

Bronson, FL
September 28, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Regular Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 28th day of September 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Public comments can be submitted by email to publiccomment@levyk12.org or delivered in writing to the District Office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL., and must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Public comments may also be made in person on the day of the meeting.

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Adoption of Agenda: Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Judy Moreno said she is a 1979 graduate of WHS and is very ashamed and embarrassed with the postings on social media about how students were dressed at the WMHS homecoming and homecoming dance. Superintendent Christopher Cowart said the issues have been addressed and all school administrators will ensure the dress code is addressed at future events.

Food and Nutrition Services Update – Fresh Fruit: Natalie Warren showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board and explained how the fresh fruit and vegetables program works at each school. She said some days the students received sliced fruit and vegetables and other days they receive some whole fruit. She shared samples with the Board and public. She said Levy County participates in the National Food Program. The Board thanked Julia Oberst, Natalie Warren, Marianne Sedor, and Sarah Griffis for everything they do to feed the students.

Math Textbook Adoption Timeline: Michelle Ruiz shared the 2021-2022 Levy County Math Textbook Adoption Timeline with the Board. She said books will be reviewed by teachers, administrators, parents and available for public input. She said the digital links will be published January 19, 2022 for review. The school vote is due to the District by February 4, 2022. The top three choices will be presented to the Board for public comment at the February 8, 2022 Board meeting. Final recommendation to the Board for approval at the February 22, 2022 Board meeting and March 22, 2022 is the final day for petitions to be filed.

2021-2022 School Visits: Superintendent Cowart shared the list of school visits for the 2021-2022 school year. After discussion, Tammy Boyle moved to approve the school visits, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

2021-2022 Legislative Platform: Superintendent Cowart said it is time for us to determine our 2021-2022 Legislative Platform to present to DOE. He asked the Board if they wanted to stay with the same platform selections as last year: 1. Continue special facility funding for the new CMHS project. 2. Reduction of the Districts participation requirement relating to the local discretionary capital improvement millage from 1.0 mil to 0.75 mil. 3. Restore the DCP allocation to \$250,000 minimum. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to keep the same three items for the 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda Potential Topics. Tammy Boyle presented an update from FSBA on State and Federal Platforms.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 Board meeting, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Kody Smith, BMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *effective* September 1, 2021, *out-of-field*, certified in PE, K-12, *vacancy*.
2. *Request* approval of the *new* job description for Messenger / Deliveryman, Food and Nutrition Services.
3. Aimee Champagne, CKS Health Assistant, *resignation*, effective September 17, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 7, 2019.
4. Devyn Chorvat, JBES Teacher, First Grade, *resignation*, effective September 1, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date May 8, 2002.
5. Azlynn Bostic, CMHS CDE Student Aide, IT, *effective* September 7, 2021, paid from Project #10140, *vacancy*.
6. Elizabeth McWilliams, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* September 13, 2021, paid from Project #40230 F2021, *vacancy*.
7. Katherine Manuel, BMHS Food and Nutrition Services Manager, *entering DROP*, effective September 1, 2021 and ending August 30, 2026.
8. Cathy Townsend, BES Teacher, Pre-K Lead, *effective* September 3, 2021, *vacancy*.
9. Khemya MitRahina, CKS Teacher, Music, *resignation*, effective September 10, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
10. Courtney Daniel, CKS Teacher Aide, Elem., *effective* September 13, 2021, *vacancy*.
11. William Menietti, WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *resignation*, effective September 9, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
12. Michelle Seckinger, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective September 21, 2021, original hire date August 30, 2021.
13. Regena Roberts, CES Teacher, ESE *internal transfer* to Teacher, First Grade, *effective* September 14, 2021 and *change in funding source*, as follows:

From: 1000E 5200 0120 0241 11020 100%
To: 1000E 5100 0120 0241 11030 100%
14. Brooke Smith, CES Teacher, First Grade, *internal transfer* to Teacher, ESE, *effective* September 14, 2021, and *change in funding source*, as follows:

From: 1000E 5100 0120 0241 11030 100%
To: 1000E 5200 0120 0241 11020 100%
16. Richard Barry, BES Teacher, PE-Elem., *effective* September 27, 2021, *vacancy*.

17. Kevin Tiller, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* September 14, 2021, paid from Project #40230, *vacancy*.
18. Confesor Matos-Pastor, WMHS Custodian, *effective* September 13, 2021, *vacancy*.
19. Regina Appling, JBES Teacher, KG, *effective* September 30, 2021, *vacancy*.
20. Annette Miller, YTS Confidential Secretary, *effective* September 13, 2021, *vacancy*.
21. Kelly Sieg, District Teacher, ESE, Speech/Language Pathologist, *resignation*, effective September 24, 2021, and *transfer* any remaining leave to Marion County, original hire date November 12, 2019.
22. Matthew Bass, WES, Fourth Grade Teacher, *dismissal during probation period*, effective September 20, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
23. Thomas Jones, CKS Teacher, Business, *dismissed due to Board charges*, effective September 17, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
24. James Shouse, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective October 1, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date February 10, 2016.
25. Kevin Tiller, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *internal transfer* to Teacher Aide, ISS, *effective* September 20, 2021, and *change in funding source*, as follows:

From: 4210E 5200 0150 0091 40230 F2022 100%
To: 1000E 5100 0150 0091 11030 100%
26. Eric Peterson, Jr., WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *dismissed due to Board charges*, effective September 17, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
27. Heather Nevius, CMHS Teacher, Health Occupation, *resignation*, effective October 8, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
28. Susan Bongiovanni, BES, School Nurse, LPN, *effective* September 27, 2021, *vacancy*.
29. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2021-2022 school year:

CMHS	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Paul Hord	Physics 6-12; Math 6-12	Biology 6-12
	Brandon Henry	PE K-12; Social Science 5-9	Science 5-9
	Stacy Swain	ESE K-12	English 5-9 and

CES	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Summer Bailey	Elem Ed K-6	ESOL

BMHS	Employee	Certification	OOF Area
	Patricia Snyder	ESE K-12	English 5-9; ESOL
	Genny Foshee	Journalism 6-12; MGIC 5-9; Reading End	School Counseling K-12
	Marcel Ibanez	Social Science 6-12; Social Science 5-9	Science 5-9
	Amanda Boggs	Elem Ed K-6; Reading End; ESOL End	Math 5-9

	Kody Smith	PE K-12	Math 5-9
	Jonathan Irizarry	English 6-12	ESOL
	Kyle Delnegro	English 6-12	ESOL

WMHS	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Antwar Jelks	Health K-12	Science 5-9
	Chris Arters	Business 6-12; Social Science 6-12	Math 5-9
	Daniel Fisher	Business 6-12	English 6-12; ESOL
	Kasey Titkemeyer	Social Science 6-12	Science 5-9
	Jennifer Moberg	Elem Ed 1-6; PreK/Primary 3-3 rd ; ESOL End	Science 5-9
	Karen Titkemeyer	Elem Ed K-6	ESOL
	Taylor Smith	English 6-12	ESOL
	Emily Nadel	Elem Ed K-6; Reading End	English 5-9; ESOL
	Rebecca Ward	ESE K-12; Elem Ed 1-6; Reading End	ESOL

WES	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Kaylee Caraway	Elem Ed K-6; Reading End; ESOL End	School Counseling K-12

JBE	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Susan Woolson	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; ESOL K-12; Reading End	School Counseling K-12

YTS	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Caitlynn Bartello	PE K-12; ESOL End	Health K-12
	Caitlynn Goree	Agriculture 6-12	Science 5-9
	Valerie Taylor	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; Math 6-12; Deaf or Hard of Hearing K-12	Gifted

CKS	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Khemya Rahina	Music K-12	Art K-12

30. District Bus Routes Verifications for 2021-2022 School Year:

Transportation Department SCHOOL BOARD OF LEVY COUNTY Bus Route Verification for Drivers and Aides Effective for SY 2021 - 2022				
NOTE: Any routes over 8.00 will be paid by Time Cards. Bus Driver/Aide will be paid their regular rate of pay up to 8.00 hours per day. Any additional work-time over 8.00 hours per day will be turned in on a timesheet for payment. Hours exceeding 40 hours per week will be paid at time and ½.				
Chart coding defined as follows:				
INCREASING IN WORK HOURS				
DECREASING IN WORK HOURS				
HOURS REMAIN THE SAME				
REQUIRES TIMESHEET				
HAS NOT TURNED IN PAPER				
BUS DRIVERS	SY 20-21	SY 21-22	Decrease	Increase
Alfonso, Nanette	7.25	8.00		0.75
Anderson, Sheila	7.50	7.50		

Armstrong-Addison, Debra	8.00	8.00		
Barlow, Alesa	5.50	5.00	0.50	
Blacknell, Keoni	5.50	5.25	0.25	
Boyd, Amy	7.25	6.75	0.50	
Brower, Karen	6.75	7.00		0.25
Broxey, Hank	5.75	5.00	0.75	
Burge, Henry Terrell	7.50	8.00		0.50
Carlson, Paul	5.00	5.00		
Caroussos, Linda	8.00	8.00		
Cervený, Robin	5.50	5.50		
Crossman, Mary Ann	8.00	8.00		
Days, Joyce	8.00	8.75		
Days, Ronald	8.00	8.00		
DeWees, Mary	6.25	6.25		
Dexter, Julius	6.75	6.25	0.50	
Foley, Ruth	6.50	7.25		0.75
Goins, Shirley	7.00	6.75	0.25	
Goolsby, Drema	6.50	6.25	0.25	
Griffin, Carlynn	8.00	8.50		
Griffin, Kenneth	7.75	7.75		
Hagan, Joy DeLoach	5.25	5.00	0.25	
Haley, Tracy	8.00	8.00		
Hinchliffe, Lynette	5.00	8.25		
Ingram, Sharon	5.00	5.00		
Jackson, Iris	7.75	7.75		
James, Mary Verdell -RETIRED TBA	7.75	7.50	0.25	
Jentsch, Carol	8.00	8.00		
Jones, Maritza	5.00	5.50		0.50
King, Persel Thomas	7.25	7.00	0.25	
King, Royshawn	8.00	8.00		
Kirby, Edwina	5.00	6.00		1.00
Knopic, Tina	6.75	7.25		0.50
Koon, Robin	5.00	5.00		
Langlois, Stephen	5.75	6.50		0.75
Mayes, Eddie	5.00	5.00		
Nicholson, Mary	6.75	7.00		0.25
Noel, Kayla	6.25	6.00	0.25	
Nygard, Lois	7.75	7.25	0.50	

Richardson, Alicia	6.50	7.25		0.75
Rivenburg, Tanya	7.50	7.50		
Schneider, Mark	8.00	8.50		
Strong, Katrina	5.00	5.00		
Thompson, Alex C (Crystal)	5.50	5.50		
Tindale, Elizabeth	5.75	6.00		0.25
Townsend, Frances	7.50	7.75		0.25
Vieta, Eugene	7.25	7.00	0.25	
Wade, Sarah	6.00	6.25		0.25
BUS AIDES	SY 20-21	SY 21-22	Decrease	Increase
Barber, Betty (Candy)	5.00	6.25		1.25
Beach-Hallman, Susan Diane	5.25	5.75		0.50
Carrasquillo, Judith	5.00	5.50		0.50
Dominey, Julie	5.00	6.25		1.25
Fowler, Linda	5.00	5.25		0.25
Meeks, Mary Jane	5.75	5.00	0.75	
Minor, Susie	6.00	6.25		0.25
Sanky, Beverly	5.00	6.50		1.50
Shell, Crystal D.				
Smith, Tiffany	5.50	5.00	0.50	
Warhurst, Sarah	6.00	5.25	0.75	

31. Paulette De Jesus Soto, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective September 24, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 7, 2019.
32. Natalie A. Sullivan, WMHS Teacher, Lang. Arts, M/J, **retirement**, effective October 8, 2021, original hire date August 11, 1997.
33. Hannah Zeh, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, **effective** September 16, 2021, paid from Project #11020, **vacancy**.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Thelma Mickle, BES Teacher, First Grade, September 7-17, 2021.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director, ESE/SS, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education Directors' Academy, October 4-6, 2021, Tallahassee, FL., direct reimbursement to attendee, no cost to Board.
2. Kim Lake, Director, Finance, 2021 Florida School Finance Officers Association (FSFOA) Conference, November 9-12, 2021, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #17500.

3. Matthew Dettloff, CMHS Teacher, CTE Basic, Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region II Leadership Conference, September 23-25, 2021, Nashville, TN., sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #15322.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. **(Board approved 8.24.21)** FFA students to the FFA Chapter Presidents' Conference, August 28-29, 2021, Kissimmee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:

WMHS: Chaperone Austin Skipper, two students, county vehicle.

2. FFA students to Sunbelt AG Expo, October 20, 2021, Moultrie, GA., travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:

CKS: Chaperones Cody Wetherington, Rachel Wetherington, Shani Brinkman, 30 students, charter bus.

CMHS: Chaperones Matthew Dettloff, Dallas Locke, Michelle Walker-Crawford, 53 students, charter bus.

3. FFA students to National FFA Convention, October 25-30, 2021, Indianapolis, IN., chaperones Dallas Locke, Michelle Walker-Crawford, five (5) students, CTE Van, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.

e) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
 - i. 2021-2022 Uniform Assessment Schedule.
 - ii. 2021-2022 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and SWI Photographers for school pictures at BES.
 - iii. 2021-2022 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and RAVE Mobile Safety Annual Lease for the RAVE Panic Button.

2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for August, 2021.
- b. Budget Amendments #20-00044, Final Clean-up FY 2020-2021.
- c. 2021-2022 Five-Year Work Plan.
- d. Budget Amendment #21-00001 1B.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Christopher Cowart said everyone enjoyed the homecoming celebration at WMHS last weekend. They rallied around the parade, activities and games. He said he is looking forward to the other schools' homecoming celebrations. Mr. Cowart said Kim Lake is working on our budget process to re-calculate and plan. He said the state is taking approximately \$600,000 more than anticipated because of the vouchers and funding given to scholarships. Mr. Cowart said he was able to meet with the Chancellor of Education during his FADSS Conference last week in Orlando. He updated the Board about the emergency rule from the Department of Health. The new rule gives parents the option of whether or not to quarantine their student after they are exposed to another student that tested positive with COVID. Mr. Cowart said we are blessed because everyone in Levy County loves and cares about our students.

Board Comments: Tammy Boyle said CKS had their PTO meeting and spaghetti dinner last week provided by 2nd Street Café. She said they sold over 300 dinners and the money raised is used to purchase books for classrooms. She said the Penny Conch Race will be held on October 7. She said the reading boot camp had 25 students who retook the FSA. The FFA and Mrs. Wetherington had their junior and senior chapters in High Springs. The students

will learn about sturgeon farming, skirting the Ag building and painting storm drains. She thanked Mrs. Melissa Lewis for the emails with the data scores and results.

Paige Brookins said the new Hospitality Program at CMHS is going well. She congratulated the CMHS football team for being undefeated. She asked for updates regarding the CES traffic situation and asked to be kept informed about updates and changes.

Brad Etheridge said the homecoming last weekend and FFA BBQ were very successful. He said his children are the fifth generation of Williston High School graduates. He said he appreciated Mr. Cowart for addressing today's issues and his professionalism. He said students' parents should be involved with how their students dress. Mr. Etheridge said he is not ashamed to be a Williston High School graduate. He said he is proud of all of the WHS graduates.

Cameron Asbell said the BMHS fishing tournament is this coming weekend and the captain's fish fry dinner will be Friday night at BMHS cafeteria. He said BMHS will be having their homecoming and parade next week and will be recognizing cancer. Mr. Asbell said he appreciated Mr. Etheridge's comments and he is proud to be from Bronson and Levy County. He said we had over 400 students at the event and only four of them had issues with the way they were dressed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to go to BMHS/BES School Visits.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman