

Bronson, FL
March 8, 2022
Regular Session
6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 8th day of March at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, Cameron Asbell 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.

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Adoption of Agenda: Brad Etheridge moved to approve the agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Chairman Ashley Clemenzi welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There were none.

Superintendent's Highlights:

- AVID Showcase, BES, BMHS and YTS and YTS Progress Monitoring Results with Intervention Programs: BES: Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Beauchamp, Mrs. Wiggins; BMHS: Mr. Gaus, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Osteen; YTS: Mrs. Westfall, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the AVID students at each school and how they use the AVID skills and practices during class. They showed the students during note taking while reading, samples of the interactive notebooks, AVID IXL, Growth and Mindset tutorials and progress monitoring. YTS students Sarah and Sadie Richardson demonstrated how the students participate with each other during AVID class.
- WMHS Showcase Jazz Band: The WMHS Jazz band gave a great performance during the Board meeting. Band instructor Joseph Davis said the band performed at the Musical Performance Academy and brought home all superiors awards. He said this is the first time for the band to win that many awards in seven years. He said they are looking forward to going to state competition.

Request approval to Adopt/Amend School Board Policy (Review): John Lott said tonight's meeting is for review of School Board Policy 4.06 Requirements for Graduation and asked if the Board had any questions or concerns. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Lott said he will bring the policy to the March 22 Board meeting for adoption/approval.

2022-2023 Levy County School Board Calendar: Marla Hiers reviewed calendars A and B with the Board and asked for approval of Calendar A for the 2022-2023 school year. She said the majority vote is for Calendar A, with 87% for Calendar A and 13% for Calendar B. Mrs. Hiers thanked Catherine Davis for always putting the calendars together for the committee. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve Calendar A for the 2022-2023 school year, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Board meeting, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Wanda Nickolls, CES FNS Worker, ***exiting DROP***, effective June 30, 2022, original hire date January 4, 1995.
2. Heather Bohling, CES/CMHS FNS Worker, ***effective*** February 23, 2022, ***vacancy***.
3. Tiffany Stanford, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, ***resignation***, effective February 15, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
4. Obdulia Polidura Resto, CKS Custodian, 10-month, ***effective*** February 22, 2022, ***vacancy***.
5. ***Request*** to add a **District Computer Technician** position, ***effective*** March 9, 2022, paid from Project #40501 F2022.
6. Dale Stone, CMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, ***resignation***, effective March 7, 2022, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date January 9, 2019.
7. Patricia Tenutta, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESOL, ***resignation***, effective March 8, 2022, original hire date August 2, 2021.
8. Otaysha Edwards, WMHS Custodian, ***dismissal during probation period***, effective February 25, 2022
9. Rhonda Lynn White, YTS Bus Driver, ***effective*** February 16, 2022, ***vacancy***.
10. Lauren Fenner, CES Teacher, First Grade, ***effective*** February 22, 2022, ***vacancy***.
11. Saffron Dodd, CMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, ***effective*** February 28, 2022, ***out-of-field*** in Science M/J and Critical Thinking M/J, ***vacancy***.
12. James Pruitt, WMHS Dean, ***effective*** February 24, 2022, ***vacancy***.
13. Laura Adams, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, ***resignation***, effective March 18, 2022, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date August 31, 2021.
14. Hannah Rich, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, ***resignation***, effective March 11, 2022, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date September 13, 2021.
14. Carey Strickland, District Fiscal Clerk, ***position change to*** District Payroll Clerk, ***effective*** March 15, 2022, ***new position***.
16. ***Request*** approval of the ***new*** job description and position for the **ESE Instructional Intervention Teacher**, ***effective*** March 8, 2022 and paid from Project #40602 F2022.
17. Meredee Plunkett, District Occupational Therapist, ***exiting DROP early***, ***effective*** May 31, 2022.
18. Emily Anne Locke Joyner, District MIS/IT, Data Entry Clerk, ***effective*** March 7, 2022, ***new position***.
19. Leaundry V. Bell, CES Teacher Aide, Elem., ***transfer*** to CMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, ***effective*** March 7, 2022, ***vacancy***.

20. Nicholas Vascellaro, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, *dismissed due to Board charges*, effective March 4, 2022, original hire date August 3, 2017.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Board approved 1.11.22)** Brooke Sanford, WES Teacher, Fourth Grade, January 18 – April 22, 2022, *amend* ending date to March 16, 2022.
2. Steven Bullock, WMHS Teacher, ESE, March 16 – May 31, 2022.

c) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Rebecca Dowling, District Office, Accounts Payables, February 22, 2022, 2.5 hours.
2. Rusty Keene, CMHS Custodian, February 24-25, 2022.
3. Arelis Rosario Roldan, WMHS Teacher, Foreign Languages, February 24, 2022, (3.5 hours).
4. Marjorie Carswell, WES Head Custodian, March 7-14, 2022.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Joseph Wain, Coordinator, Transportation, Statewide CDL Training, April 19-20, 2022, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #17800.
2. Football Coaches Clinic, March 4-6, 2022, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project 14920 INTRN, for the following: Russell Holley, Michael Wilson, Timothy Jones, Garin Osteen

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. BMHS FBLA students to FBLA State Conference, March 11-14, 2022, Orlando, FL., chaperones Michael Wilson, Amy Wilson, 22 students, county bus, sub and mileage paid from Project #40202 F2022, meals and hotel paid from Projects #40202 F2022 and #14890 INTRN Students.
2. WMHS JROTC students to College Prep Visit and Wild Adventures, March 31, 2022, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA., chaperones Daryl Richardson, Twanda Miller, Carl Childs, 35 students, charter bus, travel is government funded, no cost to Board.

f) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements.
 - i. Request approval of the 2022-2023 contract between the School Board of Levy County and AT&T for WAN Services, paid from Project 17900.
 - ii. Request approval of the 2022-2023 contract between the School Board of Levy County and PowerSchool to provide services for Performance Matters Item Bank and Assessments, paid from Project #11374 SAI.

g) Military Leave Requests:

1. Lamar Doug Asbell, Jr., District Maintenance, Plumber, to the following trainings, no cost to Board:

- Drill Training, March 4, 2022, Quincy, FL.
- Annual Training, April 25-29 and May 2-6, 2022, Camp Blanding, Starke, FL.

2. FINANCE:

- a. Budget Amendments #21-00014 10A & 21-00015 10B.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Christopher Cowart said this week is Social Worker appreciation week. He said Gale Korn is amazing and she work hard throughout Levy County assisting students and families. Mr. Cowart thanked Mrs. Tanya Taylor and all the AVID teachers for going above and beyond for the students. He said the Chiefland First Baptist Church hosted the Ornamental Horticulture competition today and we have a lot going on in Levy County. He said we will have an all-day Administrators' meeting tomorrow.

Board Comments: Cameron Asbell said we have great schools and teachers in Levy County and we have a lot going on throughout the county. He said everyone is ready for Spring Break and he wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable week out of school.

Tammy Boyle said she was one of the judges at the Ornamental Horticulture competition today and she enjoyed judging with Regina Dickey. She said the CKS students gave a great presentation last week when the Board visited CKS after the Board meeting. She said baseball, softball, track and field are going very well.

Paige Brookins said she enjoys the Superintendent highlights before the Board meetings. She said she agrees that everyone is looking forward to Spring break. She said the SRF is coming up. She asked about the CMHS gym floor. John Lott said the Phase II should be completed and ready to begin moving in approximately May. He said the gym would be completed in Phase III. Mrs. Brookins said she received a negative comment regarding the CES pickup/drop-off and asked if it could be checked periodically to ensure the safety of the students. Superintendent Cowart said we were approved for the additional funding for the CMHS construction. He thanked John Lott and Breezy Stockman for staying on top of the project and all their work with the construction of the new CMHS.

Brad Etheridge said all of the hay bales sold for the Williston schools and it was a good competition. He said softball and baseball are off to a good start. He said there are approximately 1100-1200 entries for the SRF. He said the Williston FFA would have a Corn Hole Tournament at the Etheridge location during Easter weekend. He said on April 23, the Football Booster Club would have a steak cook off event for fundraising.

Ashley Clemenzi said the CKS students gave a great presentation during the Board's visit to CKS on March 8. She said it was good to see students as artists, sewing and working on circuit boards. She said AVID is very important for the students and the AVID teachers do a great job. She said YTS has a pig entered in the SRF named "Presley".

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Ashley Clemenzi, Board Chairman