

Bronson, FL
December 17, 2013
5:00 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 17th day of December 2013 at 5:00 p.m. with Chairman Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Hilltop Recommendations - Return to School for 2nd Semester 2013/2014 SY: Dennis Webber, Hilltop Alternative School Principal reviewed information regarding 2 students' academic and behavior record while attending Hilltop School. The Superintendent made the recommendation that the students be allowed to return to their community school for the second semester of the 2013/2014 SY, beginning January 13, 2014. The following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 13-10** (student and parent *present*): Cameron Asbell moved, with second by Chris Cowart, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow the student to enroll at Bronson Middle High School for the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 13-19** (student and parent *present*): Paige Brookins moved, with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow the student to enroll at Chiefland Middle High School for the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

Expulsion Hearings: The Board then heard information regarding the recommendations for expulsion.

- 1) **Student 14-08** (student and grandparents *present*): Superintendent Hastings made the recommendation that the student be expelled from the Levy County School system for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year until his graduation, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School, pending a negative drug test with testing every 30 days while enrolled at HAS, at grandparent's expense. Testing positive for drug use will result in revocation of educational services. At the end of the 2nd semester, a team will evaluate the student's performance at Hilltop at which time the student will re-appear before the Board for a recommendation as to whether the Board will allow them to graduate with their graduating class at Cedar Key School. Rick Turner moved, with second by Chris Cowart, to approve the recommendation by the Superintendent, motion carried.
- 2) **Student 14-07** (student and parent *absent*): Jeff Edison informed the Board that during his suspension from WHS pending this expulsion hearing, the student was arrested by the Williston Police Department for stealing money out of the opposing team's locker room at a Basketball Game and would not be attending the hearing. Superintendent Hastings made the recommendation that the student be expelled from the Levy County School system for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year and all of the 2014-2015 school year. Rick Turner moved, with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the recommendation by the Superintendent, motion carried.

6:00 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION

2014 Sunshine State Scholar – Levy County: Kathy Lawrence presented the 2014 Sunshine State Scholar, Matthew Morgan, to the Board. She said Matthew was awarded this honor by the FL DOE and the FL Education Foundation for being Chiefland Middle High School's top student in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). She said Matthew and his parents have been invited to attend a special awards presentation and recruitment fair in Orlando. The Board congratulated Matthew on this prestigious award.

New WMHS Construction Management Services: Jeff Edison shared the schedule for the New WMHS Construction Management Firm Selection process. He said he would need Board action today to approve the members of the Application Packet Review Committee. After the Board reviewed and discussed the schedule, Rick Turner moved with second by Chris Cowart, to approve the following Committee Members: Jeff Edison, Bob Clemons, Anna Kroll, Ted Alexander, Gerald Ward, Barb Rivers and Ron Perez, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2013 Special Session Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1) General Items:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. Mary Hunter, District Bus Driver, resignation for retirement, effective March 31, 2014.
2. Donna Knickerbocker, JBES Lunchroom Worker internal transfer to custodian, hours worked to 8.0 hours per day, effective January 6, 2014.
3. Status Funding Change: JBES – Meredith Stone – effective date August 19, 2013
FROM: 1000E 5200 0120 0092 11020 100%
TO: 4210 5200 0120 0092 40230 100%

b) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Debra Addison, District Bus Driver, December 2 – 6, 2014, 8.0 hours per day.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2014:
January 12(pm)-14(pm), 2014, R-LATS duties Flagler County - Palm Coast and Bunnell
January 27(pm)-February 1, 2014, Assistive Technology Industry Assc. Conf. – Orlando
2. Carol Jones, District Coordinator Career Pathways/Literacy, January 23-25, 2014, Secondary Reading Conference, Clearwater, expenses paid project #11332.
3. Pamela Thompson, District ESE VI Teacher, January 29 – 31, 2014, Assistive Technology Industry Association Conference, Orlando, expenses paid IDEA project #40230F2014.
4. John Wilder, WHS Teacher, January 24 – 26, 2014, FAAE Mid-Winter Conference for Professional Development, Haines City, expenses paid from project #15300.
5. FL Educational Technology Conference, January 28 – 31, 2014, Orlando as follows:
Carol Jones, District Coordinator Career Pathways – expenses paid project #40201F2014
Charles Watson, WES – expenses paid by employee, sub only cost to Board
Pamela White, WHS – expenses paid by employee, sub only cost to Board
Tanya Taylor, WMS – expenses paid from project #15322
Dian Dudeck, JBES - hotel/registration project #14890 / mileage, per diem, sub #19060

Christina Smith, CMHS – expenses paid from project #15322

Fidah Williams, CMHS - hotel/registration project #14890 / mileage, per diem, sub #19060

Matthew Dettloff, CMHS – expenses paid from CAPE project #15322

The following – registration and hotel reimbursed by LCSF project #14890, mileage, per diem and substitutes paid from project #19060: Ashlea Graham, Cheryl Allen, Salinda Wiggins, Andrea Houtman, Dana Farleo, Michelle Ruiz, Shelia Rome

6. Professional Development Workshop – Problem Solving/Response to Intervention (MTSS), December 11 and 12, 2013, St. Petersburg *amend to add* as follows:
expenses paid RTTT project #43401 00814 – Lejuanna Willis and Pamela R. Asbell
7. Natalie Couey, WMS Teacher, January 24 – 26, 2014, FAAE Mid-Winter Conference for Professional Development, Haines City, expenses paid from project #15322.
8. Chad Hodges, CMHS Teacher, January 9 and 10, 2014, Professional Development Conference, Tampa, expenses paid internal account, sub only cost to Board.

d) Recommendations:

1. Amy Webber, CES Teacher, effective January 6, 2014, replacing Steve Cardinal.
2. Rachel E. Kates, WES Teacher, effective December 5, 2013, replacing Nathaniel Henkel, *amend to add* (out-of-field in Elementary Ed; in-field in PK/Primary Ed [PK-Grade 3]).
3. Terrell Meyers, WHS Food Service Worker, effective January 7, 2014, replacing Jackie Bryant.

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

1. Lisa Biehl, CES Teacher Aide, January 7 through April 25, 2014.

2) Finance:

- a) Financial Statement as of November 30, 2013
- b) Budget Amendments #3A and #3B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings invited all Board Members to the Annual County Office Christmas Party on Thursday at noon. Then he introduced Dr. Wnek to share information on a teacher in the District who recently received a special honor. Dr. Wnek informed the Board that the UF College of Education "Distinguished Educator Award" cycles through the Districts within the state, and Levy County's Chris Wilson from Chiefland Middle High was recognized this year. He shared information about Mr. Wilson and the Board agreed it was an honor for him to be chosen. Next, Mr. Hastings reported that an old grave yard has been discovered on the property for the proposed site of the New Williston Middle High School. He said the cemetery would have to be re-located which could cost up to \$10,000.00 per Joe Knauff of Knauff's Funeral Home. He said the cost would be split between the SBLC and the seller. He said an attempt will be made to notify any living relatives of the Limbaugh Family, but the graves were all dated back to the 1800's and one in 1912.

Board Comments: Cameron Asbell said BES will have a performance of "Cinderella" on Friday and invited everyone to come. Dr. Wnek told him that the request he made at the last Board Meeting for a presentation on Fast ForWord would be made at a future board meeting. Chris Cowart thanked the Superintendent for hosting the Christmas Party for Administrators and the Board Members at his home. He said FFA Sub Districts were held in

Cedar Key today with all the students doing a great job. Paige Brookins commented on Matthew Morgan and how proud she was of his selection as the 2014 Sunshine State Scholar for Levy County. Rick Turner said he was cooking for the Faculty and Staff at YTS on Thursday and would miss the County Office Christmas Party. Robert Philpot asked about how binding the contracts are that teachers sign when they are hired by the School Board. He expressed concern over teachers who were leaving “in mid-stream” and not finishing out the year. He also said he would like to see a committee put together to develop an administrative pool in Levy County for hiring Principals from within our own County. Mr. Hastings said that NEFEC offers a Leadership Development Plan that Levy County participates in with at least 2 people in the program at all times.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert Philpot, Chairman