

**SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM SESSION
PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in a Special Legislative Platform Public Workshop Session this 22nd day of January, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Robert Stuart and Chris Spencer, from Gray Robinson, Attorneys At Law, present.

Discussion between the School Board Members, Superintendent, Public and Gray Robinson, Attorneys at Law consisted of the following areas of concern:

1. CMHS Project. – Continue to stay on track to meet Legislative deadlines.
2. 30% EOC Rule – uniform across the districts. – Gray Robinson will research and get back with Board.
3. Students that have classroom accommodations should have the same accommodations on statewide tests. – Very important, Gray Robinson will research this to determine if it's a rule or legislation, and follow up with the right person(s). 504 students don't have the right to have the state testing waived.
4. Home rule. – For conversation – no "one-size-fits-all" laws/rules.
5. Property values – use for funding of schools. – No action, just monitor.
6. Unfunded mandates. – "defensive plays"
7. Safe Schools. – Increase the base allocation.
8. Transportation. – Hazardous walking conditions within a 2-mile radius, look into the definition of hazardous walking conditions.
9. PECO – Maintenance of Plant Funding. – Gray Robinson will research ways of applying and receiving PECO funding.
10. Vocational. – Conversations need to occur about the need to supply the future workforce and make students career ready after graduation.
11. State Testing. - Gray Robinson will get Levy County School Board to the table when state testing is discussed in Tallahassee.
12. Recess. – Conversations regarding unintended consequences.
13. Lack of Guidance from DOE on legislative issues, yet, districts are audited upon our interpretation of the law based upon DOE's interpretation. *(This was added after a morning call with DOE in which they stated they could give "very limited guidance" on legal interpretation. They said the auditor might interpret something differently than we do).

High priority given to #1, 3, and 7.

Superintendent Edison said he and John Lott delivered the Castaldi Report to Tallahassee on January 16, 2018, in relation to the new CMHS construction. He said the funding for turn lanes, soil and unforeseen problems, and land has to be encumbered and not spent ahead of time. He said they are working to keep on schedule and pushing forward for next year's legislative session. The sell of the old WMS and WHS was discussed. The appointment of Superintendents verses elected, term limits and pay for Board Members was discussed.

Gray Robinson thanked the Board for having them tonight and said they will work with Levy County throughout the year to address any issues of concerns with Levy County. Dates for a day at the Capitol were discussed for either Tuesday, February 6, or Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman