

**Bronson, FL**  
**October 24, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017 at 8:20 a.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, and Board Attorney David Delaney, present.

**Expulsion Hearings:** The Board heard information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator Gary Masters had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

**Student 18-01** (parent and student were present): After discussion from the Board Members, Chairman Chris Cowart passed the gavel to Cameron Asbell, Vice Chairman. Chris Cowart moved with second by Brad Etheridge to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2017-2018 SY with the opportunity to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center, with a baseline drug test and a clean drug test every month thereafter, at the parent's expense. If Respondent successfully adheres to the expulsion requirements and clean drug testing, and with the recommendation of the Administration and approval by the Board, Respondent may be given the opportunity to participate in the regular BMHS graduation. Motion carried.

**Student 18-02** (parent and student were present): After discussion from the Board Members, Rick Turner moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2017-2018 SY and 2018-2019 SY, with the opportunity to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center, with a baseline drug test, and a clean drug test every month thereafter, at the parents' expense. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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:** Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, 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.

**Suncoast Credit Union:** Donna Turner introduced Justin Hardee and Lewrissa Mainwaring from Suncoast Credit Union. She said they are strong Sponsors of the Levy County Schools Foundation, by giving over \$12,500 in grant requests, supporters of the Gala, Beast Feast, Classroom Grants, Grants for Great Ideas, Student Disability Funds, and more. The Board thanked them for their contributions and support. Mrs. Turner updated the Board on the Beast Feast. She said the event grossed \$22,320, and after expenses netted \$19,673.00. She thanked Breezy and his crew, everyone who worked the event, Justin Hardee, Lewrissa Mainwaring, and Brad Etheridge for providing the location. She said just the Sponsorship contributions were over \$11,000.

**Request to Advertise for the CMHS RFP:** Superintendent Edison informed the Board that we have to advertise for the RFPs for the new CMHS. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to advertise for the new CMHS, second by Rick Turner, motion carried. Superintendent Edison informed the Board that the ads will run for four weeks in the paper and be posted on the District website.

**Renewal of Health Insurance:** Kalee and Bryan Brianham shared a spreadsheet with the Board showing the costs for Re-insurance, ASO, and Health Center Costs comparatively for 2016, 2017 and projected 2018. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to renew with the same insurance carrier, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Rick Turner moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Board meeting, second by Paige Brookins, 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. Shakari Lamb, WES Teacher, ESE Self Contained, *effective* October 13, 2017, *vacancy, out-of-field* in Elementary Education.
2. Carolyn Perry, District Bus Driver, *increase* hours *from* 7.75 hours *to* 8.0 hours daily, *effective* October 17, 2017.
3. Amy Denise Wilson, BMHS Custodian, 8 hours per day, *effective* October 9, 2017, *vacancy*.
4. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year:

Site	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
<b>BES</b>			
	Gabriela De Oliveira	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL
<b>CMHS</b>			
	Julie Haire	Elem. Ed. K-6: ESE K-12	Int. Reading

5. Krystal Thomas, YTS Teacher, ESE, *effective* October 23, 2017, *vacancy*.
6. Nelda Collier, YTS Teacher, ESE, *release from employment during probationary period*, effective September 28, 2017, original hire date August 3, 2017.
7. Lisa M. Gant, JBES Teacher, Guidance Counselor, *resignation from employment to participate in DROP*, effective November 1, 2017, and *ending* October 31, 2022.
8. Elizabeth Kennelly-Smith, District Behavior Specialist, *transfer* to District SEDNET Coordinator, *effective* October 23, 2017, and *funding change* as follows:
 

<b>From:</b>	1000E 6120 0130 9001 11030	50%
	4210E 6120 0130 9001 40230 F2018	50%
<b>To:</b>	4210E 6300 0130 9001 40233 F2018	60%
	4210E 6300 0130 9001 40234 F2018	30%
	1000E 6300 0130 9001 13902	10%
9. Establish three (3) Instructional OPS positions at CMHS for the 2017-2018 school year to provide tutoring using college students, paid from School-Based Title I Project #40241 F2018, not to exceed \$2,500 total.

**b) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. WMHS Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Pathway to School-wide Training, at the following locations, and paid from Project #40241 F2018 and #14897:

**October 9-11, 2017, Boca Raton, FL:** Richard Legler, Jennifer Handley, Tanya Taylor

**October 18-20, 2017, Tallahassee, FL:** Arelis Roldan

2. Kalee Wade, District Coordinator of Benefits and Risk Management, North East Florida Education Consortium (NEFEC), November 2-3, 2017, St. Augustine, FL., meals covered by NEFEC, mileage and hotel paid from Project #17730.
3. Tanya Taylor, WMHS Teacher, Vocational Business, Future of Education Technology (FETC) Conference, January 23-26, 2018, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40201 F2018.
4. Dr. Rosalind Hall, District Director of ESE / Student Services, FDOE ESE Directors' Academy and Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISR / NEFEC) New Directors' Mentor / Mentee Planning Meeting, October 24-26, 2017, Tallahassee, FL., hotel paid by FDOE and ISR/NEFEC, meals, direct reimbursement from FDOE and ISR/NEFEC, mileage paid from Project #40230 F2018.
5. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), to attend the following conferences, travel dates and projects as follows:

- **Development for Working with the Experts Training**, November 8-10, 2017, New Smyrna Beach, FL., all travel expenses paid by Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS – USF).

**The Following Conferences Paid from Project #40290 F2018:**

- **Putnam County Environmental Communication Training**, October 16-17, 2017, Palatka, FL.
  - **Regional LATS Specialist Fall Meeting**, November 6-8, 2017, New Smyrna Beach, FL.
  - **R-LATS Duties Flagler County**, November 26-28, 2017, Palm Coast and Bunnell, FL.
6. Florida Association of School Personnel Administrators (FASPA) Conference, October 31, 2017 – November 3, 2017, Lake Buena Vista, FL., registration fees, hotel and meals paid for the following, as listed:

**Project #18320:** Candance Dean, District Assistant Superintendent

**Project #17730:** Marla Hiers, District Director of Personnel  
Tami Wain and Cheryl Galpin, Personnel Department

7. Michael Homan, District Coordinator of Title Programs, and Amy Webber, CES Reading Coach, International Association for K-12 On-Line Learning Conference (iNACOL), October 23-25, 2017, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #11332.
8. Fall 2017 Math Leadership Summit, November 7-9, 2017, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #18320, for the following:

Michael Homan, District Coordinator of Title Programs  
Jennifer Martin, JBES Teacher, ESE  
Marlene Wiggins, CES, Assistant Principal

9. Emily Kinnunen, WES Teacher, Music, Florida Music Education Association Professional Development Conference, January 10-13, 2018, Tampa, FL., travel expenses paid from internal funds, no cost to Board.
10. Cheryl Galpin, District Personnel, Florida Department of Education (VERSA) Regulation Regional Training (New Certification System), November 7-8, 2017, NEFEC, Palatka, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17730.

**c) Personal Leave Requests (in Excess of 6 days):**

1. Janice W. O'Neill, LLA Teacher, Drop-out Prevention, Secondary, October 14, 2017 through January 1, 2018.

**d) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Angela Sprawling, CMHS Teacher Aide, October 13, 2017 through November 3, 2017.

**e) Student Trip Requests:**

1. **(Board Approved Sept. 18, 2017)** - BMHS FFA, National FFA Convention, October 24-28, 2017, Indianapolis, IN., Chaperones Marcia Smith, Brandi Cummings, Johnny Smith, four (4) students, county van to airport, Commercial Airline, travel expenses paid from Project #15300, ***amend*** to add Chaperone Gary Masters and private vehicle.
2. CMHS Health Academy, Leadership Conference, November 17-19, 2017, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL., Chaperone Raquel Beauchamp, seven (7) students, county van, travel expenses paid from Project #15322.

**f) Instructional Services:**

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:
  - i. **(Board Approved July 31, 2017)** – ***amended*** 2017-2018 Professional Development Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Core Connections, Inc. (Attachment)

**2. FINANCE:**

1. Budget Amendment 4-B #17-00005.

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Superintendent Jeff Edison informed the Board that today's school visit has been changed from CKS to BES, due to the cleanup from the Cedar Key Seafood Festival event. He gave information regarding the memorial for the 8<sup>th</sup> grader at CMHS. He reviewed the enrollment numbers for the 2017-2018 school year for all grades, and said enrollment is higher than this time last year, and has increased even more since the storms. Mr. Edison updated the Board on High School procedures, requirements and class averages for core courses. He shared a report from Morgan Bennett, Coordinator of MIS / Technology, which showed the class averages for each school for grades PK-3, 4-8, and 9-12.

**Board Comments:** Paige Brookins said she's very happy with the great attendance at the Beast Feast this year. Rick Turner asked Matthew McLelland to update the Board on the Student Activity / \$1.00 Gate Fee to assist funding the Athletic Trainer costs. Mr. McLelland said as of October 23, 2017, \$21,232 has been collected from

the school activities' gate fees. Cameron Asbell said this is a good start, but it's very important that each student cover their \$50 athletic fee. Mr. Asbell said if the students need assistance paying the charge, they can contact any of the Board Members, and work is available for them to earn their \$50.00. All Board Members agreed. The Board asked about the consequences. John Lott, Assistant Superintendent said if the athlete doesn't pay their AT Fee, their name will be added to the debt list and the fee must be paid before they can participate in school activities, such as graduation. Chris Cowart thanked everyone for working the Beast Feast. He said the WMHS students did a great job working the event. He asked everyone to remember the students as they travel to the FFA National Convention. He said the CK Seafood Festival and Art Festival help support clubs and events for CKS. He said Mr. Joshua Slem, CKS Principal does a great job of covering all the booths. Brad Etheridge said the Beast Feast, Corn Maze, Farm Tours, and FFA Convention are great ways for students to try food or have experiences with animals they otherwise would not have because they don't deal with animals in their daily activities.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

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Chris Cowart, Board Chairman