

**Bronson, Florida
November 22, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in regular session this 22nd day of November, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Beth Davis, Robert Philpot and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

Amendment of Agenda: Chairman Rick Turner amended the Agenda for good cause, stating that **E) RFP for Qualified Bank Loan** would be added after **D)** and the remaining items would be re-alphabetized in order. Paige Brookins moved to approve the amended Agenda with second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Board Reorganization : Superintendent Hastings presided during the reorganization of the Board.

Appointment of Chairman: Superintendent Hastings called for nominations for Board Chairman. Cameron Asbell nominated Paige Brookins. Robert Philpot moved that nominations cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Paige Brookins as Board Chairman.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman: Superintendent Hastings called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairman. Paige Brookins nominated Cameron Asbell. Rick Turner moved that nominations cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Cameron Asbell as Vice-Chair.

Regular Meeting Dates: Motion by Paige Brookins, to set the regular meeting dates of the School Board of Levy County for the first Tuesday after the first Monday at 6:00 p.m. of each month and two weeks thereafter at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the Administrative Offices, Bronson, Florida, second by Robert Philpot, motion carried.

Designation of Florida School Boards Association Legislative Liaison: Superintendent Hastings asked for nominations to serve as the FSBA Legislative Liaison for the coming year. Cameron Asbell nominated Paige Brookins with Robert Philpot moving that nominations cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Paige Brookins to serve as the FSBA Legislative Liaison. Superintendent Hastings then asked for nominations for an Alternate Liaison. Robert Philpot nominated Cameron Asbell with Beth Davis moving that nominations cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Cameron Asbell to serve as the Alternate FSBA Legislative Liaison.

Paige Brookins then assumed the Chair and presided during the remainder of the meeting.

RFP for Qualified Bank Loan: Bob Clemons informed the Board that the tax bills for Levy County were mailed out today, which was later than previous years, and also said that the revenue stream from the tax bills for the School Board may be delayed until January 2012. He said that may necessitate taking out a loan for the School Board to have money to operate. He presented information from RFP Responses received from Capital City Bank and Ameris Bank. He said he anticipated the loan to be re-paid within 2 months. After review and discussion, Beth Davis moved to approve the RFP submitted by Ameris Bank, Robert Philpot made the second, motion unanimously carried.

Minutes: Beth Davis moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Board meeting with corrections as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Beth Davis, 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. Tina Smothers, District Bus Aide, *reduce hours worked* to 6.0 hours per day, effective November 21, 2011.
2. Brenda Staton, District Bus Aide, *reduce hours worked* to 6.0 hours per day, effective November 21, 2011.
3. Elva Wilkerson, District Bus Aide, *reduce hours worked* to 6.0 hours per day, effective November 21, 2011.
4. Rebekah Burcham, WES Music Teacher, *resignation* effective December 31, 2011, and payment for any unused leave.
5. Byron F. Sims, District Bus Driver, *resignation for retirement*, December 31, 2011.
6. Julia Oberst, WES Food Service Worker, *transfer* to BMHS Food Service Worker, 6.5 hours per day, effective November 21, 2011, replacing Jerri Gunter.
7. Henrietta Robinson, WES Food Service Worker, *increase hours worked* from 3.5 hours to 6.0 hours per day, effective November 21, 2011, from Julia Oberst position.

b) **Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), as follows and paid by LATS project #40290F2012: *amend to* December 7 – 9, 2011, RLATS Duties – Palm Coast and Bunnell
2. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE and Student Services, December 5-9, 2011, DOE Alternate State Advisory Meeting and Bureau District Partners Meeting, Tallahassee, expenses paid by DOE, no cost to Board.
3. Joshua Slemp, District 504 Coordinator, November 29 - December 1, 2011, SEDNET State Workdays, Safety Harbor, paid by SEDNET Grant project #40234F2012.
4. Alice Graham, CHS Health Education Teacher, December 5 (pm) and 6, 2011, Rural Health Conference, Daytona Beach, expenses paid from project #15322.
5. AVID National Conference, December 7 – 10, 2011, Orlando:
Dr. Gina Tovine – Assistant Superintendent - expenses paid from project #10073
Darby Allen and Lois Solly – CMS – expenses paid internal account and reimbursed by College Board, no cost to Board

c) **Recommendations:**

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

	Supplement #	Supplement Name	Employee Name	Effective
CES	SP381	Lunchroom Certification	Tammie Bloom	11/11/11 (delete)

2. Payment to the following personnel based on student performance on the Advanced Placement Exam, paid from project #139906:

BHS

Andrew Moon \$50.00
William Knox \$50.00
Vickie Roberts \$100.00
Ronald Russ \$50.00

CHS

Jan Flemming \$500.00
Lita Weingart \$250.00
Adam Boyd \$350.00
Valerie Smith \$350.00
Chris Wilson \$350.00

WHS

Mary Russ \$100.00
Amy Lowyns \$150.00
Jennifer Deluca \$250.00
Stephen Masyada \$200.00
April Palmer \$100.00

3. Lynda Mincey, WES Food Service Worker, *transfer to Food Service Manager*, effective November 21, 2011, replacing Sylvia Clary.
4. Gabriel Thomas, BMHS Food Service Worker, 5.5 hours per day, effective November 22, 2011, replacing Ana Frias.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of October 31, 2011
- b) Budget Amendments #2A and #2B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings noted the number of teachers receiving a bonus for student performance on the Advanced Placement Exam which indicates hard work on the part of students receiving college credit and the teachers for instruction. He told the Board the district is in the middle of an FTE Audit with citations so far that would equal around \$16,000.00 withheld so far. He informed the Board that he, Dr. Tovine, Jeff Edison, Bob Clemons, Ted Alexander and Gene Tanner had visited the Office of Special Facility Funding to discuss inadequacies and concerns with WHS and WMS school sites. They discussed the difficulty of maintaining 13 schools with no PECO funds from the state to help. He said they were told a combo school (Williston Middle/High School) would be a cost saving measure, but that no special facility funds would be available until probably the 2013-14 school year. Mr. Hastings said the district will not float bonds or borrow money but we want to be ready when the special facility money becomes available. Next, he told the Board that money from the Special Facility Funding for the new Bronson High School was now available to use for moving the Athletic Facilities (football stadium, outside basketball courts and possibly a track) to the new School site. He said not all of the money was used in the contract with the Town of Bronson to provide city water and sewer services to the new school and the contract has now expired, freeing up the money to be used for the new BHS only. He said he thought everything would be well within the budget, with the exception of the track. On a lighter note, Mr. Hastings announced that Robert Philpot has been awarded the Region 5 Life-time Achievement Award by the National Association of Agriculture Educators, and congratulated him on receiving this prestigious award. Next, he recognized Paige Brookins who has been selected as the Education Foundation STAR School Board Member of the year and said he was happy to see her recognized for all her efforts in education throughout the county and on the state level.

Board Comments: Robert Philpot commented that with the Board visiting WMS and WHS today after the meeting, he hopes they will stop in to see the transformation at the WMS Gym. He thanked Ted Alexander and his crew for their work in re-vamping the Gym. Cameron Asbell commented that the BHS Alumni Invasion at their homecoming was a huge success. He said over 500 alumni attended with the oldest class represented was from 1939. He said they have raised enough money to get started building the trophy cases needed at the new school to bring all the trophies over from the old school. Paige Brookins asked if December 16 would be changed to an Early Release Day, Mr. Hastings responded no it would not be. Sheree Lancaster asked the Superintendent if he had a recommendation concerning Joshua Barnes at CHS? He said yes and would need for the Board Chairman to amend the agenda for good cause. Board Chair Paige Brookins amended the Agenda for good cause to add **J) Employee Recommendation** and change the remaining item on the Agenda to **K) School Visits – WMS and WHS**. Robert Philpot moved to approve the agenda as amended, Cameron Asbell made the second, motion carried.

Employee Recommendation: Mr. Hastings requested that the Board suspend without pay Joshua Barnes, CMS Head Custodian, as of November 22, 2011. He said Mr. Barnes was charged with stealing School Board property and arrested on November 15, 2011. After further discussion, Beth Davis moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Joshua Barnes without pay effective November 22, 2011, Cameron Asbell made the second, motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned with the Board visiting WMS and WHS.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Rick Turner, Chairman