

Bronson, Florida
March 20, 2012
8:45 a.m.
Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 20th day of March 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 recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator, student, parents and mentor were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had each given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 12-21** (student, parent and mentor present): Rick Turner moved with second by Beth Davis 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. Motion carried with Cameron Asbell voting no.

Regular Session
9:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board then met in regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board.

Fast ForWord UPDATE : Linda Durrance, representing the District Instructional Team, presented to the Board an update on the Fast ForWord Program. The Board asked questions of Mrs. Durrance, agreeing that the program has been a good investment for students in Levy County.

Minutes: Beth Davis moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2012 Board meeting 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, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. Violet Stokes, JBES Interpreter, *resignation*, effective June 11, 2012.
2. Adam Gore, CHS Teacher, *resignation* effective March 30, 2012.
3. Cliff Harrell, WHS Teacher, *resignation*, effective June 11, 2012 and payment for any unused leave.
4. Daniel Evans, WHS Teacher, *resignation* effective June 11, 2012, and payment for any unused leave.

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

1. Lori McClellan, WMS Teacher, March 7, 2012 (1.5 hours).
2. Debbie Dexter, BMHS ESE Aide, March 7, 2012 (5.25 hours).
3. Aretha Sheffield, CES Teacher Aide, February 27 through March 9, 2012 (7.5 hours per day).

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

1. Violet Stokes, JBES Interpreter, April 6 through June 11, 2012.

d) **Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, April 11-13, 2012, FL Staffing Specialists Compliance Meeting, Estero, FL, paid from project #40230F2012.
2. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, April 24(pm) - 26, 2012, FL DOE Matrix of Services Training, Orlando, all expenses paid by FL DOE, no cost to Board.
3. Joshua Slemp, District SEDNET Coordinator and Jeanine Joiner, District Vision Teacher, May 1 – 4, 2012, Visions Transitions Conference, Tampa/St. Pete, Mr. Slemp's expenses paid project #40234F2012 and Ms. Joiner's expenses paid from project #40230F2012.
4. Robert Clemons, Finance Director, June 18 – 22, 2012, Florida School Finance Officer Association Conference, Melbourne, expenses paid from project #17500.
5. Penney Bailey, CKS Teacher, *amend to* March 13(pm) – 16, 2012, Microsoft EXCEL 2010/2007 Training, Kennedy Space Center, paid from project #40201F2012.
6. Dr. Gina Tovine, Assistant Superintendent and Anna Kroll, District Finance Officer, March 7 and 8, 2012, Race To the Top Turnaround Grant Training, Gainesville, no cost to Board.

e) **Instructional Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements
 - a) Approval of the 2012/2013 SY Agreement with College of Central Florida and the Mid Florida Career Pathway Consortium, implementing programs for students in Levy County. (*Revised* version from March 6, 2012 Board Meeting)

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
WHS	215	Curriculum Facilitator	April Palmer	08/22/11
BMHS	600	Weightlifting	Leaunday Bell	02/01/12

2. OPS Teacher positions at WES to work with lower quartile students in preparation for the FCAT, Afterschool Tutoring and Fast ForWord Lab as previously Board approved, *amend Angela Acevedo hours for an additional 172.50 and amend Megan DeRobertis' hours for an additional 106.0*, paid from project #40241F2012.
3. Establish an OPS ESE Pre-K paraprofessional position at CES, 7.0 hours per day, effective March 20, 2012 and ending June 8, 2012, paid from IDEA funds project #40232F2012.

g) **Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Aretha Sheffield, CES Media Clerk, March 12 through March 14, 2012, to run concurrent with extended workers comp leave per the contract.

2. Margaret Spann Williams, WHS Food Service Worker, January 10 through *amend to* April 1, 2012.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of February 2012
- b) Budget Amendments #9A and #9B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings said the Legislative Session has ended, and we are very fortunate that the "Parent Trigger" bill did not pass. He said the well-being of public schools could be at stake, with the emphasis in the Legislature being on privatization. He said Amendment 8, which will give FTE money to private schools, will be voted on in November 2012. He said the mandates from Tallahassee for school districts to create reliable tests by the deadline of May 14 is devastating to the districts. He said he wanted to thank teachers, school administrators and district staff for their hard work to get the tests created by the deadline. He also thanked everyone for the cards, letters, food and prayers for his family during the recent loss of his mother.

Board Comments: Rick Turner expressed his approval of the curriculum mapping session he attended at the School Board, stating that school-based personnel was included and he appreciated that. Robert Philpot said he was given a 3 page testing schedule by one of the Williston Schools and could not believe the number of testing dates between now and the end of school. He said he didn't know how Tallahassee expects any "teaching" to be done when so many days will be spent testing. Superintendent Hastings said that Superintendents all over the state agree with him. Mr. Philpot asked Mr. Clemons about the audit finding regarding District Security. Mr. Ice said that was referring to the district not having a security manual indicating procedures to avoid someone "hacking" into the MIS System, but that the district does have procedures in place to avoid it. Mr. Clemons said the audit does accurately indicate the financial condition of the School Board. Paige Brookins mentioned the Suwannee River Fair sale day is tomorrow. All Board Members agreed that she would represent them and the Superintendent in buying an animal at the Fair. Chairman Brookins also announced that the School Visit to Yankeetown School would be cancelled today and rescheduled for another time.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Chairman