

Bronson, FL
February 27, 2018
8:30 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 27th day of February, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart and Board Attorney David Delaney, present.

Expulsion Hearing (1): The Board heard information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator, Denee Hurst had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 18-10: (student and grandparents present and also testified) After discussion from the Board Members, Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to amend the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2017-2018 SY and the 2018-2019 SY, and add for student to receive anger management, behavior and mental health counseling, at parent's expense, provide proof of counseling and re-appear before the Board during the Summer 2018. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved, with second by Chris Cowart to approve the amended recommendation. Rick Turner, Brad Etheridge, and Cameron Asbell voted "nay" for the amended recommendation; therefore the original recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2017-2018 SY and 2018-2019 SY remains, motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION
9:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 27th day of February, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Adoption of Agenda: For Good Cause, Chairman Cameron Asbell asked that the agenda be amended to **Delete 2nd Part of Item "G"**, ...and Approval for Ad of Amended Notice of Tax for School Capital Outlay, and **Add: "J" Letter of Intent Re: Surplus WHS Property, and re-alphabetize the remainder of the agenda.** Paige Brookins moved to amend the agenda, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried. Brad Etheridge moved to approve the amended agenda, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. Charlene Calvillo is a volunteer and parent at CES who spoke about an incident that occurred at CES. The Board thanked Ms. Calvillo for addressing the Board and bringing this to their attention.

Internal Accounts Audit Report ending June 30, 2017: Kim Lake reviewed the annual Internal Audit Report with the Board and said the only finding was to have different employees have separation of duties and responsibilities for employees who maintain the accounting records, handle cash collections, cash disbursements, co-sign checks, and reconcile the bank statement balance to the accounting records.

Contract Agreement with ClassWallet: Kim Lake talked about the ClassWallet Contract and said it would enable the District to set up "Go Fund Me" accounts to raise money for field trips, proms, school events, playgrounds or equipment, school supplies, etc. She said the tracking will be monitored by the Principals and Finance. After discussion, Rick Turner moved to approved the annual contract agreement with ClassWallet, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Budget Update 3rd Calculation: Kim Lake gave an update on the Budget 3rd Calculation, regarding the total state balance, allocations for the District and Charter Schools, FTE , and PECO funds.

Voice Over IP for YTS and CKS: Chris Johns updated the Board on Voice Over IP (new phone system) for the District and schools. He said by switching to Voice Over IP, it reduces charges for long distance lines to Williston, YTS and CKS. He said currently the District Administration Offices, Transportation, Maintenance, CKS, YTS, WES and WMHS have been changed to the new system, which saves approximately \$6,000 yearly for each of the locations, Williston, YTS and CKS. He said they will continue to work on switching over JBES, CES, CMHS, BES and BMHS.

2018-2019 School Calendar: Candy Dean presented the new 2018-2019 SY Calendars A and B. She said the votes were 281 for Calendar “A” and 210 for Calendar “B”. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve Calendar A for the 2018-2019 SY, second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

Letter of Intent Re: Surplus WHS Property: John Lott shared copies of the Letter of Intent for land purchase of property located at 427 W. Noble Avenue, Williston, FL. (former Williston High School). After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the Letter of Intent for the Surplus WHS Property, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Rick Turner moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Board meeting, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. Chris.

Consent Agenda: Rick Turner asked that 1a(2) be pulled from the Agenda for discussion. After pulling 1a(2), Chris Cowart moved to approve the agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. After an explanation from Kim Lake, Director of Finance, and discussion by the Board of 1a(2), Rick Turner moved to approve Item 1a(2), second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Emily Casey, BMHS Teacher, Math, *effective* February 12, 2018, *vacancy*.
2. Robert Clemons, OPS Finance Advisor, *effective* February 20, 2018 through August 20, 2018, up to 88 hours total, paid from Project #17500.
3. Kimberly S. Murphy, CKS Custodian, 10-month, *effective* February 20, 2018, *vacancy*.
4. Cassandra Sherman, CES Custodian, *effective* February 7, 2018, *vacancy*.
5. Betty Barber, Transportation Bus Aide, *effective* February 1, 2018, *vacancy*.
6. Seth Stebbins, BMHS Teacher, PE, *effective* February 12, 2018, *vacancy*.
7. Nancy Bowman, WES Teacher, 4th Grade, *resignation*, effective February 15, 2018, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date March 28, 2016.
8. Kyndra Sailor, YTS Food Service Worker, *increase hours* worked from 5 to 6 hours daily, *effective* February 1, 2018.
9. Emily Casey, BMHS, TSA, Blended Learning Teacher, *resignation*, effective February 23, 2018, original hire date February 12, 2018.

b) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days:

1. Migdalia Aguero, CES Teacher, 1st Grade, February 6–23, 2018.

c) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Requests:

1. Frances Michelle Walker Crawford, CMHS Teacher, Reading Coach, January 31, 2018, 3.5 hours.
2. Christy Jones, CES Teacher, ESE, February 23, 2018.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Elizabeth Kennelly-Smith, ESE/SS Coordinator, SEDNET, Emotional/Behavioral (E/BD) and Hospital/Homebound (H/H) Meeting, February 26-27, 2018, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40234 F2018.
2. Teresa Pinder, ESE District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), travel expenses paid from Project #40290 F2018, for the following meetings:
 - Training at FDLRS ACTION, March 5-6, 2018, Orlando, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties, March 6-8, 2018, Flagler County, Palm Coast and Bunnell, FL.
3. Melody Carson, YTS Teacher, Florida Education Association Conference, February 23-24, 2018, Jacksonville, FL., sub only cost to Board paid from LCEA Project #14935.

e) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:
 - i. Master Agreement between Kleo, Inc. d/b/a ClassWallet and School Board of Levy County, effective March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019, paid from Project #17505.

2. FINANCE:

1. Budget Amendment 14-B #17-00016.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeffery Edison thanked Sheriff Bobby McCallum and Sgt. Max Long for everything they do to ensure safety for Levy County Schools. He said the penalty for YTS class size reduction was waived by DOE. He reviewed the schedule for school visits for the 2017-2018 SY. He said we had to cancel YTS visit in January, but it was re-added for the May 22, 2018 Board Meeting. He asked Bruce and Breezy to update the Board on school busses. They said Levy County received five new busses and thanked the Board for them. Mr. Edison asked Brad Etheridge to give an overview of Governor Scott's round-table discussion on School Safety. Brad said the 4-hour meeting in Tallahassee was strictly about school safety. He said areas that still need to be addressed are mental health issues within the schools. He said Governor Scott proposed a hardening of protection at schools. Mr. Etheridge said he appreciated the Governor and his leadership for his approach to ensure school safety changes include hardening, and he looks forward to the conversations at the Safety Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018, from 4-6 p.m. He said Gov. Scott proposed additional recurring funds to cover additional SROs and School Counselors per 500 students.

Board Comments: Rick Turner commented on a parent's letter sent to SBLC from Winter Park, FL. He said it was an insult to Levy County because he disagrees with students walking out of class to protest. He said if a student walks out without checking out properly, we can't ensure their safety. David Delaney said it is not our intent to punish students for free speech, but our goal is to keep students safe. Paige Brookins asked Sgt. Max Long how an additional SRO per school would benefit. Sgt. Long said he loves the kids at all of the schools and SROs' appearance gives all students and staff a sense of security. However, he is not in favor of arming teachers, but possibly Administrators. He said teachers are at schools to teach. Paige Brookins said she's concerned about schools' staff juggling teaching, ESE needs, bullying and safety. Cameron Asbell said the safety of students is the primary concern. Chris Cowart thanked the Superintendent and Sheriff for scheduling the meeting for tomorrow night. He said it's hard to believe disasters like this happens in our schools. Mr. Cowart said the Gala was a huge success. He thanked the organizers, Donna Tuner and the Foundation, Brad Etheridge for the food, and all the workers for helping to make the event a success. Brad Etheridge said during his meeting in Tallahassee, he discovered the difference in amount of money spent on safety in small school districts compared to large districts. He said Levy County spends approximately \$196,000 annually compared to \$50 million on safety in a large district in south Florida. Cameron Asbell said the Bronson FFA event was a great success. He said he loves

everything about Levy County and wants Levy County citizens to be safe. He said we don't receive enough funding from the Lottery .

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman