

**Bronson, FL  
August 3, 2020  
5:01 p.m.**

## **Regular Session**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2020 at 5:01 p.m. with Board Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Public comments can be submitted by email to [publiccomment@levyk12.org](mailto: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.

All School Board meetings are recorded and may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LevyCountySchools> within 1-2 days after the scheduled meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Chris Cowart moved to approve the agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Welcome Visitors and Public Comments:** Chairman Paige Brookins welcomed everyone to the meeting whether in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Jeannie Norris and Barbara Locke, from the Levy County Health Department gave an overview of the COVID 19 situation in Levy County and discussed some ways to try to stay safe and healthy.

**Public Hearing 2020-2021 Tentative Millage & Budget:** Kim Lake informed the Board that this meeting is the second and final hearing of the two required public hearings to be held concerning the millage and budget for the 2020-2021 school year. She said the purpose of the hearing is to adopt the final millage and budget and to provide the public the opportunity to offer input. After further review and discussion of the finance information packets, the Board took the following action:

1. Cameron Asbell moved to approve the 2020-2021 Tentative Millage as advertised and to Adopt the 2020-2021 Tentative Millage Resolution #21-01, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried:

Required Local Effort	3.7390
Basic Discretionary (operating)	0.7480
Capital Outlay	<u>1.5000</u>
Total Millage	5.9870

The total millage reflects a positive change 3.50% of the current year's total proposed rate as a percent change of the rolled back rate as found on line 22 of the schools taxable value.

2. Chris Cowart moved to approve the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget as advertised and to Adopt the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget Resolution #21-02, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Levy County Video Presentation:** Kalee Wade showed a video for Levy County which will be used to promote Levy County. She thanked everyone that participated and/or assisted in the video production.

**2020-2021 Threat Assessment Policies and Procedures:** Dennis Webber reviewed the 2020-2021 Threat Assessment Policies and Procedures with the Board. He said Dr. Hall and Dr. Pratt were involved with the revisions and the plan was approved by DOE. He thanked Breezy Stockman and the maintenance crew for securing all the schools. He said they did a phenomenal job. Mr. Webber said if any students violate the policies or procedures; the goal is to place them in FOCUS/LLA instead of banning them from school campus.

**School Re-Opening Plans:** Morgan Bennett reviewed the 2020-2021 reopening plans with Options 1, 2 and 3. He said it was approved by FLDOE and meets the statutory requirements for all students, including ESE students with IEPs and/or

disabilities and ELL. He said the concern with parents that chose option 3 and do not have proper internet connections or no service at all. He said Dennis Webber and Adam Gore have been making home visits to families that couldn't be reached.

**2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Special Program & Procedures (SP & P):** Dr. Rosalind Hall reviewed the updates to the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SP & P. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the SP & P, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

**Review for Public Hearing to Adopt/Amend the Following School Board Policies:** Superintendent said School Board Policy 8.01 – Safety, is for review tonight and will be presented at the August 25, 2020 meeting for adoption/approval.

**2020-2021 Small School District Council Consortium (SSDCC):** Superintendent Edison said it time to appoint the 2020-2021 SSDCC Representative for the School Board of Levy County. Chris Cowart moved to continue participation in the Small School district Council Consortium (SSDCC), second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried. Cameron Asbell moved to nominate Ashley Clemenzi, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried. Ashley Clemenzi accepted the position.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cameron Asbell moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 21 and 29 Board meetings, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion of the Agenda, Chris Cowart moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

## **1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

### **a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:**

1. Thelma Mickle, CES Teacher, ESE, *transfer* to District Office Pre-K Teacher, ESE *effective* August 3, 2020, *new unit* Board approved May 12, 2020, and *change in funding source*, as follows:  
  

<b>From:</b>	1000E 5200 0120 0241 11020	100%
<b>To:</b>	1000E 5500 0120 0092 13720	75%
	1000E 5500 0120 0111 13720	15%
	1000E 5500 0120 0041 13720	10%
2. **(Board approved 5/12/20)** – Request approval of the *revised* job description for Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten, ESE.
3. Amanda Myhree, WMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, *internal transfer* to Dean, effective August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
4. Ashly Coker, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
5. Ana Sotomayor, BES FNS Worker, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
6. Donna Knickerbocker, WES FNS Worker, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
7. Florence Underwood, CES FNS Worker, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
8. George J. Wasson, CMHS Teacher, Grade 6 Math M/J, *effective* August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
9. Malorie Lowe, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date September 17, 2018.
10. Gabriella Nicole Arfaras, WES Teacher, Fifth Grade, *effective* August 3, 2020, *out-of-field* in Fifth Grade Elementary Ed. K-6, *vacancy*.

11. Steven Bullock, WMHS Teacher, M/J ESE, *effective* August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
12. Diane Natishan, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, original hire date January 27, 2020.
13. Olivia Sandefur, BMHS Teacher, Science, S/H, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 6, 2018.
14. Tammy Blanton, BMHS 6-hr Bookkeeper, *effective* July 22, 2020, *vacancy*.
15. Marcella Russell, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, and *transfer* any remaining leave to Citrus County School Board, original hire date October 10, 2019.
16. Tammy Davis, WMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, *exiting DROP early*, effective July 31, 2020, original hire date August 10, 1988.
17. Emily Nadel, JBES Teacher, KG, *effective* August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
18. Kristen Larson, WMHS Teacher, Blended Learning, *effective* August 3, 2020, *out-of-field* in Math S/H, *vacancy*.
19. Jordan Taylor, BES Teacher, First Grade, *effective* August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
20. Joshua Fowlkes, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 5, 2020, paid from Project #40230 F2020, *vacancy*.
21. Elaine Cuomo-Herndon, YTS FNS Assistant Manager, *effective* August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
22. James Curtis Reese, BES Teacher Aide, Elem., *transfer* to BMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
23. Eva Goldman, BES Teacher, Intervention, *effective* August 3, 2020, paid from Project #40241 F2021, *vacancy*.
24. Kailey Downing, BES Teacher, Third Grade, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, and *transfer* sick leave to Alachua County, original hire date March 5, 2018.
25. Melinda Chemin, BES Reading Coach, *change in funding source*, effective August 3, 2020, as follows:
 

<b>From:</b>	1000E 6400 0130 1011 11332	72%
	4210E 6400 0130 1011 40241 F2021	28%
 <b>To:</b>	1000E 6400 0130 1011 11332	51%
	4210E 6400 0130 1011 40241 F2021	49%
26. Toni Hilton, BES Teacher Aide, ISS *internal transfer* to Teacher Aide, Title I, *effective* August 5, 2020, and *change in funding source*, as follows:
 

<b>From:</b>	1000E 5100 0150 1011 11030	100%
<b>To:</b>	4210E 5100 0150 1011 40241 F2021	100%
27. Amos Bostick, WMHS Custodian, *exiting DROP early*, effective July 31, 2020, original hire date February 12, 2004.
28. Susan Gruber, County-Wide Teacher, Hospital/Homebound, *exiting DROP early*, effective

August 4, 2020, original hire date August 2, 2000.

**b) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Adam Gore, Coordinator, School Safety and Security, Conference on Safety and Security, July 27-30, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #13108.

**c) Administrative Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
  - i. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years Agreement with Special Programs and Procedures (SP&P).

**d) Instructional Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
  - i. 2020-2021 VPK Contracts between Early Learning Coalition and School Board of Levy County for BES, CKS, CES, JBES, YTS, and WWCS.

**e) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Kasidy Cothron, CES Teacher, First Grade, August 3 – November 2, 2020.
2. Stephanie Schonborn, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, August 5 – November 4, 2020.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a. Budget amendment #19-00032 17B (FY2019-20).
- b. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for June, 2020.

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Jeff Edison said he visited the schools today and the new teacher orientation. He said the teachers showed a lot of enthusiasm and excitement about getting classrooms ready to begin school. He said everyone seemed very anxious to begin the new school year. He thanked Breezy and the maintenance crew for working all summer to prepare the schools for re-opening. Breezy said he was proud of his department and appreciated his people. He said they were dedicated workers and always willing to do whatever needs to be done.

**Board Comments:** Chris Cowart said Kathy Lawrence invited him to the CKS welcome breakfast where pins for years of service were given to employees. He congratulated Charlotte Yearty for receiving her pin for 30 years of service. He said all Levy County employees are very valuable. He said as we begin the new school year, everyone needs to show each other grace and compassion. Mr. Cowart said everyone is looking forward to returning to sports, FFA, High Q, etc. He thanked administration for working diligently to ensure schools and classrooms are as safe as possible for students, teachers and staff returning. Cameron Asbell said some teachers are nervous about returning but are anxious. He thanked Superintendent Edison for having the Health Department here tonight to answer questions and concerns about the COVID 19 virus. He said BMHS is having the FFA banquet virtually and it will be streamed live. Mr. Asbell said everyone hates change, but we're all working together to have the best interest for our children. Mr. Asbell thanked Jeff Edison and Chris Cowart for running professional campaigns and he appreciates them both very much. Ashley Clemenzi said she's excited about the school year beginning, but very nervous about the unknown. She thanked everyone for making the new school year happen. Brad Etheridge said we will need a lot of flexibility in dealing with the opening of school and the unknown, but he is excited that the beginning of the new school year is finally here. He thanked Kalee and the team for putting together a great Levy County video. Paige Brookins said she is excited about finally starting the 2020-2021 school year.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

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Paige Brookins, Board Chairman