

Bronson, FL
February 18, 2014
8:20 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 18th day of February at 8:20 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board heard information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator and parents were sworn in by the court reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 14-09** (student and parents absent): Cameron Asbell moved with second by Rick Turner to bring from the table the expulsion of student 14-09, tabled by the Board at the February 4, 2014 Board Meeting to allow the Superintendent time to meet with School Board Administration to explore further options for disciplinary action. Motion carried. Superintendent Hastings informed the Board that the recommendation from Administration was for the student to be placed immediately at Hilltop Alternative School where he must attend on a daily basis, working on his remaining course required for graduation through FL Virtual School, transferring back to CMHS after completing the course to earn a CHS Diploma. He said the student must meet attendance and behavior requirements while at Hilltop in order to be allowed to transfer back to CMHS, and further, the student would not be allowed to attend any school functions or events for the remainder of the school year. He said the recommendation was discussed with the student and his parents, and using his authority to place a student at Hilltop, he informed Mr. Webber the student would be transferring. Paige Brookins asked if the student has indeed transferred and was attending, Dennis Webber replied that he had not yet attended Hilltop. Mrs. Brookins asked if the Board could move forward with another recommendation. Superintendent Hastings said he did not have another recommendation at this point. Jeff Edison said that after speaking with the student's parents, he believes the student has completed the final course required for graduation through FL Virtual School. He said the student will receive a CHS diploma which has already been ordered for him along with the diplomas ordered for all graduating students. He said it was understood by the student and parents that he would not walk with the CHS graduating class. After further discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to accept the recommendation from Superintendent Hastings and School Board Administration, second by Rick Turner, motion carried.
- 2) **Student 14-11** (student and parents present): Rick Turner moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with student being allowed to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION

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

CTE Presentation: Carol Jones informed the Board that February is Career and Technical Education Month. She shared a flyer with the Board detailing the successes of CTE students and programs throughout the District.

New WMHS Top 3 Construction Management Firms – Presentations and Ranking by the Board: Jeff Edison reviewed the time rules for each presentation with the Board, stating each firm would have 45 minutes, 30 to present their information and 15 for question and answer time and that Pam Morrison would be the time keeper. He said each firm would exit the Board Room after presenting in courtesy to the next presenting firm, but all 3 firms would return to the Board Room for the Board's selection. The firms presented in the following order:

1. ACA Construction Group, LLC
2. CPPI – Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
3. Gilbane Building Company and Oelrich Construction, Inc.

After the last firm had presented, the Board deliberated on their presentations. After discussion, the Board ranked the firms 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The signed ranking sheets were collected and scores tallied by the Superintendent and Pam Morrison. The Superintendent announced that Gilbane Building Company in Association with Oelrich Construction was the winning firm, ranked 1st place by the Board, with ACA Construction Group ranking 2nd place and CPPI – Charles Perry Partners, Inc., ranking 3rd place. Board Chairman Robert Philpot thanked the firms for their presentations and asked Jeff Edison to begin the negotiation process with Gilbane/Oelrich for construction management services to build the new Williston Middle High School, pending special facilities funding received from the State.
(see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2014 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Chris Cowart 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. Donna Lovvorn, WES Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective June 9, 2014 and payment for any unused sick leave.
2. Rosemarie Hutto, CMHS Cafeteria, **resignation for retirement**, effective June 9, 2014.

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

1. Karen C. Gore, Personnel Secretary, February 25 through December 31, 2014.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Pamela Q. Morrison, Secretary to Superintendent, February 19(pm) 20 and 21, 2014, Secretarial Leadership Conference, St. Johns County School Board, St. Augustine, expenses paid from project #10074.
2. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), **amend date previously approved to** February 23(pm) – 26, 2014, Technology Advisory Meeting and AT Work Group, New Smyrna, all expenses paid by MTSS, no cost to Board.
3. Dr. Patrick Wnek, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, February 25 – 28, 2014, AVID District Leadership 4 (final) Presentation, Houston, TX, expenses paid by RTTT project #43401 00814 and AVID project #14897, no cost to Board.
4. L. Paige Halberstadt, SEDNET Coordinator, March 18-20, 2014, Small Group Planning and Problem Solving Training, Tampa, expenses paid SEDNET Administration Project.
5. FL Visions and National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center, April 28(pm) – May 2, 2014, Weston, expenses paid as follows:

Dr. Rosalind Hall and Pam Thompson – reimbursed DOE Project Connect /National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center #49296F2014
L. Paige Halberstadt – SEDNET #40234F2014

6. FL Educational Technology Conference, January 29 and 30, 2014, Orlando ***amend to add:*** Jackie Sohn, BES Teacher – expenses paid by employee, sub only cost to Board
7. F. Michelle Walker-Crawford, District TIF Coordinator, February 4 – 8, 2014, AVID ADL#2, San Antonio, TX, expenses paid from projects #40220F2014 and #14897.
8. Pamela Plemmons, CMHS Teacher, February 13(pm) and 14, 2014, Sunshine State Scholar Recognition, Orlando, travel and hotel paid by FL Education Foundation, sub reimbursed from project #14890.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. Chris Wilder, WHS FFA Advisor, February 21 – 23, 2014, FFA State Leadership Summit, Haines City, 3 students, county vehicle, advisory expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. WES PTO Fundraiser Winners Reward Trip, February 28, 2014, BubbaQues in Bronson, Chaperones Tisha Geiger, Celeste Greenlee, Desiree Mills, Laura Lowrimore, 47 students, commercial carrier – LIMO, expenses paid by internal account.
3. Natalie Couey, WMS FFA Advisor, March 6 and 7, 2014, FFA State Livestock Contest, Central FL Fair Orlando, chaperone Brad Etheridge, 6 students, county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
4. Clay Cobb, WHS Teacher / Band Instructor, March 21 and 22, 2014, Atlanta Symphony Performance, Atlanta, GA, adult chaperones as indicated by list on file with school office, 49 students, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.

e) Recommendations:

1. Kit Davis, WHS Teacher, effective February 11, 2014, replacing Darron Wilson.
2. Nancy Leech, WES ESOL Aide, effective February 12, 2014, replacing Ana L. Armbrister.
3. Convert the 12 Month Title I Secretary / Title I Parent-Teacher Resource Lab position at the District Office (approved on May 3, 2011) to Teacher Aide Position, 12 month for the Title I Parent-Teacher Lab (position was never filled).

f) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Patricia Lewis, CMS Teacher Aide, February 12 through April 30, 2014.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of January 2014
- b) Budget Amendments #6A and #6B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings thanked the Construction Management Review Team for the 3 firms they recommended for presentations and thanked the Board for their selection. He said he knew it was not an easy task to do, that all 3 firms who presented were exceptional and would do a great job building a new school. He also thanked the Board for their support of all the schools District-wide with their fund raising events at this time of year.

Board Comments: Cameron Asbell mentioned the Bronson FFA Food Fest. Chris Cowart reminded the Board about Day in the Legislature coming up in March in Tallahassee. Robert Philpot mentioned that all 4 FFA Livestock Judging Teams in the County were in the top 10 in the state.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert E. Philpot, Chairman