

Bronson, FL
January 26, 2021
8:40 a.m.

Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 26th day of January 2021 at 8:40 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Expulsion Recommendations: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After School Administrator, CMHS Assistant Principal Matthew McLelland had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 21-14: (student and grandmother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and grandmother, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2020-2021 SY and 2021-2022 SY, with the opportunity to attend the CMHS FOCUS Center, receive BASE counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Regular Session **9:00 a.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 26th day of January 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Public comments can be submitted by email to 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: Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed everyone to the meeting in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There were none.

WES Presentation – STEAM Specials Class: Rikki Richardson, WES STEAM Teacher gave a PowerPoint presentation about STEAM. She said STEAM is an interdisciplinary approach to teaching that uses science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. She said the students enjoy the hands-on projects and experiments. Mrs. Richardson said STEAM supports and reinforces learning in the classroom. It also meets 3rd – 5th grade science and math standards. She said the Diamond Dell Mining is a mobile unit from South Carolina that travels around allowing students the opportunity to pan through water in search for gemstones. Students keep the stones they find and discuss them in class.

Food and Nutrition Service Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Natalie Warren, introduced her group for today's presentation: Julia Oberst, Coordinator, FNS, Mrs. Cheryl Beauchamp, BES Principal, Ms. Catherine Mikell, BES P.E. teacher, Mr. Kody Latham, BES P.E. teacher, Mrs. Magdaline Algarin-Febres, BES Cafeteria Manager. She showed a PowerPoint presentation of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program at BES. She said the USDA provides grant funding to participating schools so they can provide a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables during the school day. She said the FNS workers wash the fruits and vegetables, cut them up and put in cups or bags for the students to sample. Mrs. Warren said while the students eat the food, the teachers provide nutrition education and encourage healthier food choices. She said BES is the Pilot Program and the goal is to expand it to the other schools in Levy County. Everyone said the students are excited about trying different foods that most of them have never had before. They brought an assortment of samples to share with

the Board and District Office.

FY 19/20 Internal Accounts Audit / FY 19/20 Charter School Audits: Kim Lake, Director of Finance, updated the Board on the FY 2019-2020 Internal Accounts Audit and the FY 2019-2020 Charter School Audits. She gave an overview of the findings and responses. She said most of the findings were at the schools' level and procedures will be reviewed. She said Nature Coast Charter School did not have any findings. Whispering Winds Charter School had one finding: Information on the School Web Site. WWCS will update their website to be compliant.

Approval of Minutes: Tammy Boyle moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board meeting, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Adrienne Burrow, WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *effective* January 5, 2021, *vacancy*.
2. Jennifer Neitz, JBES Teacher 1st grade, *effective* January 8, 2021, *vacancy*.
3. Regena Roberts, CES Teacher, ESE *position change to* Substitute, *effective* January 4, 2021.
4. Stacie Leffert, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *position change to* Teacher Aide, Other Basic and *change in funding source*, effective January 11, 2021, as follows:

From:	4210E 5200 0150 0021 40230 F2020	100%
To:	1000E 5100 0150 0021 11030	100%
5. Savannah Carswell, BES Custodian, *resignation*, effective January 11, 2021, original hire date April 22, 2019.
6. George F. Green, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, S/H, *resignation*, effective January 8, 2021, original hire date August 7, 2020.
7. Brittany Gilliam, Teacher Aide, P.E., *resignation*, effective January 22, 2021, original hire date August 7, 2019.
8. Pamela Plemmons, WMHS Teacher, CDE, *resignation exiting drop early*, effective February 5, 2021 original hire date November 15, 1989. Requesting to be paid for unused leave.
9. Jeneva Ramirez, WES Teacher Aide, ESOL, *transferring* to CES Teacher Aide, ESOL, *effective* January 25, 2021.
10. Gregory Harper, WMHS Teacher, Physical Education, *effective* January 21, 2021, *vacancy*.
11. Alexis Richardson, YTS Teacher, ELA M/J, *effective* January 04, 2021, *vacancy*.
12. Patricia Shewey, CKS Teacher, *Deferred Retirement Option Program*, Drop date begins June 1, 2021 drop termination effective date of Resignation May 31, 2025.
13. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2020-2021 school year:

	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
BES	Ashley Hart	Biology 6-12	Elem Ed
	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
BMHS	Teresa Collins	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; MGIC 5-9; ESOL End	Reading
WMHS	Jodi Nagel	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; English 6-12; ESOL End	Reading
	Cindy Battle	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12; Mentally Handicapped K-12; English 6-12	Reading
	Steven Bullock	PE K-12; ESE K-12	Reading
	Arnett Hall	PE K-8; PE 6-12; Math 5-9	English 5-9; Science 5-9
	Rebecca Bible	PE K-12; Health K-12; ESE K-12; ESOL End	Reading
WES	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Julietta Frank	Elem Ed K-6	Reading
	Mackenzie Mulligan	Elem Ed K-6	Reading
	Vivian Webster	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; Elem Ed 1-6	Reading
	Chase Thompson	SS 5-9	Reading
JBE	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Diane Priddy	Elem Ed K-6; ESOL End	Reading
	Maura Thompson	PreK/Primary 3-3 rd	Reading
	Eryn Graham	Elem Ed K-6	Reading
	Mary Sridhar	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; ESOL End	Reading
	Meredith Stone	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; ESOL End	Reading
	Jennifer Neitz	Elem Ed K-6	Reading
YTS	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
	Alexis Richardson	English 5-9	Reading
	Kathleen Keim	PreK/Primary 3-3 rd	Reading
	Michelle Goode	Elem Ed K-6; PreK/Primary 3-3 rd	Reading
	Carolyn Clark	Elem Ed K-6	Reading

b) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days Requests:

1. Rebecca Yeadon, JBES Teacher, First Grade, January 18, 2021 – May 28, 2021.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Carol Jentsch, Transportation Bus Driver, January 4-22, 2021. Amended dates January 4-15, 2021.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, County-Wide Teacher, RLATS ESE/SS, R-LATS Duties, travel expenses paid from Project #40290 F2021, for the following dates:
 - February 8-10, 2021, Flagler County – Bunnell and Palm Coast.
 - February 17-18, 2021, Putnam County – Palatka and Flagler County – Palm Coast.
 - March 2-4, 2021, Flagler County – Bushnell and Palm Coast.

e) Military Leave:

1. Lamar D. Asbell Jr., District Maintenance, Plumber, Drill Duty, January 21-22, 2021, Quincy Florida.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Budget Amendments 20-00014 7B and 20-00015 7A.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Chris Cowart said this is a very busy time of the year. He said Jaime Handlin and Emily Hancock are attending a NEFEC training for BEST Standards and Heather Rawlins is working on the ELA Textbook Adoption. He said FLDOE is projecting a 2.75 billion dollar shortfall in the budget, which includes approximately one billion dollar shortfall in K-12. He said we are working on a plan for Levy County and the salary increase for teachers, while are trying to be conservative with the budget. He gave an update on legislative changes. Mr. Cowart said he enjoyed having the NEFEC BOD meeting in person last week instead of virtually. He said the FADSS training on Wednesday and Thursday will be virtual. Mr. Cowart said Marla Hiers will have the new teacher cadre on Thursday. He said Levy County is investing in full-time VPK and scored 62% "Ready" with FLDOE. Nine districts scored above 60% and 58 districts scored below 60%.

Board Comments: Ashley Clemenzi thanked the District Office for the standards link for adoption. She said it was very informative and a great way to involve the county. She said the standards are important, but she wished the state would also adopt textbooks. She said this week is Literacy Week and reading to the children is very important. Mrs. Clemenzi said YTS is beginning a Student Council. Brad Etheridge said he always appreciates presentations done by the schools and Food and Nutrition Services today. Paige Brookins said she wished parents were allowed to attend the SAC meetings and student activities in person. She asked if our COVID rules and policies can be reviewed to allow parents to wear masks and be allowed on school campuses. She said the Beast Feast is February 6 at the Etheridge location and asked the Board if they wanted clam chowder or crab bisque. They decided on crab bisque. Tammy Boyle said CKS had their homecoming events last week and it was fun to see the seniors dressing up. She said the CKS concession stand is very nice and she plans to read to students this week for Literacy week. Cameron Asbell conveyed condolences to Paige Brookins and Chris Cowart for their losses. He shared a policy document allowing students needing accommodations to have tests read to them, along with other accommodations. Mr. Asbell thanked the Board for all the times they have supported the strive to make these changes happen. Superintendent Cowart said Levy County sent in approximately 40 applications for consideration.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for a school visit to Cedar Key School.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman