

**Bronson, FL  
April 22, 2014  
8:20 a.m.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2014 at 8:20 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Expulsion Hearings:** The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator and parents were sworn in by the court reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

**Student 14-16** (student and parents absent): Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, and at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 SY student will reappear before the Board to petition the Board regarding his status at that time. Motion carried.

**Student 14-17** (student and parent present): Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School pending a clean drug test and testing every 30 days at parent's expense while enrolled at Hilltop. Student would also receive substance abuse counseling if enrolled at Hilltop. Motion carried.

**6:10 p.m.  
REGULAR SESSION**

The Board then met in regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board.

**Sustainable Educator Evaluation and Compensation (SEEC) Grant** Marsha Hill and Rhonda Bourn from NEFEC shared a powerpoint presentation with the Board regarding the SEEC Grant. Ms. Hill said there are nine districts in the NEFEC Consortium who are participating. She said the grant is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and CMHS is a pilot school for Levy County. Ms. Bourn said the challenges for the District regarding legislative mandates include the creation of an EOC exam for all 260 courses taught in Levy County. She said NEFEC is working to help and has purchased 90,000 test-items from other districts like Hillsborough. She said with the time line to inform teachers how they will be evaluated being the within the first six weeks of school, it will be hard to comply with legislative mandates, but all school districts across the state were feeling the stress. There was a question and answer time after the presentation with the Board thanking the ladies for coming to help them understand the SEEC grant. Ms. Hill stated that Board support is crucial, and the next step would be an MOU signed by the Union to implement SEEC as a Teacher Evaluation tool in Levy County.

**Minutes:** Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Board meeting and to ***amend*** the Minutes of the March 4, 2014 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the following items on the consent agenda and other changes as recommended by the Superintendent, Motion carried.

**1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

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

1. Pamela R. Asbell, WMS Principal, **exiting DROP**, effective June 30, 2014 and payment for any unused sick leave.

2. Patricia A. Lewis, CMHS ESE Teacher Aide, ***resignation for retirement***, effective April 30, 2014.
3. Andrea Houtman, JBES Teacher, ***resignation*** effective June 9, 2014.
4. Henrietta Robinson, WES Food Service Worker, ***resignation*** effective June 9, 2014.
5. Michele Studstill, District Secretary, Director MIS, effective April 28, 2014, replacing Lori Conquest.
6. Convert the 10-month Lab Manager position at Hilltop Alternative School / Summit Academy to a 12-month Data Entry Clerk position effective June 10, 2014.
7. Convert the 10-month Administrative Assistant position at CES to an Assistant Principal position, effective July 1, 2014.
8. Jeanne Dubois, WES Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective June 9, 2014 and payment for any unused sick leave.

**b) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Request:**

1. Kathy McCain, CKS Teacher, April 11, 2014 (4.0 hours).

**c) Family Medical Leave Request:**

1. Greg Wright, Bus Driver, April 1 – 18, 2014.

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

1. Greg Wright, District Bus Driver, April 21 through June 6, 2014.
2. Virginia Floyd, Bus Driver, March 14 (3.25 hours ), March 17 – June 6, 2014 (6.50 hours per day).
3. Alaina Barron, JBES Teacher, ***amend to add*** April 15 - 22, 2014.

**e) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2014 unless otherwise stated:  
May 6-9, 2014, 2014 Special Ed. Conference, San Francisco CA, employee paying all expenses – part of recertification – no cost to Board  
May 12-15, 2014, R-LATS duties Flagler County - Palm Coast, Bunnell, and Daytona
2. L. Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, May 20-22, 2014, attend SEDNET Statewide Workdays, Tampa, expenses paid from SEDNET project #40234F2014.
3. Vickie Roberts, BMHS Teacher, April 21 and 22, 2014, FTCE Committee Participation to review New Teacher Certification Exam, Tallahassee, DOE reimbursement project #14890, no cost to board.
4. FL DOE EQUIP Rubrick Training – Mathematics, Orlando, April 21(pm) – 23, 2014, FL DOE reimbursement, no cost to the Board except for substitute paid from RTTT project #43401 00814: Salinda Wiggins – replacing Carol Jones (unable to attend).

**f) Student Trip Requests:**

1. 2014 Grad Bash, Universal Studios as follows:

**April 26 & 27, 2014 – BMHS** chaperones Wanda Johnson, Tiffany Smith, Lisa Shipp, Karen Bauder, Jennifer Goedeck, Teresa Collins, 42 Students, 1 school bus – all expenses paid internal account

**April 4 & 5, 2014 – CKS** chaperones Cheryl Allen, Patty Shewey and Nancy Pelham, 15 students, 1 school bus – all expenses paid internal account

**May 2 & 3, 2014 – CHS** chaperones Kelly Nguyen, Melody and Robert Irizarry, 60 students, 2 school buses - all expenses paid internal account

**May 2 & 3, 2014 – WHS** chaperones Karen Warren, John Stone, Grant Sandlin, Scarlett McGowan, 81 students, 3 school buses - all expenses paid internal account

2. Dennis Voyles, CKS Teacher / FFA Advisor and chaperone Karen Voyles, May 8 and 9, 2014, IFAS Aquaculture Lab State Finals Aquaculture CDE, Ruskin, 8 students, 1 county van and 1 private vehicle, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
3. Patti Lee Meeks, CMHS Track Coach, May 1(pm) and 2, 2014, State Track Meet, UNF – Jacksonville, 3 female students, private vehicle, expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.

**g) Administrative Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements
  - a. Approval of the 2014-2015 SY Agreement with Seminole County Public Schools for Medicaid School Administrative Claiming

**h) Instructional Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements
  - a. Approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between School Board of Levy County and Santa Fe College
  - b. Approval of the Amended Agreement between SBLC and College of Central FL to provide for adult education services to the residents of Levy County, replacing Agreement dated July 1, 2000.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a) Financial Statement as of March 2014
- b) Budget Amendments #10A and #10B
- c) Permission to declare the following inventory as junk/surplus and authorization to sell item to "The Children's Table" for \$1,250.00:

<i><b>Property No.</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Acquisition</b></i>	<i><b>original cost</b></i>
C-8509	1998 International Bus #9862	January 16, 1998 For the 97-98 SY	\$41,559.00

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Superintendent Hastings shared information regarding Baccalaureate Services for the High Schools, he reminded the Board to stay in touch with their schools for additional dates and times for Award Ceremonies, FFA and other Club Banquets and end of year activities. He said the District has a questionnaire for teachers / parents / students and administrators concerning grading practices in Levy County Schools. He said it is the District's intent to get input from everyone involved to be fair across the board. Paige Brookins commented that some teachers put their skyward grades on the system daily while others do not and she feels there is no consistency across the county with that. Mr. Edison said the questionnaire will help determine what is reasonable to expect from teachers and there must be a balance at some point. Mr. Hastings said ultimately it's up to the Principal at each school to enforce any policy regarding the posting of grades by teachers. Next, Mr. Hastings reminded the Board that the WHS Graduation date and time will be in conflict with the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting. After discussion, the Board agreed it would be best to change the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting to a morning meeting and asked the Superintendent to put that on the Agenda for a vote at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Board Comments:** Cameron Asbell commended Becky Tyson for her assistance in helping a family receive services they were in need of, not relating to Food Service. Mr. Hastings interjected that the new alert system the Board approved for installing in all school refrigerators and coolers has already saved the District thousands. He said over the Easter weekend, someone broke into the BES campus and stole the copper from the A/C and refrigerator / coolers in the Cafeteria. The new system alerted Becky and Ron Perez, and they and their families along with Cheryl and Mickey Beauchamp came up to move the food from the school to the coolers / freezers here at the District Office, saving thousands of dollars in spoiled food cost. Cameron Asbell commented that the BMHS campus is lit up at night, but the BES campus seems to be much darker and vulnerable to break-ins. Chris Cowart thanked everyone for participating in the cycle for education and the Cedar Key Arts Festival saying both events were successful. Paige Brookins asked if a surveillance camera would help to deter break-ins at BES, Ted Alexander said they would. Paige also shared that the Chiefland Watermelon Festival Parade would be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> and asked the Board Members if they would be willing to have a float this year. After discussion she said she would plan on it and get details to everyone closer to that time. Rick Turner commented that he had visited the CareHere Center and was very pleased with the level of care he received. Robert Philpot asked how FCAT administration was going, commented on the Williston vs Chiefland Baseball Game that night and invited everyone to the WHS FFA Alumni Skeet Shoot on the Saturday before Mother's Day.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Robert E. Philpot, Chairman