

Bronson, FL
August 28, 2018
8:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 28th day of August, 2018 at 8:20 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart and Board Attorney David Delaney, present.

Expulsion Hearing (2): The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrators, Dee Westfall and James Smith had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 19-01: (student, and parents present) After discussion from the Board Members, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2018-2019 SY and 2019-2020 SY, with the opportunity to attend the FOCUS Center at WMHS, a baseline drug test, and clean drug tests every 30 days, at parents' expense. Any positive test will result in student's attendance privileges revoked, second by Chris Cowart. Motion carried.

Student 19-02: (student and parents present) After discussion from the Board Members, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2018-2019 SY and 2019-2020 SY, with the opportunity to attend the FOCUS Center at WMHS, a baseline drug test, and clean drug tests every 30 days, at parents' expense. Any positive test will result in student's attendance privileges revoked, second by Chris Cowart. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

9:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 28th day of August, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

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

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. There were none.

DUKE Energy and Levy County Schools Foundation: Annie Whitehurst, Director of Levy County Schools Foundation introduced Dorothy Pernue and Justin Hardee. She said Duke Energy is a Paragon Sponsor because they donate \$10,000 or more every year to the Foundation. She said in addition to the Grant Program, Duke Energy supports the Gala, Scholarships, and Beast Feast. Chris Cowart thanked Annie for taking over Donna Turner's position as Director of the Levy County Foundation.

Public Hearing: Legislative Platform Development: Superintendent Edison said the Board will be developing the 2018-2019 SY Legislative Platform for the School Board of Levy County and will need suggestions/ideas. He said the new CMHS will remain one of the top issues. He shared the FADSS 2018-2019 Draft Legislative Priorities with the Board Members. Brad Etheridge said new avenues for vocational educational training for students need to be explored. Chris Cowart said we need to review the teacher shortage issue and the rules or requirements for DROP teachers being required to stay out one year before being able to return to work.

Food Service Presentation: Julia Oberst, Coordinator, Food Services and Lee Bryan talked about the StyroGreen recycling process, the smell and issues with recycling foam trays. Julia distributed sample styrofoam and paper trays used for breakfast and lunch. She gave cost comparisons of using food service trays compared to foam

recycling. Chairman Cameron Asbell said he opposes to renewing the contract with StyroGreen because of all the issues we have dealt with for years. After discussion, Brad Etheridge made the recommendation not to renew the contract with StyroGreen, second by Rick Turner. Paige Brookins and Cameron Asbell voted aye, Chris Cowart voted nay; therefore, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Rick Turne moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Board meeting, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Eleanor Mizell, BMHS Teacher, Science, *resignation*, effective August 6, 2018, original hire date August 6, 2018.
2. Sylvia Gillen, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 8, 2018, *vacancy*.
3. Daniel Joiner, BMHS Custodian, *effective* August 13, 2018, *vacancy*.
4. Thomas Riddle, BMHS Teacher Aide, *effective* August 8, 2018, *vacancy*.
5. Marlina Matthews, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 13, 2018, *vacancy*.
6. Kara Neal, CES Teacher, 5th Grade, *effective* August 6, 2018, *vacancy*.
7. Evelyn E. Campbell-Rains, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 15, 2018, *vacancy*.
8. Vivian Webster, WES Teacher, Elem. Ed 1-6, *effective* August 13, 2018, *vacancy*.
9. *Establish* two (2) OPS AVID Tutor positions for the 2018-2019 SY at BMHS.
10. *Establish* two (2) OPS AVID Tutor positions for the 2018-2019 SY at CKS.
11. *Establish* two (2) OPS AVID Tutor positions for the 2018-2019 SY at WMHS.
12. *Establish a position* for CDE students to be paid for the 2018-2019 school year, not to exceed 20 hour per week, paid from Project #11030, for the following:

BMHS:	Yelana Thomas
CES:	Gabriel Stancil
WES:	Calvin Strange
MIS/Technology:	TBD
13. Request to add a Food and Nutrition Specialist position for Food Service, to be paid from Project #41000.
14. *Establish* a Pre-K Lead Teacher, full time at BES, paid out of general funds.
15. *Establish* a Pre-K Teacher Aide, full time at CES, paid 100% out of ESE funds.
16. *Establish* a Pre-K Lead Teacher, full time at JBES, paid out of general funds.

17. Christina Hackey, CKS/YTS Teacher, Gifted and Art, *effective* August 21, 2018, *out-of-field* in Art, certified in Media Specialist and Ed. Leadership, *vacancy*.
18. Jeannie Gilbert, CMHS FOCUS Lab Manager, *effective* August 21, 2018, *vacancy*.
19. Jodi Nagel, YTS Teacher, ESE/SS, *effective* August 20, 2018, *vacancy*.
20. Dr. Leila Pratt, District School Psychologist, *effective* August 27, 2018, *new unit*.

b) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days:

1. Betty Barber, Transportation Bus Driver Aide, August 10, 2018 through August 24, 2018.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Shelby Rodgers, WMHS Teacher, Vocational, AG., October 12, 2018 through January 7, 2019.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Florida Association of State Federal Educational Program Administration (FASFEPA)/DOE Federal Technical Assistance, September 11-13, 2018, Daytona Beach, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #42412 F2019, for the following:
 - Chloe Gabriel, District Coordinator of Title Programs
 - Valerie Boughanem, District Coordinator, ESOL/Testing
 - Anna Forde, District Grants Manager
 - Amanda Smith, District Secretary, Instructional
2. Institute for Small and Rural Districts ISRD/LEA Training, September 4-5, 2018, Flagler County, Bunnell, travel expenses paid from ISRD Project #14939 ISRD, for the following:

BES: Holly Willis, Assistant Principal
Tina Loughlin, School Counselor

CES: Michael Homan, Principal
Salinda M. Wiggins, Assistant Principal
Michelle Barron, School Counselor

CMHS: Robert Ebert, Assistant Principal
Stacy Drummond, School Counselor

District: Dr. Rosalind Hall, District Director, ESE/SS
Kimberley McLean, District Teacher, VI, ESE/SS

JBES: Lindsay Legler, Assistant Principal
Jennifer Martin, Teacher, 2nd Grade

WMHS: Joshua Slempp, Principal
Benjamin Hawkins, Dean of Students

YTS: Lindsey Whittington, Teacher, Combination

3. Teresa Pinder, District LATS Specialist, ESE/SS, travel listed below paid from Project #40290:

- RLATS duties for Flagler and Putnam Counties, August 29-31, 2018, Bunnell, Palm Coast and Palatka, FL.
- Region 3 AT/AIM/UDL Professional Learning Community, September 20-21, 2018, Viera, FL.
- RLATS duties for Flagler County, September 26-28, 2018, Palm Coast, Bunnell, FL.
- RLATS duties for Putnam County, October 2-4, 2018, Palatka, FL.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. FFA Chapter President Conference, August 24-25, 2018, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following:

BMHS: Chaperone Marcia Smith, four (4) students, one county van.

CKS: Chaperone Rachel Wetherington, two (2) students, private vehicle.

CMHS: Chaperones Matthew Dettloff, Dallas Locke, Marcia Smith, six (6) students, one county van.

WMHS: Chaperones Natalie Couey, Austin Skipper, nine (9) students, two county vans.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeffery Edison said SBLC will be contracting with Candy Dean through DES to work on SACS Accreditation for October. He updated everyone on the WES situation. He said it was an electrical smell. The fire department was called and said the building was safe. They said it was just an electrical smell caused by two AC wires contacting. The problem has been resolved.

Board Comments: Brad Etheridge said it was a good start for the beginning of the school year. He said he met a YTS student who is very excited about having their first steer in FFA this year. Rick Turner said hiring Dr. Leila Pratt is a good move. Paige Brookins said she voted on using the food trays instead recycling Styrofoam, but we need to look into other means of recycling. She said CES is doing a great job and the new flowers around the school are beautiful. Mrs. Brookins said she is very proud of the accomplishments of the CMHS golf teams and JV football team. Chris Cowart thanked everyone for participating in the Williston Rotary Club Jail and Bail. He said over \$10,000 was raised to purchase supplies, shoes, socks, jackets, etc., for needy students. He thanked Terry Witt for covering the media and Lt. Hunt and the SROs for ensuring the safety of our schools. Superintendent said we do live in a very generous county and community. Chairman Cameron Asbell congratulated the Bronson Eagles for beating Merritt Island's football team 64-8, Great Job! He said congratulations to CMHS for winning over Trenton and to CES for a great flower beautification project. Mr. Asbell said Mr. Johnson is planning a BBQ to recruit for his VICA vocation class, carpentry.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman