

**Bronson, FL**  
**March 12, 2019**  
**5:10 p.m.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 at 5:10 p.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Expulsion Hearings (2):** The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator, Joshua Slemp had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

**Student 19-16:** (Mother present, student not present) After discussion from the Board Members and school administrator, Chris Cowart 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 WMHS FOCUS Center, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Student 19-15:** (parent and student not present) After discussion from the Board Members and school administrator, Chris Cowart moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2018-2019 SY and 2019-2020 SY, without services, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Recommendation to Return to Community School:** The Board heard information from WMHS Administrator Joshua Slemp regarding the student's academic and behavioral progress while attending the WMHS FOCUS Center. After discussion from the administrator, student and parents, the Board took the following actions:

**Student 19-05:** (parents and student were present): Chris Cowart moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the remainder of the student's expulsion be suspended; the student be allowed to exit the WMHS FOCUS Center and be allowed to walk and graduate with the 2019 class, contingent on clean drug test prior to graduation, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**6:00 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

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

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

**FLAME Presentation:** Tanya Taylor and her Flame students gave a PowerPoint presentation and demonstration of the morning announcements done at the WMHS each day. Some of the students who performed the demonstration were Anchors: Alyssa Whitehurst, Jamiya Fuller, Juliette Beville and Lydia Wagner; Exclusive Interviewer: Leslie Trinidad; Film Crew: Kenny Bellamy; Editors: Olivia Nussel, Kaitlyn Sostre, Coby Moore and Chloe Moore; Guest Anchors: Kierra Andrews-Bateman Jacob Turbeville, Rhett Munden, Layna Earnest; Marketing and Social Media: Chloe Navarro; and Set Designers: Cali Crossman, Libby Hagan. The Board thanked them for their presentation and for covering the morning announcements to keep WMHS updated on events and important issues.

**New District Warehouse Update and Budget:** John Lott asked William (Breezy) Stockman, Director of Maintenance to give an overview and explain the Architectural Site Plan for the new District Warehouse, the

additional office spaces and budget for the project. Breezy said the proposed warehouse will be a 1-story metal building, 120' x 40', 4,800 sq. ft. with 14' ceilings to accommodate room for stacking supplies. He said the second building will be a 1-story metal building, 60' x 30', 1,800 gross sq. ft. and have climate-controlled office spaces for Technology/Computer Room, Food Services, Testing and storage. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the plans for the new District Warehouse, building for additional offices and the proposed budget for the project, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

**Five-Year Survey for New CMHS:** John Lott updated the Board on the Five-Year Survey for the new CMHS. He said the target date to begin construction on the new school is Summer, 2020. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Five-Year Survey for the new CMHS, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

**Request Approval to Advertise and/or Adopt/Amend School Board Policies:** John Lott told the Board we have met the advertising deadline for Board Policy 10.06. He said at tonight's meeting he is requesting approval for Board Policy 10.06 and approval to advertise Board Policies 6.52 and 7.01 to be approved at the April 9, 2019 Board meeting. After discussion, the Board took the following actions:

- **6.52: Supplemental Administrative Performance Based Pay (Advertise):** Chris Cowart moved for approval to advertise Board Policy 6.52, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.
- **7.01: School Budget System (Advertise):** Chris Cowart moved for approval to advertise Board Policy 7.01, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.
- **10.06: Procurement for School Food and Nutrition Services (Approval):** Cameron Asbell moved to adopt the amended Board Policy 10.06, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Math Textbook Update:** Barb Rivers gave the Board an update on the math adoption meeting she attended and said the textbook adoption year for mathematics has been moved to 2021-2022 school year. She distributed a Florida Instructional Materials Adoption Schedule for Adoption Years 2019-2020 through 2023-2024, which lists the subject areas and adoption timeline.

**2019-2020 Levy County School Calendar:** Marla Hiers said the Calendar Committee met on Monday, February 25, 2019. The Committee consisted of one Board member, Paige Brookins and approximately 18 teachers, staff and administrators. She thanked everyone for developing the 2019-2020 Levy County School Calendar. She said the votes were 358 for Calendar "A" and 138 for Calendar "B". Mrs. Hiers said the first day of school cannot be before August 10, 2019; therefore, school begins on August 12, 2019. She said Administration would like to remove the Early Release School Improvement Days from the 2019-2020 Calendar "A" and request approval of Calendar "A" by the Board. She said the early release days related to exams will remain on the calendar. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve Calendar "A" and remove the Early Release School Improvement Days, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Cowart moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Board meeting, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

## **1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

### **a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:**

1. Randall Bingaman, BES Food Service Worker, *dismissal during probationary period*, effective February 27, 2019.
2. Nicole Munden, JBES Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* March 4, 2019, *vacancy*.
3. Karen King-Thompson, WMHS Teacher, ESE, *exiting DROP*, effective May 31, 2019, original hire

- date August 10, 1984.
4. Adam Gore, CMHS Dean, *transfer* to BMHS Dean, *effective* March 11, 2019.
  5. Patricia S. Fortune, District ESE/SS Clerk, Psychological Services, *resignation for retirement*, effective March 7, 2019, original hire date August 10, 1999.
  6. Malinda Roland, CKS Bookkeeper/Health Aide, *resignation*, effective March 11, 2019, original hire date August 5, 1996.

**b) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. National Universal Design for Learning Institute Research, March 27-29, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2019.
  - Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE/SS
  - Julie U. Gerhard, CMHS Teacher, Reading Coach
2. Melody Carson, BES Teacher Third Grade and LCEA President, Florida Education Association Governance Board, February 1-2, 2019, Tampa, FL., sub paid from Project LCEA #14935.
3. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Technicians Summer Workshop, June 10-13, 2019, Daytona Beach, FL., travel expense paid from Project #17800, for the following:

**Transportation - Mechanics:** Marcus E. Bray, Marcus Glover, David Fisher, Jarrod Hauser

4. **(Board approved 2/26/19)** - Rebecca Lloyd, CES Teacher, Third Grade, Get Your Teach On, February 18-19, 2019, travel expenses paid from Project #11332, *amend leave date* to February 17, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
5. Wing-T Football Clinic, March 8-9, 2019, Dublin, GA., travel expenses paid from Project #14890 INTRN, for the following:

**WMHS Teachers, P.E., SH:** Richard Whittington and William A. Richardson

6. Dr. Leila W. Pratt, District ESE/SS School Psychologist, Mental Health Conference: Healthy Minds Healthy Future, May 1-3, 2019, Kissimmee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #11024.

**c) Student Trip Requests:**

1. FBLA State Competition, March 22-25, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:

**BMHS, CMHS and WMHS:** Chaperones Michael L. Wilson, Jr, Kimberly Nivala, Christina Smith, 90 students and two school buses.

2. FFA State Land Judging, March 28-29, 2019, Milton, FL., travel paid from Project #15300, for the following:

**CMHS:** Chaperones Matthew Dettloff, Rita Quincey, five students and county van.

**BMHS:** Chaperones Marcia Smith, Johnny Smith, Andrew Peck (UF Intern), five students and one county van.

3. CMHS Marching Band, to Music in the Parks (Parade), March 8-10, 2019, Universal Studios, Orlando, FL., Chaperones Chad Hodges, Shannon Eads, 21 students, travel paid from Project

#14920, Chiefland Band Boosters.

**d) Administrative Services:**

**1. Contracts and/or Agreements:**

- i. 2019-2022 English Language Learners Plan (ELL).
- ii. Request approval for Client Services Agreement with ProCare Therapy for **Joseph Hope**, to provide behavior counseling to students as needed from March 13 – May 31, 2019, ***paid up to 7.5 hours per week***, paid from Project #s 11020 (50%) and #40230 (50%).
- iii. Agreement to comply with the School Hardening Grant for installation of fencing for school security, to be paid from the School Hardening Grant Project #34900.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a. Budget Amendments 11A #18-00016 & 11B #18-00017.

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Jeffery Edison thanked the BMHS students from Ms. Sherrie Schuler's class for attending the Board meeting.

**Board Comments:** Ashley Clemenzi said the Suwannee River Fair, Spring Break and end-of-school year will be here very soon. She said is very sad about the tragedy that happened at Liberty School District with Coach Corey Crum and his wife Shana Crum. She asked everyone to remember their son and families in your thoughts and prayers. Superintendent Edison informed the audience that Coach Crum was electrocuted while working on the scoreboard at the Liberty High School Baseball field during an organized cleanup. His wife tried to assist him and was also electrocuted. Their son was injured trying to assist them, but not fatally.

Cameron Asbell said he's very proud of our Levy County students supporting other student. He said Hope Surles and Brinley Bedford are donating proceeds from the sale of their hogs at the SRF to a 3-year old boy, Rhett Cooper, who is battling cancer.

Chris Cowart said the CKS prom was great last weekend. He said the prom is a fun and safe event for students to remember after graduation, along with the SRF and other school events. He said experiences like those create wonderful memories.

Paige Brookins said there was a great turnout for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renaming of the Chiefland Elementary School to Etter and Helen Hiers-Usher Campus. She said Mr. and Mrs. Usher donated the land that CES was built on and their daughters appreciated the dedication in honor of their parents.

Brad Etheridge said the SRF has over 1100 entries between Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy County. He encouraged people to contribute to the animal sales. He said the proceeds go for great causes for the students, their college tuition and families.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for the Board to go into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

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Bradley Etheridge, Board Vice Chairman