

**Bronson, Florida**  
**August 16, 2011**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in regular session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Beth Davis, Robert Philpot and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

**Value Adjustment Board – Selection of Community Business Person:** Superintendent Hastings informed the Board that Melanie King Hutchison who was appointed to serve on the Value Adjustment Board at the August 2, 2011 Board Meeting, did not meet the criteria of being a business owner in Levy County and would have to be replaced. The Board Chairman called for new nominations. Paige Brookins named Brandi Horne as a nominee, explaining that she owns a percentage of the NAPA Auto Store in Chiefland and would qualify. After discussion, Robert Philpot moved for nominations to cease, appointment carried unanimously.

**Resolution to Declare Timber at YTS as Surplus Property:** Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster reviewed with the Board the resolution she had prepared declaring the timber on a tract of land at Yankeetown School as surplus property so the School Board could let bids for thinning the timber. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Beth Davis, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Paige Brookins moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Robert Philpot moved with second by Cameron Asbell, 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. Larry Tonn, District Bus Driver, **resignation**, effective August 9, 2011, and payment for any unused leave.
2. The following status funding changes:

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| <b>JBES:</b> Susan Liles    | <b>From:</b> 4320E 5100 0120 0092 43241 00000 00000 | 100% |
| Effective Oct. 1, 2011      | <b>To:</b> 4210E 5100 0120 0092 40241F2012 00000    | 50%  |
|                             | 1000E 5100 0120 0092 11030                          | 50%  |
| <b>JBES:</b> Jammie Nobles  | <b>From:</b> 1000E 5100 0120 0092 11030             | 50%  |
| Effective Oct. 1, 2011      | 4210E 5100 0120 0092 40241F2011 00000               | 50%  |
|                             | <b>To:</b> 1000E 5100 0120 0092 11030               | 100% |
| <b>BES:</b> Crystal Cutler  | <b>From:</b> 4320E 5100 0120 1011 43241             | 100% |
| Effective Aug. 15, 2011     | <b>To:</b> 1000E 5100 0120 1011 11030               | 100% |
| <b>BES:</b> Melinda Chemin  | <b>From:</b> 1000E 5100 0120 1011 11030             | 100% |
| Effective Aug. 15, 2011     | <b>To:</b> 4320E 5100 0120 1011 43241               | 100% |
| <b>CMS:</b> Gerald Lawrence | <b>From:</b> 4320E 5100 0120 0053 43241             | 100% |
| Effective Aug. 15, 2011     | <b>To:</b> 1000E 5100 0120 0053 11030               | 100% |
| <b>JBES:</b> Olivia Odom    | <b>From:</b> 1000E 5200 0120 0092 11030             | 100% |
| Effective Aug. 15, 2011     | <b>To:</b> 4210E 5200 0120 0092 43232F2012          | 100% |

3. Morgan Elton, CES Custodian, *resignation* effective September 9, 2011, and payment for any unused leave.
4. Leanna Bryan, CHS Teacher Aide, *resignation* effective August 15, 2011, and payment for any unused leave.
5. Aretha Sheffield, CHS Teacher Aide, *transfer* to CES Media Aide, effective August 18, 2011.
6. Cindy Breeding, JBES PreK Teacher Aide, *internal transfer* to PreK Lead Teacher, effective August 15, 2011.
7. Karen Butts, JBES PreK Lead Teacher, *internal transfer* to PreK Teacher Aide, effective August 18, 2011

**b) Recommendations:**

1. Appointments -
  - a. Timothy Wood, CHS Custodian, 6.75 hours per day, effective August 4, 2011, to fill remaining custodial hours from Cynthia Freeman position.
  - b. Katie N. Mixon, CHS Teacher, effective August 15, 2011, replacing Joseph Flores-Toro.
  - c. Rebecca Savona, JBES ESOL Aide, effective August 18, 2011, re-hire.
  - d. Maria Sosa, JBES ESOL Aide, effective August 18, 2011, re-hire.
  - e. Delbert D. Draeger, WHS Teacher, effective August 15, 2011, replacing Lisa Hamilton.
  - f. Brenda Staton, District ESE Bus Aide, effective August 22, 2011, replacing Jennifer Yount.
  - g. Scott Hall, WHS Critical Thinking Transition Teacher, effective August 15, 2011, new position approved August 2, 2011.
  - h. Lisa Brown, YTS Food Service Worker, 3.0 hour position, effective August 18, 2011, from vacancy.
  - i. Jennifer Hurtado, YTS Food Service Worker, 3.0 hour position, effective August 18, 2011, from vacancy.
2. Establish an Instructional part-time position at CHS for Welding Instruction, effective August 15, 2011, for 3 hours per day, not to exceed 576 hours total as indicated by time cards, paid 50% from project #40201F2012 and 50% project 11030 (reimbursed by LCSF) with the appointment of Steve H. Senters, Jr. to the position.
3. For the 2011-2012 school year, establish a CDE student position for the District Title I Resource Lab, up to 20 hours per week, effective August 22, 2011 through June 8, 2012 and the appointment of Lily Blackburn to fill the position.

**c) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), as follows:

August 15 and 16, 2011 – Unique Learn Systems Training, Palm Coast, paid project #40290F2012

August 31, 2011 – FDLRS Technology Function Meeting, Tampa, paid by FDLRS, no cost to Board

2. Barbara Rivers, District RtI Coordinator, and Suzette Pelton, District STEM Coordinator, September 7 and 8, 2011, Executive Leaders Program Orientation at U of South FL, Tampa, no cost to Board.
3. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, September 11-16, 2011, Admin. Management Meeting and FL Student Services Admin. Meeting, St. Petersburg, 1 night hotel, meals and mileage paid from project #49296, all other expenses paid by DOE.
4. Valerie Boughanem, District ESOL Coordinator, September 6 (pm) – 8, 2011, Annual Statewide Assessment and Accountability Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from project #1906.
5. Francisco Velez, WHS ROTC Instructor, August 2-5, 2011, Cadet Command Conference, Orlando, no cost to Board.

**d) Student Trip Instructional Services:**

1. James O’Neal, CHS Football Coach, August 10-13, 2011, Football Camp at Otter Springs Camp Ground, chaperones Randy Fuller, Cody Montgomery, Chad Brock and Carlton Scott, 35 students, 1 school bus, expenses paid internal account.

**e) Instructional Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
  - a. Purchase of day care services with the following providers for 2011-2012 school year, paid from project #13762:
    - aa. Kids N’ Company of Williston, Inc.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a) Financial Statement as of July 31, 2011

**Superintendent’s Comments / Recommendations:** Mr. Hastings said it’s been a very busy summer with legislative mandates from both the State and Federal level requiring changes in policies and procedures for the School Board. He said District Staff as well as teachers from around the county have worked hard to make sure the District is within the scope of what the Department of Education expects. He also expressed appreciation for all District Staff and Teachers who have worked on the new Teacher Evaluation System. He said faculty meetings were being held this week in each community for all school faculties to attend explaining the overall concept of the new Evaluation System. Mr. Hastings said the students are first in every decision made at the District and it will continue to be that way.

**Board Comments:** After reviewing the School Board “Visits to Schools” schedule for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board agreed on all the dates except to CES on January 17, 2012. The Board will consider alternative dates for the CES visit and will discuss again at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. In the meantime, the other dates and sites will be distributed to schools so they will be ready for the Board visits. Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster informed the Board she would attend the Florida School Boards Attorney’s Association Conference in St. Petersburg this weekend. Mr. Philpot asked Mr. Ice if the new broadband system was up and running at WHS yet? Mr. Ice responded that it is not yet up, but it would increase bandwidth in the Williston area when it is operational. Mr. Philpot also asked about the New Teacher Evaluation System, stating he was told by a teacher at WHS that after the faculty meeting they still did not understand it at all. Dr. Tovine and Dr. Wnek explained that they have presented exactly what was shown to the Board for the Chiefland and Williston schools faculties. They said it is an overview only and they would meet with individual schools at a later date to more thoroughly explain how it will work. Dr. Tovine said the value added model was not included and would be brought to the Board as well as individual school faculties as more information comes in about it. Mr. Wnek said that in large groups of people, there will be different levels of understanding but that District Staff will be available at any time to answer questions. Mr. Philpot reiterated that Board members need to be made aware of activities at their school sites so they could attend if they chose to and would be more informed about what is going on in the District when asked questions by teachers or people in the community. Superintendent Hastings responded that the “every day” operations of the school district is the business of the Superintendent and not the Board, who should not be expected to answer questions about things they don’t know about. Instead, Board members should refer people to the appropriate District level person responsible for that particular area. Cameron Asbell asked the Superintendent if the matter concerning a private driveway had been addressed and the Superintendent said he thought it had been. Board Chairman Rick Turner asked if there is a concern about a road used by a school bus, who would our transportation department report it to? Steve Tyson replied that each new school year a map of all bus routes is sent to the County Road Department who is supposed to maintain the roads so buses can use them. Paige Brookins informed the Board that the Levy County Schools Foundation Beast Feast will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> this year. She asked if the Board would be willing to supply red-fish chowder again for the event. Beth Davis said she would be out of town but would contact the lady who made the chowder last year to see if she could do it again. Mr. Turner will catch the red fish. Superintendent Hastings invited the Board to attend the remaining faculty meetings explaining the new Teacher Evaluation System, giving them dates and times. He also said there was no need for an executive session at this time and cancelled it.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned with the Board cancelling executive session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Rick Turner, Chairman