

**Bronson, FL**  
**February 5, 2013**  
**5:45 p.m.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 at 5:45 p.m. with Chairman Cameron Asbell, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Hilltop Recommendation - Return to School for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2012/2013 SY:** Bobby Turnipseed, Hilltop Alternative School Principal presented information to the Board regarding a student's academic and behavior record while attending Hilltop School. The Superintendent made the recommendation that the student be allowed to return to their community school for the second semester of the 2012/2013 SY. The following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) Student 12-25 (student and parents present): Paige Brookins moved, with second by Rick Turner, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow the student to enroll at Chiefland High School for the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

**6:00 p.m.**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

**STEM Sunshine State Scholar – Levy County:** Kathy Lawrence presented the 2013 Sunshine State Scholar, Christian Knappins, to the Board. She said Christian was awarded this honor by the FL DOE and the FL Education Foundation for being Williston High School's top student in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). She said Christian and his parents have been invited to attend a special awards presentation and recruitment fair in Orlando on February 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> and that Christian also invited Karen Ridenour, his teacher at WHS to attend. The Board congratulated Christian on this prestigious award.

**February CTE Month:** Next, Carol Jones Dubois shared with the Board that February is CTE Month. She handed out a newsletter with information about Industry Certifications earned by students throughout the District as well as projects going on at the school site. She introduced Alice Graham, Health Occupations Teacher at CHS and Chris Wilder, Ag Teacher at WHS to share information regarding their programs. Both Teachers had students with them to share their experience in their respective programs. The Board thanked them all for coming to share CTE information with them.

**Carousel Industries – Voice Over IP:** Jeff Edison introduced Blake Barney of Carousel Industries to the Board. Mr. Barney introduced two colleagues he had with them and explained to the Board that this was an informational presentation only. He and his colleagues presented information regarding voice over IP telephone service and how it could work in Levy County. There was a question and answer period with discussion and questions from the Board. Superintendent Hastings requested that Mr. Barney forward the names of clients they have in our area so they could be contacted about how the system works for them. No action was taken by the Board.

**Energy Savings for the District Presentation:** Ted Alexander presented information on energy consumption by the District, comparing the years 2008 – 2012. The graph revealed that the District has had a significant drop in kilowatt hours consumed over the last 5 years. Mr. Alexander said the schools are working hard to conserve energy and the energy-saving procedures used throughout the District are helping. He said thanks to grants the district has received, the maintenance department has been able to swap out the older type light bulbs with newer energy efficient ones at schools and on campuses. He also said the mild winters we have had the last couple years have also contributed to the savings.

**Item Tabled at the November 20, 2012 Board Meeting:** Board Chairman Cameron Asbell reminded the Board that Resolution #2013-6 was tabled at the November 20, 2012 Board Meeting. He asked if there was a motion to bring the Resolution from the table for discussion, with Rick Turning making the motion, second by Robert Philpot, motion carried. Jeff Edison reminded the Board that the Resolution was to sell the Tower Facility/ Portable on CHS Campus. He asked

Bob Clemons to report to the Board how much money is made off the Tower annually. He distributed information which shows approximately \$23,000.00 per year is collected from 2 companies who lease space on the tower. He also ran an amortized schedule at 3% ROR and 5% ROR to get the present value of the tower. Board Attorney David Delaney advised that selling the tower will be complicated, especially with the mD7 TMobile lease. After discussion regarding the safety of the tower and whether the Board wants to pursue selling it, Paige Brookins moved to advertise for bids for a structural engineer firm to inspect the tower and report on the safety of it and any liability involved with it, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried. After receiving the findings of the structural engineer, the Board will decide what to do with the tower and Resolution #2013-6.

**Item Not On Agenda:** Chairman Asbell then recognized a group of Bronson community members who had something to bring before the Board but were not on the regular agenda. Shane Schuler came to the podium, thanking the Board Members for allowing him to speak on behalf of the H.H. White Gymnasium on the Old Bronson High School campus. He shared that the gym has been turned into a storage building by the school district and asked how the community can get involved to re-open the gym to students and parents in the community (see attached letter). Chairman Asbell thanked him and the other Bronson community members for attending the meeting. He said he wanted to stop any rumors that there were plans to tear down the building. He said since this was not an item on the regular agenda, the Board could not take action in regards to it, but they would take into consideration the ideas for working with the Town of Bronson to re-open the gym.

**Minutes:** Paige Brookins moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012 Board Meeting and the January 22, 2013 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot, 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. Sherman Stroman, WHS Administrative Assistant, ***resignation***, effective February 1, 2013.
2. Sylvia Hastings, CHS Custodian, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning February 1, 2013, and ending January 31, 2018.
3. Joe Rain, District Bus Driver, ***resignation for retirement***, January 31, 2013.

### **b) Professional Leave Request:**

1. Carmen Ward, WMS Teacher, January 23 and 24, 2013, Empowering Effective Teaching Convening, Orlando, expenses paid by FADSS, reimbursement project #14890MISCL.
2. Amber Philpot, WMS Teacher, January 28(pm), 29 and 30, 2013, College Board Middle School Leadership Colloquium, Tallahassee, expenses paid by College Board, reimbursement project #14894.
3. Elizabeth Horner, WMS Teacher, January 31 – February 2, 2013, Ag Leadership Team Trip, various locations in Central FL, direct reimbursement for travel and per diem, sub only cost to Board.
4. Kathryn Lawrence, Carol Jones (Dubois), Darby Allen and Amber Philpot, February 6(pm) – 8, 2013, AVID Leadership for College Readiness Training, Melbourne, expenses paid by AVID, reimbursement project #14895.

5. Valerie Boughanem, District ESOL Coordinator, February 6(pm) – 9, 2013, International Bilingual Education Conference, Lake Buena Vista, expenses paid from Title III project #40293F2013.
6. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2013:  
February 10 – 13, 2013, R-LATS Spring Meeting – Destin  
February 18 – 20, 2013, RLATS Duties Flagler County – Palm Coast and Bunnell
7. Valerie Boughanem, District ESOL Coordinator, May 8 and 9, 2013, FASFEP and ECTAC Technical Assistance Forum, Tampa, expenses paid from Title III project #40293F2013.
8. Jody Caldwell, Food Service Worker, February 11 and 12, 2013, Legislative Caucus, Tallahassee, expenses paid from project #41000.
9. Katherine Manuel, BHS Cafeteria Manager, February 11 and 12, 2013, Legislative Caucus, Tallahassee, *amend to* expenses paid from project #41000.
10. Carol Jones, District Coordinator of Career Pathways / Literacy, February 13 and 14, 2013, State CTE Advisory Meeting and CTE on the Hill, Tallahassee, paid from project #40201F2013.
11. John C. Wilder, WHS Teacher, February 28 and March 1, 2013, PARCC Training on Common Core, Chicago IL, PARCC will pay all expenses including sub – project #14890MISCL, no cost to Board.

**c) Recommendations:**

1. ***AMEND from January 22, 2013 Consent Agenda:*** Approval of 1 Instructional Temporary Tutor (OPS) position and 1 Non-Instructional Temporary Tutor (OPS) position at JBES, beginning in February 2013 and ending May 31, 2013, working 4 hours per day not to exceed a total of 120 hours each, paid from project #40241F2013.
2. Out-of-field assignments for 2012-2013 school year:

Site	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
WES	Erin Owens	PE K-8	ESOL; Rdg.
WES	Donna Lovvorn	Ed. Media Spec. PK-12; Rdg. K-12; Elem Ed 1-6; Admin. 1-6	ESOL
Hilltop	Gregory Brochetti	PE K-12; Eng. 6-12; ESOL End.	M/J Intens. Rdg.; Intens. Rdg.

**d) Student Trip Requests:**

1. John C. Wilder, WHS Teacher/FFA Advisor, February 21(pm) and 22, 2013, FFA State Officer Candidate State Leadership Summit, Haines City, 1 student, private vehicle, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, student expenses paid internal account.

**e) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Jennifer Brooks, BES Teacher, January 18 – February 8, 2013.

**f) Personal Leave in Excess of 6 (six) Days Leave Request:**

1. Zena Baker, District Bus Driver, February 1 – June 6, 2013.

2. Lynne Nofi, WES Teacher, *amend from January 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting* to January 15 – February 1, 2013.

**g) Instructional Services:**

**1. Contracts and/or Agreements:**

- a. ACES Tutoring Contract with Vision Christian Academy, a participating Title I Private School, *as amended* January 30, 2013 to include Improvement Time Table.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Info as of January 2013
- b) Budget Amendments #7A and #7B
- c) Permission to replace original vendor list from The Barfield Group (Bid No. 11-04 Various Categories of Furniture and Equipment) with a revised list

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Superintendent Hastings said that it's beginning to be the time of year when the District is in high speed. With FCAT coming up, the FL State Fair going on this month and the Suwannee River Fair going on in March as well as Elementary field trips starting soon, the District is gearing up for all the activity. He asked the Board about cancelling the CKS school visit after the February 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting due to an invitation from the BHS FFA Chapter to attend a luncheon honoring Dr. Steve Brown, the National Agriculture Education Supervisor and National FFA Advisor. After discussion, the Board decided to attend the luncheon at BHS and to cancel the school visit to CKS. He also shared that former Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster's father's funeral would be Thursday at 2 pm in Chiefland.

**Board Comments:** Chris Cowart shared that a fish dinner benefit would be held on Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> at Robinson's in Rosewood to raise money for the family of Johnny Alford and encouraged everyone to attend. He also said he had been contacted by a Chiefland FFA Alumnus concerning the Board putting an ad in their Rodeo program. After discussion the Board did agree to pay for the ad which would be \$20.00 each. Mr. Cowart also reported that Levy County Schools Foundation raised \$25,000.00 at the Stars GALA and thanked everyone involved in making it such a success. Paige Brookins thanked Carol Dubois for bringing in the CTE students and all the positive information regarding the CTE programs throughout the District. Robert Philpot informed the Board that WMS has received a \$10,000.00 grant from the NFL. Board Chairman Asbell asked the Board if they wanted to use the picture of them taken at the GALA for their ad in the Suwannee River Fair Book, they all agreed. He also asked if they wanted to purchase an animal together at the Fair again this year, letting Paige Brookins bid on the animal. Everyone agreed to do so. Superintendent Hastings then shared that in lieu of having the "Evening of Excellence" for the schools' Teachers, Educational Staff Professionals and Volunteers of the Month like we have in the past, the District and Foundation will recognize them at the first Board Meetings in March (TOY) April (ESPY) and May (VOY). He said with the extra people from their families coming to the meetings, those Board Meetings should be moved to the auditorium at Hilltop Alternative School. Everyone agreed.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Cameron Asbell, Chairman