

Bronson, Florida
April 3, 2012
5:45 p.m.
Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 3rd day of April 2012 at 5:45 p.m. with Chairman Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Beth Davis, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator, student and parent were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had each given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 12-22** (student, parent and family friend present): Beth Davis moved with second by Rick Turner 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 enroll at Hilltop Alternative School and to receive counseling while there. Motion carried.

Regular Session
6:00 p.m.

The Board then met in regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board.

“Common Core” Update : Carol Jones-Dubois shared a short video with the Board from the Department of Education explaining “Common Core” standards. Kathy Lawrence reviewed the Common Core State Standards Implementation Timeline for Florida Schools, highlighting the Standards for Reading, Writing, Language, Speaking and Listening, as well as Reading and Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies and Science/Technical subjects. Dr. Tovine also gave information on how the district will assist schools to implement the Standards.

Minutes: Beth Davis moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2012 Board meeting with changes 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. Salena Koon, District Bus Driver, ***resignation*** effective March 21, 2012.
2. Cassidi L. Brock, BMHS Clerk/Aide, ***resignation*** effective March 30, 2012, and payment for any unused leave.
3. Maria F. Thomas, JBES Teacher, ***resignation*** effective June 11, 2012.
4. Bryan Keith Osteen, JBES Teacher Aide, ***resignation*** effective June 11, 2012.
5. Mary Edmondson, BES ESE Aide, exiting DROP, effective March 31, 2012 and payment for any unused sick leave.
6. Jane Eaton, BES Health Aide, ***resignation for retirement***, effective June 8, 2012.

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

1. Evelyn Cannon, CKS Head Custodian, March 2, 5, 9, 12, and 16, 2012 (2.0 hours per day).

c) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Ruth Foley, District Bus Driver, March 9, 2012, running concurrent with extended workers comp as per contract.

d) Personal Leave In Excess of Six (6) Days Request:

1. Rita Inman, JBES Teacher, for the 2012-2013 School Year.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Joshua Slemp, District SEDNET Coordinator, April 10 and 11, 2012, Trauma Informed Care Training, Orlando, expenses paid project #40234F2012.
2. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), paid by LATS project #40290F2012, no cost to Board:
April 11 - 13, 2012, RLATS Duties Flagler County – Palm Coast and Bunnell
April 23 – 25, 2012, RLATS Training/Meeting – Destin
3. Rebecca M. Tyson, District Food Service Coordinator, May 13 – 15, 2012, Level 2 ServSafe Training, Land-O-Lakes, expenses paid from project #19062.

f) Student Trip Requests:

1. Marcia Smith, BHS FFA Advisor, April 3 and 4, 2012, State FFA Officer Screening, 1 student, 1 county van, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. Francisco Velez, WHS JROTC Instructor, April 13 and 14, 2012, State Drill Competition, Lakeland, chaperones Yvette Velez and Donna Roe, 30 students, 1 school bus, all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.
3. Genie Sturtevant and Natalie Steinberg, YTS Science Teachers, April 30 – May 4, 2012, Environmental Program, Pigeon Key – Marathon, FL, Chaperones Chuck Gatton and Tony Sturtevant, 18 students, 1 school bus, all expenses paid internal account.
4. Senior Class GRAD BASH at Disney World, Orlando, all expenses paid internal account as follows:

BHS – April 28 and 29, 2012 – 56 students – 1 school bus

Chaperones: Adam Booth, Donna Roe, Raymond Powers, Jr., Jonathan Irizarry, Kim Nemeth, Emma Powers

CKS – May 4 and 5, 2012 – 25 students – 1 school bus

Chaperones: Malinda Roland, Nancy Pelham, Jason Coates

CHS – May 4 and 5, 2012 – 60 students – 2 school buses

Chaperones: Jan Flemming, Kelly Nguyen and others TBA

WHS – May 4 and 5, 2012 – 100 students – Commercial Carrier – 2 BUSES

Chaperones: Karen Warren, Scarlett McGowan, Frank Velez, Brandy Karwan, Grant Sandlin

g) Recommendations:

1. Brianna Brackett, JEBS Teacher, effective April 2, 2012, replacing Myrtle Roberts.
2. Elizabeth E. Smith, CES OPS ESE Pre-K Teacher Aide, effective April 4, 2012, paid from IDEA Funds project #40232F2012, position Board approved March 20, 2012.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Info as of March 2012
- b) Budget Amendments #10A and #10B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings thanked the District Staff for being on the cutting edge of the changes taking place in education such as Common Core Standards. He said education takes place on the firing lines – in the schools – and he commended Levy County Teachers for stepping up to the plate to implement changes in education coming down from the State and National level. He said our District Staff works diligently to give our teachers the tools they need to get the job done. He said changes come so fast now it's like drinking from a fire hydrant with no time to catch your breath.

Board Comments: Beth Davis asked if applications were being accepted yet for the Jane Eaton Health Aide job at BES. Mrs. Dean said the job would be posted in the next couple days. Paige Brookins agreed with the Superintendent about the changes to education and how rapidly they are coming. She also asked for clarification on how grades are posted to Skyward so parents can view them. Mr. Hastings said parents should keep an open and direct line of communication with their child's teacher for best results. Mr. Turner asked about changes to the Skyward program? Mr. Hastings replied that Skyward is constantly changing as the district discovers more areas that it can be used to access student and employee information. Mr. Edison said Skyward has a Food Service Program that may replace the District's contract with Comalex, depending on what he finds out in the next few weeks. He will report his findings to the Board at a future meeting. Robert Philpot said he agreed with the Superintendent's comments about District Staff doing a good job keeping our teachers informed on changes in education. He said that's the job of District Staff – to help our teachers be as good as they can be.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Chairman