

Bronson, FL

May 12, 2020

6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 12th day of May, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Paige Brookins, Brad Etheridge, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Due to guidelines from the Center for Disease Control intended to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the School Board of Levy County will be accepting public comment on agenda items for upcoming Board meetings as follows:

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2. Public comments can also be delivered in writing to the District office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, Florida.
3. The public may also view this meeting through the following live stream:
<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/c1847eb3-3519-4768-afe2-4e69d3524646>

Adoption of Agenda: Cameron Asbell moved to approve the agenda, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Chairman Paige Brookins welcomed everyone to the meeting whether in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There were none.

Reading Endorsements – New Components for the Professional Learning Catalog (PLC): Marla Hiers gave an update on the revised Reading Endorsements Add-on Program for 2020-2025. She said the Professional Learning Catalog will be presented later in the summer. She said our reading coaches have been teaching these reading endorsements to our teachers since 2017. Mrs. Hiers said when the teachers complete the five (5) training components for reading: Competencies 1-5, they'll receive their reading supplement of \$1,000. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the Reading Endorsements Add-on Program for 2020-2025, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

UF Sports Hall of Fame Recognition - Gemma Fleming: Marla Hiers said the month of May is staff appreciation month. She introduced Gemma Fleming, WES School Counselor, who received the UF Sports Hall of Fame Recognition. Mrs. Fleming was a 7-time individual NCAA champion for the 100 and 200 yards backstroke, 200 yard freestyle relay, and broke the collegiate record for the 200-yard backstroke, which led the UF Gators to five national titles. Superintendent Jeff Edison presented her with the Superintendent Impact Award for her accomplishments and appreciation.

Levy County School Counselors Comprehensive Plan: Dr. Rosalind Hall reviewed the revised 2020-2021 Levy County School Counselors Comprehensive Plan with the Board. She said the plan is required to be reviewed and revised each year and is due to DOE by June 30, 2020. Dr. Hall gave an overview of the plan for Beliefs, Vision, Mission, Goals, and programs for elementary, middle and high schools. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the 2020-2021 Levy County School Counselors Comprehensive Plan, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Graduation Plans Update: John Lott and Superintendent Edison reviewed the proposed plans for commencement ceremonies for BMHS, CKS, CMHS and WMHS. Each of the graduations will be limited to number of visitors in attendance and will be held at the schools' football stadiums, except for CKS. Their graduation will be held either in the school's gym or at Cedar Key Park.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Cowart moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2020 Board meeting, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

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

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Pam Plemmons, WMHS Teacher, CDE, *resignation from employment to participate in DROP*, effective June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2025.
2. *Request* approval of the job description for District ESE Pre-K Teacher and *position*, paid from Projects #11020 (20%) and #13720 (80%).
3. George Deen, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, original hire date August 10, 2017.
4. Maura Thompson, JBES Teacher Aide, Title I, *resignation*, effective April 22, 2020, original hire date August 17, 2018.
5. Maura Thompson, JBES Teacher, KG, *effective* April 23, 2020, *vacancy*.
6. Jenna Bayer, JBES Data Entry Clerk, *internal transfer* to Confidential Secretary, *effective* June 1, 2020, *vacancy*.
7. *Request* approval to *delete* the Lab Manager position at CKS, and *increase* the hours for Cynthia Paris, Music Teacher, *from* 18.75 hours *to* 28.125 hours weekly, *effective* August 3, 2020.
8. Zachary DeSilvia, WMHS Custodian, *released during probationary period*, effective April 29, 2020, original hire date August 8, 2018.
9. Judy Blackwell, WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *resignation*, effective April 27, 2020, original hire date September 17, 2018.
10. Holly Willis, BES Assistant Principal, *resignation*, effective June 30, 2020, and *transfer* any unused leave, original hire date July 23, 2018.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Greg Hamilton, WMHS Teacher, Health, Elem., April 29, 2020 through June 1, 2020.

c) Instructional Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements.
 - i. 2020-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Edgenuity, Inc., paid from Project #11374.

d) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days Leave Requests:

1. Kevin Jones, BES Teacher Aide, April 23, 2020 through June 1, 2020.
2. **(Board approved 3/24/20)** Susan Gruber, Countywide Teacher, Hospital/Homebound, March 17 – April 30, 2020, *amend and extend dates* April 30 – June 1, 2020.

e) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Susan Wyant, WES FNS Worker, May 11, 2020, (7 hours).

2. FINANCE:

a. Bid Requests:

- i. Request to extend bids for the 2020-2021 school year at the same rates and conditions as original bids for 2019-2020 SY, for the following:

18-01 - Ceiling Tile & Grid

18-02 - Floor tile

18-03 – Pest Control

18-04 – Motor Oil

19-01 – Petroleum Products

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeff Edison said he is working on plans with the District Instructional Team and the Principals for the opening of school next year. He said we have to ensure the classrooms are sanitary and ready to open. Mr. Edison said DOE is talking about opening schools after Labor Day instead of August. He said for now, we're working on closing school for this year and retrieving all the equipment from the students. He said all the equipment will need to be sanitized when it's returned. Mr. Edison said the teachers have been doing a great job of staying in contact with their students. He said we're now preparing for hurricane training this summer. Mr. Edison gave the trophy for the Superintendent's Reading Award to Board Member Ashley Clemenzi for YTS. YTS was the winner for the 2019-2020 SY with 35% of the students completing their goal for reading.

Board Comments: Brad Etheridge talked about how scholarships are presented to seniors and said we need more unification across the board. He said we have been dealing with a unique work atmosphere during this time and the kids are ready to return to school. Ashley Clemenzi thanked the teachers, parents, students, staff and administrators for working together to get through this pandemic. Cameron Asbell said he's very proud of all the schools for working together to get through this difficult time. He agreed with Mr. Etheridge about the scholarships. He said he's concerned about the number of students that aren't aware of all the scholarships available. Chris Cowart thanked Superintendent Edison and the Levy County Commissioners for ensuring that commencement ceremonies still occur during this pandemic. He discussed the articulation agreements with Santa Fe and College of Central Florida. Mr. Cowart said he's excited about the AP Capstone program for CMHS and hopes it will expand to BMHS, CKS and WMHS. He informed the Board members that it's time to vote for the FSBA Director and Alternate. He said each Board member needs to send in their votes by May 22. Mr. Cowart said we need to continue to contact people to keep the new CMHS project on schedule. Paige Brookins asked about the summer programs. Superintendent Edison said we don't have any information at this time. Mrs. Brookins agreed seniors need to be made aware of scholarships available. Scholarships are very important. She said the students continue to miss their teachers and friends. She asked for an update on the substitute staffing program. Superintendent Edison informed her the presentation will be on the next agenda.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Board Chairman