

**Bronson, FL
January 21, 2014
9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 21st day of January, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Amendment of Agenda: Chairman Robert Philpot amended the Agenda for good cause, stating that **E) Change of Meetings TIMES for March 4th and March 18th Board Meetings** would be removed from the Agenda with the remaining items to be re-alphabetized in order. Chris Cowart moved to approve the amended Agenda with second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

E-Control Systems – Temperature Monitoring: Becky Tyson and Ron Perez presented information regarding E-Control Wireless Monitoring Systems that would monitor the walk-in freezers and coolers at all school sites as well as the district office. After the board reviewed the information presented with discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the contract with E-Control Systems, second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

New WMHS Property Jeff Edison presented information regarding the Kaye Property, the site of the New Williston Middle High School which included the completion of the Phase I Environmental Survey, the agreed upon purchase price, waiving the contract clauses that address receipt of state funding, waiving the clause “entering an agreement with Escobar, etc., for an easement to highway 41” since there already is a platted road for access, relocating the graves that were found on the property including an amendment to the Contract for Sale and Purchase that would address the seller’s agreement to pay one half of the cost to relocate the remains, and the need for a super majority since the contract price exceeds the appraisal. After discussion, Mr. Edison asked for Board permission to close with the Kayes on the property for the proposed site of the New Williston Middle High School. Cameron Asbell moved to approve closing on the property with the Kayes, including the amendment to the Contract for Sale and Purchase dated December 18, 2012; seconded by Rick Turner with Board Chairman Robert Philpot asking for a “show-of-hands” vote, motion carried unanimously with all Board members voting yes. (see supplemental minutes) At this time, from the audience Tony Collins with the Levy County Historical Cemetery Association asked to speak. She told the Board she has received some 30 calls from people opposed to the School Board removing the graves from the property. Superintendent Hastings assured her the School Board has been in touch with the families of the people buried in the cemetery on the site and also has the School Board attorney involved so that whatever is done will be legal and above board with the family’s knowledge and consent. He said Mr. Edison is in contact with the family and is working out those details.

Fast ForWord Presentation Patrick Wnek and Michael Homan presented an update regarding the Fast ForWord Program previously approved by the Board and now being implemented in schools throughout the county. They reviewed reports from Scientific Learning that tracked progress of students using Fast ForWord. The Board thanked them for their presentation and asked that they be kept informed and updated regarding programs they approve for use in the schools.

Minutes: Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2013 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. Shannon Allen, CES OPS, *resignation* effective December 20, 2013.

2. Janie Carnegie, BES Food Service Worker, **resignation** effective January 28, 2014.
3. Ana Leonor Armbrister, WES ESOL Aide, **resignation** effective January 21, 2014.
4. Martha Kay Hudson, CKS ESE Aide, resignation effective January 10, 2014.
5. The following status funding change:

District – Kathryn Lawrence, **amend effective date** to September 1, 2013
FROM: 4340 6300 0110 9001 4340100314 100%
TO: 4210 6300 0110 9001 40270F2014 100%

b) Military Leave Request:

1. Lamar D. Asbell, Jr., District Maintenance Worker, January 6 – 31, 2014 (8.0 hours per day).

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. January 23 - 26, 2014, Secondary Reading Conference, Clearwater, expenses paid project #11332: Fidah Williams CHS and Linda Campbell CKS.
2. FL Educational Technology Conference, January 28(pm) – 31, 2014, Orlando as follows:
 Lucille Skipper, WHS – expenses paid project #14890
 Cheryl Pridgeon, CMHS – expenses paid by employee, sub only cost to Board
 Stephanie Parks, CMHS – expenses paid by employee, sub only cost to Board
3. Clay Cobb, WHS Teacher, January 8 – 11, 2014, FMEA Conference, Tampa, sub only cost to Board.
4. John C. Wilder, WHS Teacher, January 24 – 26, 2014, presenter at FAAE Mid-Winter Professional Workshop, Haines City, expenses paid from project #15300.
5. Valerie Boughanem, District ESOL Coordinator, January 30(pm) and 31, 2014, CELLA / ESOL Training, Fort Myers, no cost to Board.
6. Kathryn Lawrence, District STEM Coordinator, January 27 and 28, 2014, FL Mathematics Supervisors Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from project #43401 00814.
7. Kathryn Lawrence, District STEM Coordinator, February 12(pm) and 13, 2014, Central FL Assessment Collaborative Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from project #43401 00814.
8. 2014 FL School Nutrition Association Legislative Caucus, Tallahassee, February 16 – 18, 2014: Rebecca M. Tyson, Teresa Miller and Teresa Tillotson, expenses paid project #41000 Katherine Manuel and Brenda Rolfe – no cost to the Board
9. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2014:
 February 10(pm)-12(pm), 2014, R-LATS duties Flagler County - Palm Coast and Bunnell
 February 12(pm)-13, 2014, Class #3 for Environmental Communication Training – Daytona
10. John Stone, WHS Teacher, January 15 and 16, 2014, Check and Connect Conference, Orlando, expenses paid from project #40235.

11. Frank Clegg, WHS Teacher, January 27 – 31, 2014, attend mandatory JROTC Instructor Training Course, Ft. Knox, KY, expenses paid by US Army, no sub required and no cost to the Board.
12. Valerie Boughanem, District Coordinator ESOL/Testing, January 28(pm) and 29, 2014, FL Association of Bilingual Education Supervisors (FABES) Conference, Altamonte Springs, expenses paid from Title III project #40293F2014.
13. National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Conference, February 2(pm) and 3, 2014, Tallahassee, as follows:
Dr. Rosalind Hall and Pamela Thompson – reimbursed by DOE – project Connect 10 #49296F2014
L. Paige Halberstadt – paid from SEDNET project #40234F2014

d) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements
 - a. 2-Year Lease with 2-Year Extension (Agreement for Modification) with the Levy County Health Department, beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2017.
 - b. Lease and Sale Agreement between SBLC and the Bronson Church of God for the Old BHS Gym.

e) Recommendations:

1. Lindsey Johns, District Bus Attendant, effective January 7, 2014, replacing Maude Williams.
2. Deneen Gamble, WES Teacher Aide / ISS, effective January 13, 2014, replacing Jodi Gamble.
3. Jennifer Handley, WMS Teacher, effective January 13, 2014, replacing Adrienne Provost.
4. Annjanette Arnold-Kint, District Bus Attendant, effective January 16, 2014, vacancy.

f) Student Trip Requests:

1. Ben Randolph, WHS FFA Advisor, February 2 and 3, 2014, FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Okeechobee, 7 students, 1 county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of December 2013
- b) Budget Amendments #4A and #4B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations Mr. Hastings reminded the Board that the “ribbon cutting” ceremony for the Levy County School Board Health Care Center would be on Thursday January 23rd and urged them to attend. He said he met with legislators McNeel and Negrón in Tallahassee last Wednesday and visited the Governor’s office as well. He said he has extended an invitation to the Gala to the Governor and hopes he can attend. He thanked Pastor Tucker of the Bronson Church of God for Leasing with the option to purchase the old BHS Gym and Multipurpose Building. He said he hopes the Church can use it for the betterment of students and families in the Bronson Community.

Board Comments Cameron Asbell thanked Ted Alexander and his crew for the fine job they did renovating the house on the BMHS property and creating the Health Care Center and thanked Dr. Wnek and Michael Homan for the Fast ForWord update. Christ Cowart reminded everyone that the Gala is Saturday February 1st. Paige Brookins asked if the Board wanted to be a Silver (\$500.00) Sponsor for the Gala with everyone agreeing to do that and give their money to Chris Cowart. Rick Turner said there were 62 appointments for the HRA screening at the new Health Center and was glad to see people getting on board to use the facility. Robert Philpot commended the WHS and WMS FFA Land Judging teams for winning Districts and going on to State. Dr. Wnek shared High School grades with the Board, citing 3 “A” Schools and 1 “B” School.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board visiting Hilltop Alternative School and Bronson Middle High School.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert Philpot, Chairman