

Bronson, FL
March 9, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 9th day of March 2021 at 5:30 p.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle and Board Attorney Natasha Mickens present in place of Attorney David Delaney. Board Member Ashley Clemenzi was out.

Expulsion Recommendation: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After School Administrator, CMHS Assistant Principal Mickey Ebert had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 21-17: (student and parent were not present). After discussion from the Board Members, Tammy Boyle moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2020-2021 SY and 2021-2022 SY, with the opportunity to attend CMHS FOCUS Center and receive counseling services, second by Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins and Cameron Asbell voted nay, Ashley Clemenzi was not present; therefore, the motion was not approved due to a tie. After discussion, Superintendent Cowart made the recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2020-2021 SY and 2021-2022 SY without educational services. If the student receives counseling and provides documentation of successful counseling, student may petition to appear before the Board in July, 2021 to request to attend the CMHS FOCUS Center beginning with the 2021-2022 SY. Tammy Boyle moved to approved the amended recommendation, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Regular Session **6:00 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 9th day of March 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney Natasha Mickens present in place of Attorney David Delaney. Ashley Clemenzi was not present.

Public comments can be submitted by email to publiccomment@levyk12.org or delivered in writing to the District Office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL., and must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Public comments may also be made in person on the day of the meeting.

All School Board meetings are recorded and may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LevyCountySchools> within 1-2 days after the scheduled meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed everyone to the meeting in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Superintendent Cowart informed the Board we received eight comments on the Public Comment email. Two of them were solicitations and six were regarding the situation that occurred at CMHS two months ago.

School Presentation: FLAME, Eng. for ELL, ROTC, CDE: Joshua Slep, WMHS Principal, introduced Candice Hildebrant, WMHS Teacher Aide and student Kaitlyn Reeves. Mrs. Hildebrant said she works with the students and FLAME and it has been a very exciting program. She said the students rotate and try to do each role for the programs and daily morning announcements. She said Kaitlyn Reeves does a lot of videoing and organizing pictures for the yearbook. Ms. Reeves said she loves art and media and has enjoyed this first year. She showed a PowerPoint of WMHS students sharing examples of students working on the yearbook, FLAME, English for ELL students, ROTC and the CDE Programs.

2021-2022 Levy County School Calendar: Marla Hiers, Director of Personnel, gave an overview of Calendar A and Calendar B and explained the difference in the two. She said Calendar A received 385 votes and Calendar B received 55 votes. She thanked Catherine Davis for organizing the committees each year to work on the school calendars. She said the

committee has to take into consideration the 180 days of school, SIP days, testing, holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve Calendar A for the 2021-2022 Levy County School Calendar, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

SBLC and LCEA MOU – COVID DAYS: Kalee Wade, Coordinator of Benefits and Risk Management, said Governor DeSantis terminated the 10 COVID relief days, as of December 31, 2020. As of January 1, 2021, if employees were out from work due to COVID symptoms, they had to use their sick time. Mrs. Wade said the MOU proposal between SBLC and LCEA will allow some flexibility. She said if a person used their 10 days prior to December 31, 2020, they will not receive additional days. She said if an employee did not use their 10 days or used some of them, then they will be allowed to use the remaining days or the full 10 days. Some remote work will be approved, but it will have to be documented, approved by the Principal and documentation given to Marla Hiers and Kalee Wade. She said if an instructional employee has used all of their days and are quarantined by the school or diagnosed with COVID, their time will not be docked. This MOU is retroactive until January 4, 2021. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the MOU, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board meeting, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Debra Armstrong-Addison, Transportation Bus Driver, ***resignation*** from employment to ***participate in DROP***, effective May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2025.
2. Richard Whittington, CKS Teacher, PE S/H, ***resignation***, effective February 5, 2021, original hire date February 11, 2019.
3. Chelsea Colson, BES Custodian, ***effective*** February 16, 2021, ***vacancy***.
4. Michelle Barron, CES School Counselor, ***exiting DROP early***, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 17, 2009.
5. Randi Beauchamp, CES Reading Coach, ***change in funding source***, effective March 15, 2021, as follows:

From:	4210E 6400 0130 0241 40220 F2021	58%
	4210E 6400 0130 0241 40220 F2021	42%
To:	4210E 6400 0130 0241 40220 F2021	61.8%
	4210E 6400 0130 0241 40241 F2021	38.2%

6. Michelle Brady, CES Reading Coach, ***change in funding source***, effective March 15, 2021, as follows:

From:	1000E 6400 0130 0241 11332	57%
	4210E 6400 0130 0241 40241 F2021	43%
To:	1000E 6400 0130 0241 11332	61.3%
	4210E 6400 0130 0241 40241 F2021	38.7%

b) Military Leave Requests:

1. Lamar D. Asbell Jr., District Maintenance Plumber for the following:
 - COVID Testing, May 12, 2021, Quincey, FL.
 - Deployment for Defender Europe 21, May 14 – June 14, 2021, Albania.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Board approved 2/9/21)** Jodi Nagel, WMHS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, January 29-March 8, 2021, *amend ending* date to February 24, 2021.
2. Silvia Marsans, WMHS Food and Nutrition Services Worker, February 22, 2021 – May 26, 2021.

d) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Sylvia Gillen, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, February 19, 2021.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Thomas Morgan Bennett, Director, MIS, Florida Association of MIS Conference, June 28-30, 2021, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #19060.
2. Joseph Wain, Coordinator, Transportation, CDL Recertification, Third Party Testing, March 7-9, 2021, Leon County Transportation, Tallahassee, FL., travel paid from Project #17800.

2. FINANCE:

- a. Budget Amendments #20-00019 10B & 20-00020 10A.
- b. CHANGE ORDER from Parrish-McCall Constructors, Inc. for the new CMHS:
 - i. Change Order #1: Phase 1 dated February 6, 2021, Owner Direct Purchases. (Attachment)

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Chris Cowart said the change order from Parrish McCall for the new CMHS has put \$150,000 savings back into the Project. He said CKS HS Poultry placed 5th in the state. Mrs. Hood's class at BMHS received their Levy County Library card today. Mr. Cowart said the students read two books each by the end of February so he treated them to ice cream. He read a thank you card from Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Williams from Virginia. They said they were passing through Levy County and saw the Beast Feast signs and decided to try it. They said they enjoyed the food and the event. Superintendent Cowart said Mrs. Carol Jones DuBois took the CDE students on a wastewater field trip to Cedar Key today. He said last year one of our WMHS graduates worked the Super Bowl and did a great job. He said she is currently attending St. Leo University.

Board Comments: Tammy Boyle said the CKS FFA did a sanitary clean up for a field trip today. She said she attended the SAC meeting yesterday. Paige Brookins said she is looking forward to Fair week and she is excited about the progress of the new CMHS construction and savings with the change order. She said the CMHS baseball won over WMHS. Brad Etheridge apologized for the long discussion over the calendars. He said it is important that the students be allowed to participate in the Fair and have a Spring Break. He said he hopes the CTE Program can be reviewed for opportunities to expand and add more programs. He asked about the Bright Future Scholarships.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman