

Bronson, Florida
April 17, 2012
8:45 a.m.
Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 17th day of April 2012 at 8:45 a.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 was sworn in by the Court Reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 12-23** (student and parent absent): Rick Turner moved with second by Cameron Asbell 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 anger management counseling while there. Motion carried.

Regular Session
9:00 a.m.

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

District Reports

- **School Grade Calculation Changes:** Dr. Tovine presented information regarding changes in Florida's School Grading System.
- **Principal Evaluation:** Dr. Tovine then presented information on the revised Florida Principal Leadership Standards. She said the State has required a Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA), but also provided a state model that is pre-approved. She said Levy County's plan incorporates most of the State model, with some tweaking to better fit our District. She said the district's plan must be submitted to FLDOE by May 1, 2012, with training for our Administrators in the summer. The assessment will begin in fall 2012. Cost to the District is Administrator's travel and their time. After discussion, Rick Turner moved to approve the District's FSLA to be submitted to the Department of Education by the deadline, second by Robert Philpot, motion carried.
- **District Accreditation:** Dr. Wnek presented information regarding District Accreditation by AdvancED. He reminded the Board that the District has submitted the Letter of Interest, completed the Self Assessment of Readiness, and hosted the Readiness Visit, all requirements of the application. He asked for Board approval to submit a Letter of Commitment, the final requirement. After discussion, Beth Davis made the motion to continue with the District Accreditation process, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.
- **Public Hearing – Amend School Board Policy:** Jeff Edison reminded the Board that this was the public hearing to adopt the amended School Board Policy presented at the March 6, 2012 Board Meeting. He then reviewed 11.03 – "Use of Facilities". After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the amended policy, seconded by Robert Philpot. Motion carried.
- **Award of Bid – WHS Green House:** Gerald Ward presented the recommendation for a company to construct a 30'x60' greenhouse at WHS, sharing the tabulation sheet with the Board. After discussion, Beth Davis made the motion to approve Jaderloon Company, Inc., as the successful bidder over Imperial Builders and Supply, Inc., second by Robert Philpot, motion carried.

Minutes: Beth Davis moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 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 as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. Pamela Turner, YTS Teacher, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 11, 2012.
2. Cliff Harrell, WHS Teacher, resignation effective *amend to* April 27, 2012.
3. Aaron Haldeman, BMHS P.E. Teacher, *transfer* to CHS Administrative Assistant / Social Studies Teacher (out-of-field), effective April 30, 2012, replacing Adam Gore.
4. Karen Butts, JBES ESE Teacher Aide, *internal transfer for the remainder of the 2011-2012 SY* to PK Lead Teacher, replacing Regina Appling.

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

1. Evelyn Cannon, CKS Head Custodian, March 19 and 23, 2012 (2.0 hours per day).

c) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Danielle Jeannite, JBES Teacher, May 15 – June 8, 2012.
2. Morgan A. Elton, CES Custodian, April 2 – May 1, 2012, 8.0 hours per day.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), paid by LATS project #40290F2012, no cost to Board:
May 2 and 3 (5:30 pm), 2012, RLATS Duties Flagler County – Palm Coast and Bunnell
May 3(5:30 pm) and 4, 2012, RLATS Region 3 Meeting – Viera
2. Laura Brown and Marcy Young, May 9 and 10, 2012, Pre-K Updates and Yearly Meeting, Lake Mary, paid from project #40232F2012.
3. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE and Student Services, June 10-14, 2012, Council of Special Education Administrators Institute (CASE), Sanibel, paid from project #40230F2012.
4. Valerie Boughanem, ESOL Coordinator, May 6 and 7, 2012, FASFEPa for Title III, Tampa, paid from project #40293F2012.
5. Dr. Gina Tovine, Assistant Superintendent, May 2 and 3, 2012, Central FL Assessment Collaborative, Orlando, paid from project #10073.
6. Florida School Nutrition Association Conference, April 25 – 29, 2012, Daytona, paid from internal fund, sub (if needed) only cost to Board: BHS – Katherine Manuel and Haeng Gonthier, CES - Marilyn K. Maxwell, Brenda Rolfe and Merci Bingaman, WMS – S. Renee Redwine and Merial Mills, WHS – Helen Watson
7. Suann Dupont, CHS Teacher, May 2 and 3, 2012, Visions DOE Transition Conference, Tampa, paid from project #40230F2012.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. Francisco Velez, WHS JROTC Instructor, June 18 – 23, 2012, Summer Camp Area II JROTC, Camp

Shands - Hawthorne, chaperones LTC Jaso, Yvette Velez and Donna Roe, 20 students, 1 school bus, all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.

- a. Rebecca Mack, CHS FBLA Advisor, April 28 – May 1, 2012, FBLA State Convention, 2 students, 1 county van, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
3. WHS Varsity Football Team, July 22 – 24, 2012, Football Camp, Stetson University, all expenses paid internal account, Coaches/Chaperones Jamie Baker, Dietrich Stewart, Scott Hall, Keith Machtinger and Mickey Ebert, 35 students, 1 regular school bus, expenses paid internal account.
4. BES 5th Grade Classes, May 4, 2012, Wild Adventures Theme Park, Valdosta GA., Teachers Jackie Sohn, Salinda Wiggins, Samara Fisher, April Rogers and Kathryn James, other chaperones recorded on list filed in school office, 83 students, 1 school bus, expenses paid internal account.

f) Recommendations:

1. Payment of Supplements to the following personnel for supplemental activities during the 2011-2012 school year.

School	SP#	Supplement Name	Employee	Effective Date
CHS	101	Admin. Assistant Part-Time	Adam Gore	03/30/12 (delete)
	151	Baseball – JV	Adam Gore	03/30/12 (delete)
YTS	420	Safety Patrol	Charles Gatton	03/05/12 (delete)

2. Mary Jane Meeks, District ESE Bus Aide, effective April 9, 2012, replacing Brenda Staton.
3. Cameron Porch, BMHS Teacher, effective April 16, 2012, replacing Albert Cooksey.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of March 2012
- b) Budget Amendments #11A and #11B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings reminded the Board it is FCAT Week. He also said this would be the first time in the history of Education that 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grade Students will all graduate having to meet different requirements or pass different tests than the class before them. He said this shows the magnitude of the changes made by the Department of Education and the Legislature. He told the Board that DOE predicts 80% of students taking FCAT2 will fail it. He said school grades are calculated on the 1st time students take the test, not on retakes. He said there will be an increase in D and F schools throughout the state. He said he thinks the DOE and Legislators are not finished, that there will be more changes to come and different rules next school year. He said he knows we need more help in the classrooms, but the state is predicting a 1.8 % decline in property values with Levy County seeing as much as a 10% decline. Revenues from that source will continue to fall.

Board Comments: Paige Brookins agreed with Mr. Hastings and said she sympathizes with families who are raising small children. Mr. Turner thanked District Administration for the presentations given today, saying it will be useful information when questioned by community members. Mr. Philpot said it is so frustrating for the State to develop a test that 60% of our students will fail. Mrs. Brookins reminded everyone about the Bike for Education Event this weekend.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Chairman