

**Bronson, FL
March 10, 2015
6:00 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 10th day of March, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chair Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Robert Philpot was absent due to illness.

Adoption of Agenda: Cameron Asbell moved to adopt the Agenda, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Rick Turner recognized Gerald Lawrence from the audience. He told Mr. Lawrence he would have 3 minutes to address the Board. Mr. Lawrence distributed a handout titled “You Can Win Games and Still Have a Losing Season: The NCAA, District Grades, School Grades and Other Accolades” and displayed a poster he created with information regarding the performance of Levy County compared to the other School Districts within the North East Florida Educational Consortium. Mr. Lawrence then read portions of the handout and was asked to stop after 7 minutes. The Board Chair thanked Mr. Lawrence for attending the meeting and for sharing his concerns. Paige Brookins told him that in her opinion, the Levy County School Board members as well as the Superintendent do a very good job of all working together in the best interest of students districtwide. Superintendent Hastings reviewed testing information with the Board, stating that much of the data Mr. Lawrence has been citing is incorrect. He also said it does bother him that Mr. Lawrence has attacked his character as well as the character of each Board Member in area newspapers.

Public Hearing – Amended Capital Outlay Advertisements: Bob Clemons informed the Board that this Board Meeting was also a public hearing to discuss the Amended Notice of Tax for School Capital Outlay that he had advertised in the Chiefland Citizen on March 5, 2015, per FS 200.065(3). The amended advertisement included new projects to be funded – Construction and Remodeling, One (1) new WMHS and payment for premiums for Property and Casualty Insurance necessary to insure the educational and ancillary plants for the school district. After further discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the proposed amendment to the projects funded from Capital Outlay Taxes, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

State Testing Update: Valerie Boughanem presented a power-point on State Assessments and provided an Assessment Calender for the Board to review. (see supplemental minutes)

Establish 2 Supplements – Public Relations and HOSA: Jeff Edison presented a request to establish 2 new supplemental positions in the District, stating that the salaries for both positions would have to be negotiated with the Union. After reviewing the responsibilities related to the HOSA and Public Relations positions, Chris Cowart moved to approve both supplemental positions, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Minutes: Paige Brookins moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2015 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) Personnel Changes / Recommendations:

1. Leaudary Bell, BMHS Teacher Aide, transfer to LLA Teacher Aide, increasing hours worked from 4.5 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day, effective March 2, 2015.

2. Tracy Thomas, LLA Teacher Aide, 7.5 hours per day, transfer to BMHS Teacher Aide, effective March 2, 2015.
3. Kathy Polk, CKS Food Service Worker, transfer to 10-Month Custodian, 8.0 hours per day, effective February 25, 2015, replacing Catherine Mahoney.
4. Cameron Porch, BMHS Teacher Aide, resignation effective February 12, 2015.
5. Cameron Porch, BMHS Teacher, effective February 13, 2015, vacancy.
6. Melba Lovely, YTS Teacher, *exiting DROP* effective May 31, 2015.
7. CES ESE Teacher Aide position, increase hours worked from 4.5 hours per day to 5.0 hours per day to accommodate a student transferring from JBES to CES, effective February 10, 2015.
8. Gregory Peterson, WES Teacher, *release from employment* effective March 5, 2015.
9. Michael Griffith, YTS Teacher, *release from employment* effective March 2, 2015.
10. Mildred Hooper, BES Custodian, resignation for retirement effective June 8, 2015, and payment for any unused leave.
11. LaVerne Bell, CMHS Teacher, *exiting DROP* effective June 30, 2015.
12. Dr. Sandra Hancock, WES ESE Teacher, effective March 9, 2015, new unit.

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

1. Celeste Greenlee, WES Teacher, February 20, 25 and March 6, 2015 (1.0 hour per day).
2. Yvette Velez, WES Teacher Aide, February 25, 26, 27 and March 2, 2015 (7.5 hours per day).
3. Cynthia Macon, CMHS Food Service Worker, February 12 and 13, 2015 (6.5 hours per day).
4. Christina Story, CMHS Teacher, February 12, 2015 (1.5 hours).

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Justin Wentworth, WHS Teacher / Coach, February 27 – March 1, 2015, Nike Coach of the Year Clinic, Orlando, all expenses paid internal account, sub only cost to Board.
2. Robert Clemons, District Finance Director, June 15-18, 2015, FSFO Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, expenses paid from project #17500.
3. Emily Lovely, WHS Teacher, March 23-26, 2015, Justice Teaching Institute, expenses paid by FL Law Related Education Association, Inc., no expense to Board.
4. Dr. Rosalind Hall, District ESE / Student Services Director, February 26 and 27, 2015, presenter at ESE Early Warning System Training, Orlando, all expenses paid by CASE, no cost to Board.

5. Dr. Rosalind Hall, District ESE / Student Services Director, March 16 and 17, 2015, Coalition for the Education of Exceptional Students Legislative Sessions, Tallahassee, all expenses paid by FL CASE.
6. Joseph Wain, District Bus Driver Trainer, April 6 – 9, 2015, Leadership Conference, Lake Yale, expenses paid from project #17800.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. Chris Wilder, WHS FFA Advisor, March 18 and 19, 2015, FFA On the Hill, Tallahassee, Chaperone Natalie Couey, 4 students, county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. State FBLA Convention / Competition, March 19 – 22, 2015, Orlando, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account:

CMHS: Rebecca Mack, 7 students, 1 school bus – riding with WHS

WHS: Kim Nivala, 14 students, 1 school bus – riding with CMHS

NOTE: male chaperone will be Keith McLain, FBLA Advisor from VanGuard High School

3. BMHS Gear-UP Trips, chaperones Jennifer Seyez, Emma Powers, Genny Foshee, Stacy Drummond, James Shouse, Sheila Rome, Vickie Roberts, Candace Hulett, expenses paid from project #14895 as follows:
March 19, 2015 to FL State Caverns and Chipola College – 45 students, commercial carrier – BUS
March 30, 2015 to Orange Co History Center and Valencia College – 45 students, commercial carrier – BUS
4. Marcia Smith, BMHS FFA Advisor, March 26 and 27, 2015, State FFA Land Judging Competition, Jefferson County, 5 students, 1 county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
5. WES 4th Grade Trip to St. Augustine, April 29, 2015, chaperones Michelle Clark, Hillary Cribbs, Kelly Davis, Krista Hill, Kimberly Olson, Greg Hamilton, and Yvette Velez, 144 students, commercial carrier – 4 BUSES, all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.
6. Natalie Couey, WMS FFA Advisor, March 18 and 19, 2015, FFA On the Hill, Tallahassee, Chaperone Chris Wilder, 4 students, county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
7. WHS Baseball Team – Baseball Tournament March 13 and 14, 2015, Jacksonville, Coach Scott Hall, 15 students, 1 regular school bus, all expenses paid internal account, sub only cost to Board.

e) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Franklin Martin, YTS Teacher Aide, March 2 through May 26, 2015.
2. Cecilia Jackson, BMHS Food Service Worker, extend leave from February 27 through March 12, 2015.

f) Personal Leave In Excess of Six (6) Days Leave:

1. Kaylee Simmons, CES Teacher Aide, February 28 through March 13, 2015.

g) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:

- a. 5-Year Agreement with AT&T Corporation to provide Internet Access and Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity to all schools beginning July 1, 2015.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Info as of February 2015
- b) Budget Amendments #10A and #10B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings shared information with the Board regarding how much FTE money is being paid to non-public educational entities for students residing in Levy County during the 2014-2015 SY, stating that the estimate is 1.1 million dollars per semester. Also, as requested at the last Board Meeting, he shared a list of "hot topics" for the Board Members to discuss with Legislators at the annual "Day in the Legislature" they will attend later in the week.

Board Comments: All Board Members were excited about their up-coming visit with the Legislators in Tallahassee later in the week. Pam Morrison informed them that Robert Philpot would be unable to attend due to personal illness. The Board discussed and agreed to allow Paige Brookins to represent them as a bidder at the Suwannee River Fair Livestock Show and Sale to purchase an animal for them and the Superintendent. Lou Elliott Jones from the Chiefland Citizen asked to address the Board before they adjourned for the evening. Board Chair Rick Turner recognized her and she said she would like to apologize to Mr. Hastings for printing such a long article by Gerald Lawrence in a previous paper and only printing a small paragraph of Mr. Hastings' response. She said she wanted the Superintendent and the Board to always feel like they can put articles in the paper anytime they want to in the official editorial page.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board going into executive session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Rick Turner, Chairman