effective* August 10, 2017, *temporary replacement* for Valerie Perez, *out-of-field*.
15. Tracey Devane, BES Teacher, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, *effective* August 15, 2017, *replacing* Dawn Corbin, *out-of-field* in ESOL, *certified* in Elem. Ed K-6.
16. Isha Elkins, WMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, *effective* August 14, 2017, *replacing* Carmen Ward, *out-of-field* in Soc. Studies, M/J, *certified* in Agriculture.
17. Nathan Weis, BMHS Teacher, Science M/J, *effective* August 15, 2017, *vacancy*.
18. Cheryl W. Shelton, District Bus Driver, *resignation for retirement, effective* September 6, 2017, original hire date August 4, 2004.
19. **(Board Approved July 10, 2017)** Danielle Rosson, CMHS Assistant Principal, *transfer* to BES Assistant Principal, *effective* July 3, 2017, *amend to add* (current salary to be frozen until such time as raises bring or exceed her salary to current rate).
20. Laura Wilson, CES Teacher, Elem. Ed., *effective* August 15, 2017, *replacing* Clayton Allen.
21. *Establish a position* for CDE students to be paid for the 2017-2018 school year, not to exceed 20 hour per week, paid from Project #11030, for the following:
  - BES:** Chelsea Hollinshead
  - CMHS:** Emily Horlocker
  - JBES:** Madison Hunt
22. Venisa Lashon Scott, District Bus Driver Aide, *resignation*, effective August 16, 2017, and *payment for any unused leave*, original hire date November 14, 2015.
23. Leigh Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, *resignation*, effective September 1, 2017, and *transfer leave* to Alachua County, original hire date August 3, 2001.
24. Michelle Seckinger, BES ESE Teacher Aide, *effective* August 21, 2017, *replacing* Teresa Hall.

**b) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Valerie Boughanem, District Coordinator ESOL/Testing, WIDA 2017 Annual Conference, October 16-19, 2017, Tampa, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40293 F2018.
2. 2017 N.A.M.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Medicaid Conference, October 15-18, 2017, Fort Lauderdale, travel expenses paid from Project #32020, for the following:
  - Rebecca Dowling, District Accounts Payable Clerk
  - Sharette Shultz, District Accounts Payable Senior Clerk
  - Janet Neal, District ESE MIS Manager
3. Kimberley Beth McLean, District ESE / SS CW Teacher, VI, 2017 Annual Assessment / Accountability Meeting, August 30-31, 2017, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project

#40230.

4. Kimberley Beth McLean, District ESE / SS CW Teacher, VI, FDLRS Training of Trainers and Developing Quality IEPs, Matrix, and Peer IEP System, October 25-27, 2017, Altamonte Springs, FL., mileage, meals, and hotel paid by FDLRS direct reimbursement to attendee, no cost to Board.
5. FASFEPA / ECTAC Fall Forum, September 13-15, 2017, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from the following accounts:

**Project #42412 F2018:**

- Laura Klock, District Coordinator, Pre-K and Student Services
- Michael Homan, District Coordinator, Title Programs
- Anna Forde, District Grants Manager
- Amanda Smith, District Secretary, Instructional Services

**Project #40293 F2018:**

- Valerie Boughanem, District Coordinator, ESOL/ Testing
6. Kimberley Beth McLean, CW Teacher, VI, FLDOE Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services Visual Impairment District Contacts' Meeting, September 26-27, 2017, Orlando, FL., mileage and hotel paid by DOE, meals paid from Project #40230 F2018.

**c) Student Trip Requests:**

1. JBES 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Wild Adventures, March 22, 2018, Valdosta, GA., Chaperones Mary Sridhar, Becky Gomez, Kelsey List, Devyn Chorvat, Patty Coleman, Kelley Ruiz, Kim Hudson, Anne Daley, Meredith Stone, Terri Ashchi, Anna Palaez, 180 students, three (3) county busses, travel expenses paid from internal accounts.
2. WMHS FFA to National FFA Convention, October 24-28, 2017, Indianapolis, IN., Chaperones John C. Wilder, Shelby Rodgers, Natalie Couey, 13 students, private vehicles to airport, commercial airline, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.
3. WMHS FFA Chapter Presidents' Conference (CPC), August 26-27, 2017, Orlando, FL., Chaperones John C. Wilder, Natalie Couey, Shelby Rodgers, six (6) students, county vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.
4. CKS FFA Chapter Presidents' Conference (CPC), August 26-27, 2017, Orlando, FL., Chaperone Rachel Wetherington, four (4) students, county vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.
5. CMHS FFA National FFA Convention, October 23-27, 2017, Indianapolis, IN., Chaperones Dallas Locke, Frances Michelle Walker-Crawford, Angela Johnson, 12 students, rental van, and private vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.

**d) Administrative Services:**

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:
  - i. 2017-2018 Inter-Local Agreement between SBLC and LCSO to provide School Resource Officers for Levy County Public Schools.
  - ii. 2017-2018 Inter-Local Agreement between SBLC and LCSO to provide School Resource Officers for Levy County Public Schools, Levy Learning Academy and ESE.

iii. 2017-2018 Master In-Service Plan.

iv. DESF, LLC, Letter Purchase Order (LPO) agreement between DESF and LCSB to provide an Interim Finance Director Consultant from July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

e) **Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Lindsey Holt, CW TSA, August 17, 2017 through November 10, 2017.

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Superintendent Jeff Edison updated the Board on the enrollment report as of August 2017. He said the enrollment for the 2017-2018 SY is increased by 108 students compared to the 16-17 SY. He talked about Board Policy 11.07, Naming of a Facility for the CES Campus. Naming of the facility will be discussed at the CES SAC meeting on September 19, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Edison said we have 17 students who scored perfect scores on the FHSAA exam. He said the students and their families are invited to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to be presented with framed Certificate of Achievements from Governor Rick Scott. Mr. Edison gave a Focus Center update regarding the alternative placement locations for BMHS / LLA, CMHS, and WMHS. He said the FEFP Audit appeal regarding WWCSP was sent to DOE on Monday. Mr. Edison gave the Board the schedule for Math Mania and Family Math Nights for Greg Tang, Jr. He said the sessions are very exciting and highly impressive. Mr. Edison shared the District PD Calendar for the month of September with the Board. Superintendent Edison informed the Board that the September 11, 2017 Board Meeting was advertised for two different times; therefore, we have to adhere to the time advertised on the Trim Schedule, which is 5:01 p.m. Mr. Edison said he was able to meet with Senator Bradley and Senator Montford at the Legislative Meeting in Steinhatchee.

**Board Comments:** Chairman Chris Cowart and Rick Turner shared their concern and disappointment that two Greg Tang sessions will be held in Bronson and Williston and none for Cedar Key and Yankeetown. Cameron Asbell said higher education needs to add professionalism to the educational training. Brad Etheridge said the opening of schools went smoothly, but teacher shortages make it difficult to ensure all classes are covered. He said he appreciates the District Administration for everything they do. Rick Turner said students will do what we expect them to do. He talked about the 16 less McKay Scholarships, and the increased enrollment in the Charter Schools. Paige Brookins thanked the District Administration for resolving parent issues and said she appreciates everything they do. Chairman Chris Cowart said he appreciated hearing from the BMHS cheerleaders. He thanked the Administration for always researching and getting back with him on any of his concerns. Mr. Cowart said he is concerned with the education of all students and wants to ensure all students and schools have the same educational opportunities.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

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Chris Cowart, Board Chairman