

Bronson, Florida
January 17, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.
Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in executive session this 17th day of January, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Chairman Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Beth Davis, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

Recommendation - Return to School from Hilltop: Bobby Turnipseed, H.T.S. Principal reviewed information regarding a student's academic and behavior record while attending Hilltop Alternative School, recommending to the Board they be allowed to return to their community school. The following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 09-27** (student and parent present): Beth Davis moved, with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow student 09-27 to enroll at Williston High School for the second semester of the school year. Motion carried.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board then heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrators, students and parents/guardians were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had each given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 12-14** (student and parents present): Beth Davis moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student from the Levy County School System for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 school year. Student will have the opportunity to re-appear before the Board to request enrollment at Hilltop Alternative School pending recommendation by a counselor that student has successfully completed an anger management counseling program and would be successful at H.A.S. . Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 12-13** (student and parent present): Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student from the Levy County School System for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 school year with the opportunity to attend Hilltop Alternative School pending a clean drug test at the parents' expense. While enrolled at Hilltop, student will undergo monthly drug testing at parent's expense. Motion carried.
- 3) **Student 12-12** (student and parent absent): Superintendent Hastings explained to the Board that the Parent called to say he had transportation problems and would be arriving late to the meeting, but would be there before 9:00 a.m., and asked the Board to wait on the student and his parent until 9:00 a.m. After the parent and student still had not arrived at 9:10 a.m., the Superintendent recommended that the expulsion hearing be continued until the next Board Meeting on February 7, 2012. Rick Turner moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to continue the hearing until the next Board Meeting on February 7, 2012, motion carried.

9:00 a.m.
Regular Session

The Board then returned to regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board. Board Member Rick Turner left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

District Reports

1. DOE School Grade Rule Recommendations: Dr. Tovine gave the Board an update presentation on the School Grades Rule Workshop.
2. Literacy Week: Carol Jones Dubois informed the Board that January 23 – 27, 2012 was Celebrate Literacy Week Florida, sharing literacy events that were planned throughout the district.

3. Ed Options Academy: Dr. Wnek explained the program Ed Options Academy that the District uses to assist students in graduating if they cannot pass the End of Course (EOC) exams required.

Minutes: Beth Davis moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Robert Philpot, to approve The following items on the consent agenda, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. John Zazo, CMS Teacher, *exiting DROP*, effective January 3, 2012 and payment for any unused sick leave.
2. Mary Jane Stalvey, CHS Confidential Secretary, *transfer* to CES Media Clerk (original position) effective January 3, 2012.
3. Kari Wasson, CES Data Entry Clerk, *transfer* to CHS Confidential Secretary, effective January 3, 2012, replacing Mary Jane Stalvey.
4. Charles (Chad) Brock, CES Teacher Aide, *temporarily replacing* Winifred Weeks, CES 3rd Grade Teacher, effective January 4, 2012.
5. The following status funding changes:

District: Carol Jones Effective Dec. 7, 2011	From: 1000E 6300 0130 9001 11030	10%
	4210E 6300 0130 9001 40201F2012	50%
	4210E 6300 0130 9001 40202F2012	40%
To:	1000E 6300 0130 9001 11030	10%
	4210E 6300 0130 9001 40201F2012	50%
	4210E 6300 0130 9001 42412F2012	40%

JBES: Susan Liles Effective Oct. 1, 2011	From: 1000E 5100 0120 0092 11030	100%
	To: 4210E 5100 0120 0092 40241F2012	100%

6. James G. O'Neal, Jr., CHS PE Teacher, *transfer* to CMS Exp. Wheel Teacher, effective January 23, 2012, replacing John Zazo.

b) Illness-In-Line-of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Lori McClellan, WMS Teacher, January 6, 2012 (3.0 hours).
2. Bryan Keith Osteen, JBES Teacher Aide, December 14, 2011 (3.0 hours).
3. Sonya Schmidt, CMS Teacher, January 3, 2012 (6.5 hours).
4. Carlton Scott, District Groundskeeper, December 15, 2011 (1.0 hour).

c) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days Leave Request:

1. Winifred Weeks, CES Teacher, December 13, 2011 through January 9, 2012.

d) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Winifred Weeks, CES Teacher, January 10 through April 11, 2012.
2. Violet Stokes, WHS Interpreter, January 3 through April 5, 2012.
3. Margaret Spann Williams, WHS Food Service Worker, January 10 through April 12, 2012.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

1. 15th National Special Needs Team Safety Roadeo, March 9-11, 2012, Orlando, FL, expenses paid from project #40230F2012: Bus Drivers Tina Berryhill and Linda Leonard-Eads
2. Performance Matters National Users Group Meeting, January 18 and 19, 2012, Orlando, registration fee waived by Performance Matters, 1 night lodging and travel expense paid from project 19060: Carol Jones, Angelita Thomas, Morgan Bennett, Robert Lowyns and Melissa Lewis.

3. Pamela White, WHS Lab Manager, January 25 and 26, 2012, FETC 2012 Conference, Orlando, expenses paid by employee, no cost to Board.

4. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), paid by LATS project #40290F2012, no cost to Board:

February 7, 2012(pm) – 9, 2012, RLATS Duties Flagler County – Palm Coast and Bunnell.

5. Principal Evaluation / Leadership Standards Technical Assistance Academy, January 29-31, 2012, Orlando: Dr. Gina Tovine expenses paid from project #10073 and Candy Dean expenses paid from project #17730.
6. Marcia Baughn, District Gifted Teacher, January 24(pm) and 25, 2012, Matrix Training and Field Test Meeting, Tallahassee, expenses paid by DOE, no cost to Board.
7. John C. Wilder, WHS Vocational Teacher, January 27-29, 2012, Florida Association of Agriscience Educators /UF/ Dept. of Agriculture Education and Communication Mid-Winter Technology Update, Haines City, expenses paid from project #15300.
8. John C. Wilder and Ben Randolph, WHS FFA Advisors, January 31 and February 1, 2012, Career and Technical Education Academic Alignment Conference, Orlando, expenses paid by FACTE, no cost to Board.
9. John C. Wilder and Ben Randolph, WHS FFA Advisors, March 30 and 31, 2012, FFA Foundation LTC Beast Feast, Haines City, expenses paid from project #15300.

10. Dr. Gina Tovine, Assistant Superintendent, February 6-8, 2012, RTTT Student Growth Implementation Committee, UCF Orlando, paid from project #4340101012.

11. Florida Educators Technology Conference, Orlando, expenses paid by employee, sub only cost to Board:
Charles Watson (WES) – January 25 and 26, 2012
Cheryl Pridgeon (CMS) – January 24, 25, and 26, 2012

12. Rowena Vincenty, WES Teacher, January 24 and 25, 2012, Professional Matrix Meeting, Tallahassee, expenses paid by DOE, sub paid project #40230F2012.
13. Alice Graham, CHS Health Occupations Teacher, January 30(pm) and 31, 2012, Annual CNA Program Update, Hollywood FL, expenses paid project #15300.

f) Student Trip Requests:

1. JBES Safety Rangers, April 27, 2012, Tour the State Capitol Building, Tallahassee, chaperones Lindsay Legler, Patty Griffith and Jaime Handlin along with 40 parents (names will be on file at the school), 39 students, commercial carrier – BUS, all expenses paid internal account.
2. Katie Jones, CMS Ag Advisor, January 20 and 21, 2011, State Middle School Horse CDE, Marianna, 5 students, county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.

g) Recommendations:

1. Payment of Supplements to the following personnel for supplemental activities during the 2011-2012 school year.

School	SP#	Supplement Name	Employee	Effective Date
CES	410	Peer Teacher	Mary K. Warner	12/02/11 (delete)

2. Erick Reddrick, WHS Math Teacher, effective January 23, 2012, replacing Renee Howard-Condon.
3. Tanya Taylor, WMS Business Teacher, effective January 23, 2012, replacing Kathleen Hartwell.
4. Rose Legree-Zane, JBES Teacher Aide, 4.0 hours per day, effective January 11, 2012, replacing Latisha Geiger.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of December 31, 2011
- b) Budget Amendments #5A and #5B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations Superintendent Hastings reported the FTE Audit findings to the Board, stating the District would take a \$150,000.00 hit for not meeting Class Size Reduction. He explained being a large, sparsely populated county the District would have needed to hire an additional 20 teachers to meet CSR. He said the District could not afford to do that, with salaries and benefits costing much more than the \$150,000.00 fine. He also said the other 2 areas hit were Transportation and Homebound Students. He assured the Board District staff is working hard to correct those areas of need. He also reported that School Grades were in and he was very proud of Levy schools. He said the Department of Education has notified the District that WHS should be replaced, not repaired. He said that Governor Scott has called for all building projects to stop in the state, including colleges, and will use that money for education, which may help with the new WHS project. He invited the Board to attend the District Professional Development Day on January 20th, stating that Max Thompson from the DOE will be the guest speaker.

Board Comments Board Chairman Paige Brookins reminded Board Members that the STARS GALA would be January 28th. Robert Philpot commented that he was very proud of School Grades throughout the county. He thanked the Superintendent and his staff for their dedication and hard work to help Levy schools improve.

The Board cancelled the Executive Session, and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Chairman