

Bronson, Florida
Special Session
BOARD POLICY WORKSHOP
November 12, 2014
9:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in special session this 12th day of November, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Board Policy regarding Communication between the Superintendent and the Board Members:

Superintendent Hastings reminded the Board that this Workshop was scheduled at their request to review the procedures for communication between the Superintendent and the Board Members. He told them he had polled several School Districts around the State as well as in the North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC), and that none of them have a Board Policy regarding communication between Superintendent and the Board Members. He also said Levy County is the only school district in the state where all Board Members have community schools in their Districts. Paige Brookins said she feels like the Board and Superintendent must have good communication to squash incorrect information that is sometimes circulated via facebook and social media. The Superintendent agreed and added that if a situation arises that he feels will come back before the Board via TV News or in a legal capacity, he always contacts all Board Members, but as far as what happens in the individual districts, he usually just calls the Board Member for that District. Chris Cowart reminded the Board that they are elected by everyone in Levy County, not just the people in their Districts. Board Attorney David Delaney gave the Board information regarding email and texts being public record and encouraged them not to “reply all” as they comment back and forth. He also shared information from Florida School Board Attorneys Association and the Duval County School Board. Although no action was taken by the Board, after further discussion the general consensus of the Board Members and the Superintendent was for the Superintendent to instruct the Coordinator of Transportation to email all Board Members with general information regarding any bus “incidents” or accidents and that the Superintendent will email all Board Members with information regarding any significant event and should a Board Member have a question, they will call the Superintendent for clarification.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert E. Philpot, Chairman