

**Bronson, FL
May 20, 2014
9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 20th day of May, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

School Nurse of the Year – Angie Phillips Dr. Hall introduced Jeannie Norris and Liz Powers to present the Florida School Nurse of the Year award to Angie Phillips, school nurse at BMHS. The Board congratulated Mrs. Phillips on the well-deserved award.

Grading Policy Presentation Michael Homan presented information from the “Grading Policy Committee”, comprised of Assistant Principals and Teachers from all schools in the District. Mrs. Homan reviewed the scope of work for the committee, which included reviewing current grading practices and research review. She shared stakeholder feedback obtained from survey results taken by students, teachers and parents. She said the committee will draft a District Policy for Grading for review by the District Instructional Team and eventually by the Board to vote on. She said it is difficult and challenging work. The Board agreed and thanked her for presenting the information to them.

2014-2015 Official School Calendar and Early Release Dates Jeff Edison presented information regarding the employee vote for the Official 2014-2015 Levy County School Calendar, stating that Calendar B had received the most votes with 447 and Calendar A received 138 votes. He also said the both Calendars included the Early Release Days for School Improvement Plans. After discussion and review of both Calendars, Chris Cowart moved to approve Calendar B as the Official 2014-2015 Levy County School Calendar, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2014 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Dawn Ford, District-Wide SLP, effective August 11, 2014, replacing Rebecca Hood.
2. Molly Hunter, WES Teacher, effective August 11, 2014, replacing Donna Lovvorn.
3. Kelly McGarity, WES Teacher, effective August 11, 2014, replacing Jeanne Dubois.
4. Rebecca Salmeron, WES Teacher, effective August 11, 2014, replacing Lisa Posteraro.
5. Karen Ridenour, WHS Guidance Counselor, reduce hours worked to 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2014.
6. Sherry Banda, CKS Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused sick leave.
7. Joanne Hunt, WHS Teacher, resignation, effective June 6, 2014.

8. Sara Snowball, BES Teacher, *resignation* effective June 9, 2014.
9. Michelle Anderson, BES Teacher, *resignation* effective June 9, 2014.
10. Megan DeRobertis, BES Teacher, *resignation* effective June 9, 2014.
11. Lisa Biehl, CES Teacher, effective May 16, 2014, replacing Deborah Swilley.
12. John Stone, WHS Administrative Assistant, *internal transfer* to Guidance Counselor, effective June 10, 2014, replacing Mike Arroyo.
13. Establish an Elementary Teaching Unit for CKS effective August 11, 2014, to be paid from project #11030.

b) Military Leave Request:

1. Lamar D. Asbell, Jr., June 2 – 6, 2014, FL Army National Guard Active Duty Training, Ft. Custer, MI, expenses paid by US Army, no cost to Board.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. FSNA Leadership Training, June 12 – 14, 2014, Innisbrook – Tampa: Rebecca Tyson – expenses paid from project #41000, Katherine Manuel – expenses paid internal account except meals only from project #41000.
2. Rhonda Stephenson, BES Teacher, June 3 and 4, 2014, ACCESS – Lesson Study Curriculum Workshop, Orlando, direct reimbursement paid to employee, no cost to Board.
3. Eulin Gibbs, WHS Principal, May 19 and 20, 2014, State Playoffs - Baseball, Ft. Myers, per diem only cost to the Board.

d) Student Trip Request:

1. CHS Varsity Softball Team, May 8 – 10, 2014, State Playoffs, Coaches/Chaperones Lena Weatherford, Wayne Weatherford, Brian Gore, Amber Richardson, 14 students, 1 school bus, sub for Mrs. Weatherford, fuel and driver expense only cost to Board, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. WHS Baseball Team, May 18 – 20, 2014, State Playoffs, Ft. Myers, Coaches Scott Hall, Tent Viau, Danny Etheridge, 1 regular bus, 18 students, fuel and driver expense only cost to Board, all other expenses paid internal account.

e) Administrative Services:

1. Agreements and/or Contracts
 - a. Approval of the 2013 / 2014 SY School Safety and Security Self-Assessment Form
 - b. Approval of the 2014 – 2019 SY NEFEC ESOL Add-On Endorsement Program
 - c. Approval of the 2014 – 2019 SY NEFEC Athletic Coaching Add-On Endorsement Program

f) Instructional Services:

1. Agreements and/or Contracts

- a. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between the University of FL Board of Trustees and the School Board of Levy County

g) Illness-In-The-Line-of-Duty Leave Request:

1. Kathy McCain, CKS Teacher, May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 (1 hour per day), and 9 (2.50 hours per day), 2014.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary as of April 2014

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations Mr. Hastings reminded the Board that they would vote on the TRIM Calendar at the June 3rd Board Meeting. He said he was very thankful for the success our students have enjoyed this school year and reminded the Board of all the banquets, award programs and of course graduation exercises coming up this month. He congratulated the WHS Baseball Team and the CMHS Softball Team on their State Championships and said that our students are state competitors in ALL areas, not just athletics, with many state recognitions this year. He thanked the Board for all their support during the school year.

Board Comments Chris Cowart reminded the Board of the Legislative Review Meeting in Lake City on Wednesday night and about the CKS FFA Banquet on Thursday. Paige Brookins reminded the Board they would be riding on a float in the Chiefland Watermelon Parade and asked whether they wanted to ride in the Williston Fourth of July Parade and everyone agreed to do it. Chris Cowart also mentioned that his daughter is on the Aqua Culture Team going to compete at the State Convention from CKS.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board cancelling the visit to Yankeetown School and going into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert Philpot, Chairman