

Bronson, Florida
February 2, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 2nd day of February 2, 2010 with Chairman Beth Davis, Frank Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Rick Turner, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

Expulsion Hearings: The Board then heard information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After testimony was given by the Principal and/or Designee and parents, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 10-10** (student and parent absent): Motion by Frank Etheridge, second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2009-2010 SY and all of the 2010-2011 SY from the Levy County School System. Motion carried.

- 2) **Student 10-09** (student, parents and grandmother present): Motion by Frank Etheridge, seconded by Paige Brookins, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel student for the remainder of the 2009-2010 SY and the 2010-2011 SY, and to give the student the opportunity to re-appear before the Board at the first Board meeting in August 2010 to discuss possible re-enrollment opportunities within the Levy County School System, pending the student's documented success in Virtual School or enrollment in a private school during the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The student will be responsible for providing the documentation to the Superintendent for consideration to re-appear before the Board prior to July 23, 2010. Motion carried.

The Board then returned to regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board.

District Report:

Presentation to Bronson High School: On behalf of Bill Schossler and the Henry and Rilla White Foundation, Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster presented to BHS Principal Valerie Boughanem and Assistant Principal Jerry Lawrence a beautiful eagle statue carved from wood. Mrs. Lancaster gave a brief history of the Foundation's work in Levy County Schools and explained the connection between the White Foundation and Bronson High, stating that the founder Bill Schossler and Board Member Linda Durrance were both graduates of Bronson High School as well as other members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Career and Technical Education Month: Carol Jones informed the Board that February was National Career and Technical Education Month, presenting a newsletter detailing Career and Technical activities at the schools as well as various competitions CTE students will be participating in throughout the month. She invited the Board Members to attend "Ag On The Hill" day at the State Capitol in Tallahassee on February 18, 2010. She said all elected officials would be recognized and asked the Board Members to let her know if they were going to attend.

Item taken from the Table: Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster asked to take from the table the MD7 Group (TMobile) Tower Rental Contract until the following Board Meeting on February 16, 2010. A motion was made by Frank Etheridge, seconded by Cameron Asbell to table the item, motion carried.

1 Acre Parcel: Jeff Edison reported to the Board that an individual has approached him regarding a one (1)

acre parcel of land which adjoins a larger twenty-six (26) acre parcel of land he is in the process of purchasing. In the title search, the individual discovered the one (1) acre out-piece that was owned by the School Board, having been deeded to the School Board in 1892. Mr. Edison physically found the parcel in question, relating that it is located in a remote area north of Raleigh and has never been used by the School Board for any purpose. He requested permission from the Board to have Board attorney Sheree Lancaster prepare a resolution to be approved at the February 16, 2010 Board Meeting, that would declare the one (1) acre parcel as “unnecessary for educational purposes”, per FL Statute 1013.28(1), with permission to advertise for the sale of the property and to call for sealed bids. He also requested permission to amend the 2009 Educational Plant Survey, recommending the property for disposal. The Board agreed to have Mrs. Lancaster prepare the resolution and a motion was made by Rick Turner, seconded by Paige Brookins, to amend the 2009 Educational Plant Survey as requested, motion carried.

Recommendations for 2010-2011 School Board Policy Changes: Christina Zachary of the Levy County Health Department Tobacco Prevention Program presented a proposal to the Board Members regarding Board Policies against tobacco use on school campuses. Ms. Zachary said the Superintendent has already told her that any change in the “working environment” for employees on school campuses would have to be negotiated with the Union, which would be a 2 year process. She introduced 4 students from CMS who shared their stories about tobacco use and how it has affected their lives. Ms. Zachary stated that if the District should decide to issue a new Board Policy prohibiting tobacco use on school campuses which would include not just students, but adults who work for the school and visitors who come to the school, the Tobacco Prevention Program would be willing to provide the signs for school campuses, smoking cessation classes, counseling and every resource available to help employees and visitors comply with the policy.

Minutes: Motion by Frank Etheridge, second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, a motion was made by Paige Brookins, second by Frank Etheridge, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1) GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. Derek Chipoletti, WHS PE Teacher, *resignation*, effective January 28, 2010.
2. Christopher Johns, District Groundskeeper, *change position to* District Painter, effective February 3, 2010.
3. Corey Gregory, District Groundskeeper, *change position to* District Painter, effective February 3, 2010.
4. Sandra Foster, BES VE Teacher, *reassignment to* YTS VE Teacher, effective February 2, 2010.
5. The following *status funding change*, effective January 4, 2010:

Teya Miller (WHS) **From:** 1000e 5100 0120 0091 11030
To: 4210e 5100 0120 0091 40220F2010

b) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Request:

1. Frankie O. Lee, BHS Teacher, January 8 (3.5 hrs) and 20 (1.5 hrs), 2010.
2. Debra Matthews, Bus Driver, January 6 (3.25 hrs), 7 (6.5 hrs), 8 (6.5 hrs), 12 (.50 hrs), 21 (6.5 hrs) and 25 (6.5 hrs), 2010.

c) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Marcy D. Young, WMS Teacher, *amend dates to* February 16 – March 19, 2010.
2. Serena Thiessen, WES Teacher, February 8 – April 9, 2010.
3. Crystal Perez, WHS Teacher, February 2 – May 4, 2010.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist, March 3 – 5, 2010, RLATS duties Flagler and Bradford Counties, Palm Coast, Bunnell, San Mateo and Starke, all expenses paid from LATS project #40290F2010, no cost to Board.
2. Steve Tyson, District Transportation Coordinator, February 11 & 12, 2010, Florida Association Pupil Transportation Mid-Year Director's Meeting, Tallahassee, paid from project #17800.
3. Carol Jones, District Career and Technical Ed. Coordinator, March 15 – 18, 2010, Session 5 AgriScience Ed. Leadership Program, Tallahassee, all expenses paid by Ed. Leadership, no cost to Board.
4. John C. Wilder, WHS Ad Teacher, March 16 (pm) & 17, 2010, Florida Association of Agriculture Educators Board Meeting, Tallahassee, paid from project #15300.
5. Linda Legare, BES Teacher, February 16 (pm) & 17, 2010, Teacher Connect: Aerospace & Digital Technology" Part 1, Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, paid from project #11030.
6. Beth H. McLean, WES ESE Teacher, January 29 – 31, 2010, Center for Autism (CARD) Conference PEPSA 2010, Orlando, all expenses paid by CARD, no cost to Board.
7. School Food Service Legislative Action Conference, February 8 & 9, 2010,

Tallahassee, FL, expenses paid from project #41000: Helen Watson (WHS)

8. Florida Educators for Technical Careers (FETC) Conference, January 12 – 15, 2010, Orlando:

JBES: Jaime Handlin, Frances LaSalle, Patricia Coleman, Dian Dudeck, Lindsay Legler *AMEND to* paid from project #1499 (E-rate)

CMS: Pam Plemmons, Pat Burton, Sonya Schmidt, Stephanie Parks, *AMEND to* paid from project #1499 (E-rate)

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. Raymond Douyard, WHS JROTC Advisor, Sheila Mohs, chaperone, February 17 – 21, 2010, US Army JROTC Service Championship, Camp Perry, OH, 5 students, commercial carrier – bus, advisor expenses paid US Army, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. Marcia Smith, BHS FFA Advisor, February 12 (pm) & 13, 2010, State Fair Dairy Judging Competition, Tampa, 4 students, 1 county van, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expense paid from internal account.
3. Jennifer Bray, BMS FFA Advisor, February 26 (pm) & 27, 2010, Floriculture CDE, St. Petersburg, 4 students, 1 county van, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expense paid from internal account.
4. Robert Philpot and John C. Wilder, WHS FFA Advisors, February 18 & 19, 2010, State FFA Preliminary Livestock Judging, Chipley, 8 students, 2 county vans, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expense paid from internal account.
5. Alice Graham, CHS Health Occupations Instructor, February 8 – 10, 2010, Allstate “Keep the Drive” Conference, Washington DC, 2 students, commercial carrier – airline, Advisor and student expenses paid by Allstate Foundation, sub only cost to Board.

f) Recommendations:

1. Appointments:
 - a. Mercedes Nix, BES ESOL Aide, effective January 25, 2010, replacing Loida Milian Gonzcarow.
 - b. Pamela Whitney, WMS 12-month Secretary, effective January 25, 2010, vacancy.

- c. Marilyn A. Tillis, CES Teacher Aide, effective January 26, 2010, replacing Tara Cannon.
 - d. Sara Watson, WMS Teacher, effective February 3, 2010, replacing Heather Schmitt.
 - e. Jesseca Ashley, BES Teacher, effective February 1, 2010, replacing Regina Pearce.
2. Holly Mills, WMS *Instructional* Other Personnel Services (OPS) position, effective January 25, 2010, 3.0 hours per day, not to exceed a total of 92 hours as authorized by time cards, paid from project #42413F2010, replacing Sarah Watson. (position was approved December 22, 2009).
 3. Heather L. Schmitt, WMS Teacher, **release from employment** during 97-day probationary period, effective January 14, 2010.
 4. Payment of Supplements to the following personnel for supplemental activities during the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Supplement</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
CES	SP411	Reading Endorse.	Dawn Corbin	01/05/2010 (add)
WMS	SP411	Reading Endorse.	Sheri Higgins	01/19/10 (add)
BHS	SP410	Peer Teacher	Sherry Schuler	01/20/10 (delete)
JBES	SP411	Reading Endorse.	Jennifer Spence	01/22/10 (add)
WES	SP215	Curric. Facilitator	Serena Thiessen	01/04/10 (delete)
	SP410	Peer Teacher	Serena Thiessen	01/04/10 (delete)
	SP410	Peer Teacher	Laura Helgerud	01/05/10 (add)
	SP215	Peer Teacher	Jeanne DuBois	01/05/10 (add)
WHS	SP130	Ath. Director (1/2)	Derek Chipoletti	01/28/10 (delete)
	SP290	Head Var Football	Derek Chipoletti	01/28/10 (delete)
	SP130	Ath. Director (1/2)	Dietrich Stewart	02/04/10 (delete)
	SP130	Ath. Director(100%)	Dietrich Stewart	02/05/10 (add)

5. Loida Milian-Gonczarow, BHS Teacher, **release from employment** during 97-day probationary period, effective January 29, 2010.
6. Allison Spencer (Sheffield), BHS custodian, **release from employment** during probationary period, effective January 29, 2010.

7. *Instructional* Other Personnel Services (OPS) position at CES for the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 12, 2010, 7.5 hours per day, **AMEND to** not to exceed a total of 454 hours as authorized by time cards, and the appointment of Ella D. Davis to the position, **AMEND to** paid from project #42413F2010.
8. *Instructional* Other Personnel Services (OPS) position at CES for the 2009-2010 school year, effective February 1, 2010, up to 5.5 hours per day, not to exceed a total of 222 hours as authorized by time cards, and the appointment of Michelle A. Sage to the position, paid from project #43246F2010.

2) **FINANCE:**

a) Amendment of Instructional and ESP Salary Schedules to allow payment to the following personnel for:

- **Provide Hospital/Homebound instruction (1-5 hours per week per student as needed) during the 2009-2010 school year, retroactive to January 14, 2010**, paid hourly rate of pay, plus travel, from project 11020: Patty Shewey and Karen Warren
- **Attend FDLRS/Springs Concept Mastery Workshop** on Saturday, January 23, 2010 and Saturday, February 6, 2010, paid stipend rate of pay from FDLRS Project #14936F2010: **delete** Heather Schmidt, **add** Lydia Bridges (WMS)
- **WHS Writing Workshop for 9th and 10th grade students**, not to exceed 2 days, paid stipend rate of pay as indicated on a roster, paid from project #40220F2010 Title II, A: Tiffany Drew, Randall Liles, Emily Lovely, Cynthia Penney, Lucille Skipper, Sally Holton, Teya Miller, Marritza Torres
- **LIPS Training** February 16, 17, 18, 19 and 22, 2010, paid one (1) hour pro-rated stipend for additional hour worked past the 7.5 hours contracted day from project #43246F2010 - Title I / SIP 1003a ARRA:

BES: Claire Delandes, Michelle Crisafulli, Crystal Cutler, Mary Alice Heath, Caryl Carlisle

CES: Louvenia Robinson-Sloan, Ashley Rhodes, Ellen Poe, Aimee Mitchell, Dawn Corbin, Cheri Hazzard, Regina Newton, Randi Beauchamp

CKS: Linda Campbell

JBES: Alexis Gordon, Dian Dudeck, Stephanie Hogle, Kelly Shirley, CeCillia Edwards, Jennifer Martin, Danielle Jeannite, Patricia Griffith, Olivia Odom

DISTRICT: Cindy Hamilton, Dawn Turnipseed

- **WES Teachers** to Inventory RtI Resources purchased thru grant “The Model Math Classroom”, paid daily rate of pay up to 2.5 hours each, paid from Title I/SIP 1003(a) ARRA project #43246F2010: Chloe Gabriel and Barbara Hoyt
- **WES installation of software and equipment** purchased through “21st Century Model Classroom Mini Grant Award”, paid regular rate of pay, up to 40.0 hours, from project #14917 (NEFEC 149003): Jonathan Lewis

Superintendent Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings informed the Board that the Exit Audit with the Auditor General’s Office revealed only 2 minor citations. He congratulated Bob Clemons and Bob Bilden and the Finance Department staff on a job well done. Moving on to budget information, he shared information from the State regarding further shortfalls with Title programs being presented as competitive grants instead of entitlements, and said he would keep the board updated as we move further into the year. He also told the board that without the signature of the Union President, the Race to the Top Application previously submitted to the state would not award any money to Levy County. Next, he reviewed information regarding changes to the Florida Retirement System due to House Bill 479, and said the information will be disseminated to all employees as well. He reminded the Board members about the Superintendent’s GALA to be held on February 13, 2010.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Beth Davis, Chairman