

**Bronson, Florida  
December 6, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in regular session this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Beth Davis, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

**Item not on the Agenda:** The Board recognized Rachel Roberts who brought to their attention a concern she had with what she called the recent hiring / firing practice at Chiefland High School. Board Chair Paige Brookins responded that Mr. Tovine, CHS Principal, was well within his rights and Board Attorney Lancaster informed Ms. Roberts that FL Statutes support the action within the 97-day probationary period. Superintendent Hastings also said he supported the CHS Administration 100% in their decision to let the 2 teachers go as well as who they hired to replace them.

**“Conservation Teacher of the Year” Award:** The Superintendent introduced Aaron Lane and Wilbur Dean of The Levy Soil and Water Conservation District to present \$1,000.00 cash awards to 3 Levy County Teachers. Mr. Lane informed the Board that the LSWCD has been awarding teachers for their conservation education projects since 2008 and he was happy to present the awards to this year’s recipients. He called for Lita Weingart from CHS, Jennifer Bray from BMS and Marcia Smith from BHS to come to the podium where he presented them each with plaques and a check for \$1,000.00. The Board thanked the LSWCD for their support.

**Minutes:** Robert Philpot moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the November 22, 2011 Board meeting with corrections as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

**1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

**a) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Taven Bennett, CHS Teacher, October 12 through **AMEND TO** October 31, 2011.
2. Renee Howard-Condon, WHS Teacher, **EXTEND** from November 28 – December 16, 2011.

**b) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Request:**

1. Lori McClellan, WMS Teacher, November 7 (2.0 hrs.), 9 (1.25 hrs.), November 30 (1 hour) and December 1 (1.25 hours), 2011.
2. Bryan Keith Osteen, November 30, 2011 (7.5 hours).

**c) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Dr. Patrick Wnek, January 23 and 24, 2012, FL Partnership Leadership Colloquium, Jacksonville, paid by College Board Partnership, no cost to Board.
2. Teresa Pinder, District LATS, January 24 – 28, 2012, ATIA Conference, Orlando, paid from project #40290F2012.
3. Softball Conference December 8 and 9, 2011, Daytona, expenses paid internal account, no cost to the Board: Jesse K. Thomas and Danny Wiggins - BHS Softball Coaches.

4. Executive Leadership Program, January 11 and 12, 2012, Tampa, no cost to Board: Kathryn Lawrence, Barbara Rivers and Suzette Pelton.
5. National AVID Conference, December 8-10, 2011, Orlando, expenses paid by FL Partnership Grant, no cost to Board: Pamela R. Asbell, Amber Philpot and Marie Wilber
6. Valerie Boughanem, District ESOL Coordinator, February 2(pm) and 3, 2012, CELLA Regional Training, Lee County Public Ed. Center, no cost to Board.
7. Dr. Gina Tovine, November 30(pm) and December 1, 2011, Race To The Top Assessment Meeting, Orlando, paid from RTTT Grant project #4340101011.

**d) Student Trip Requests:**

1. Katie Jones, CMS FFA Advisor, December 9 and 10, 2011, Middle School FFA Conference, Haines City, Tammy Gardner Chaperone, 6 students, county van and private vehicle, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other costs paid internal account.
2. Michelle Barber, BHS Band Director, January 11-14, 2012, FMEA All State Band Competition, Tampa, 2 students riding with parents in private vehicles, all expenses paid internal account.
3. Dennis Voyles, CKS FFA Advisor, December 10 and 11, 2011, State Leadership Conference, Haines City, Chaperone Katie Jones, 2 students, private vehicle, advisor expense paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
4. Kathleen Hartwell, WMS Jr. Beta Advisor, December 5 and 6, 2011, Jr. Beta Convention, Orlando, chaperones Mary Wilson and Rebecca Childs, 9 students, private vehicles, all expenses paid internal account – sub only cost to Board.
5. WES PTO Fundraiser Winners, December 9, 2011, winners will be transported to Bubba Ques in Bronson for lunch, 39 students, 3 trips by commercial carrier – LIMOSINE, all expenses paid by PTO, no cost to Board.

**e) Recommendations:**

1. OPS Tutor Position at BMHS to provide support in the STEM Lab during and after school, as indicated by time cards, effective December 7, 2011, paid from RTTT project #4340100312 with the appointment of Robert Durrance to the position.
2. Rebecca M. Tyson, District Coordinator of Food Service, effective December 12, 2011, replacing Betty (Candy) Barber.
3. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the School Board of Levy County and the Levy County Education Association in compliance with the requirements of the School Improvement Grant 1003g for Williston High School. (attachment #1)
4. OPS Tutor Position at CHS to provide support in the STEM Lab during and after school, as indicated by time cards not to exceed \$9,000.00, effective December 12, 2011, paid from RTTT project #4340100312 with the appointment of Stephanie E. Shelley to the position.
5. Establish two (2) OPS Teacher positions at WES to work with lower quartile students in preparation for the FCAT, up to 4.0 hours per day each, not to exceed a total of 288 hours as indicated by time cards, effective December 7, 2011, paid from Title I funds project

#40241F2012 with the appointment of Teresa Wiley and Angela Acevedo to each position.

6. Emily Chaconas, WHS Teacher, effective January 3, 2012, replacing Denise Lahusky.
7. Elizabeth Hardee, District Bus Aide, effective December 5, 2011, new position approved October 4, 2011.
8. Amy R. Hallman, CES Food Service Worker, 4.5 hours per day, effective December 7, 2011, replacing Tammie Bloom.
9. Payment of Supplements to the following personnel for supplemental activities during the 2011-2012 school year.

School	SP#	Supplement Name	Employee	Effective
BMHS	600	Weightlifting	Albert Cooksey	11/18/11 ( <b>delete</b> )
	290	Football – Head Varsity	Albert Cooksey	01/30/12 ( <b>delete</b> )

**f) Employee Status Changes:**

1. Joshua T. Barnes, CMS Head Custodian, **resignation** effective December 1, 2011, and payment for any unused leave.
2. Norma Olavarria, District Bus Aide and BMHS Food Service Worker, **exiting DROP**, effective December 31, 2011 and payment for any unused sick leave.
3. Regina V. Appling, JBES Pre-K Teacher, **resignation**, effective December 9, 2011.
4. Kathleen Hartwell, WMS Teacher, **resignation**, effective December 16, 2011.
5. The following status funding changes:

**District:**

Laura Brown Effective July 1, 2011	<b>From:</b>	1000E 6300 0130 9001 1372	69%
		4210E 5200 0130 9001 40230F2012	31%
	<b>To:</b>	1000E 6300 0130 9001 13720	69%
		4210E 5200 0130 9001 40232F2012	31%
Candia Holmes Effective July 1, 2011	<b>From:</b>	1000E 8200 0160 9001 13751	72%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 40230F2012	14%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 42412F2012	14%
	<b>To:</b>	1000E 8200 0160 9001 13751	72%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 11020	14%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 42412F2012	14%
Geraine Blackford Effective July 1, 2011	<b>From:</b>	1000E 8200 0160 9001 13751	74%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 40230F2012	13%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 42412F2012	13%
	<b>To:</b>	1000E 8200 0160 9001 13751	74%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 11020	13%
		4210E 6500 0160 9001 42412F2012	13%

Ron T. Perez	<b>From:</b> 1000E 8200 0160 9001 13751	74%
Effective July 1, 2011	4210E 6500 0160 9001 40230F2012	13%
	4210E 6500 0160 9001 42412F2012	13%
	<b>To:</b> 1000E 8200 0160 9001 13751	74%
	4210E 6500 0160 9001 11020	13%
	4210E 6500 0160 9001 42412F2012	13%

## 2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of November 30, 2011
- b) Budget Amendments #3A and #3B

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Mr. Hastings informed the Board he had spent 3 days in Tampa at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference for FADSS and FSBA recently. He said he is concerned about the FCAT Cut Scores that are being proposed by the State Board of Education and how they will affect High School Grades particularly in Levy County and across the State. He said the State Board will vote on December 17, 2011 and he will report back to the Board at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Board Comments:** Robert Philpot asked how the Facilities Audit with the State was going? Ted Alexander replied that it was going well – the State Team was easy to work with and actually left 1 day earlier than expected with only positive comments about Levy County. Paige Brookins shared that she attended the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference in Tampa and encouraged all Board Members to go. She said she was thankful to work with Board Members who are genuinely concerned for students and would work together for their best. She also said that having prayer before Board Meetings is a big issue in some Districts but was thankful Levy County still begins Board Meetings with prayer. Rick Turner asked that Board Members be given the Legislative Platforms for NEFEC, FSBA and FADSS so they can review and discuss at future Board Meetings. The Superintendent said he would get those out to Board Members in the next week. Robert Philpot said he did not think the Board did a good job in getting the word out to the public about how important financially the .25 MIL tax was to the School Board. He said he believed people in Levy County do care about their community schools, but did not understand the financial affect not having the .25 MIL funds would have on the School Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot to adjourn the meeting, motion carried and meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Rick Turner, Chairman