

**March 8, 2016**  
**Administrative Office, School Board Room**  
**5:40 p.m.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 at 5:40 p.m. with Board Chair Paige Brookins, Vice Chair Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, and Attorney David Delaney present.

**Expulsion Hearing:** The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. The student did not attend the meeting. After the School Administrator Mickey Ebert had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

**Student 16-10** (only the mother was present – mother said student moved to Akron, Ohio to live with his Aunt): After discussion from the Board Members, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Brad Etheridge to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 SY and 2016-2017 SY. Motion carried.

**6:00 p.m.**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

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

**Welcome Visitors:** Board Chairman Paige Brookins welcomed all visitors and asked if there was anyone from the audience who wanted to address the Board. Carmen Ward, LCEA President, informed the Board about testing at WMS. She said testing in writing went well, except for one student, who is blind and uses a walking stick for assistance. Ms. Ward said the request to FLDOE to read the test to the student was rejected; therefore, the student could not take the test. She said in these situations, DOE does not allow what is in the best interest of the student. Mr. Hastings and the Board thanked Carmen for informing them about the student, because they were not aware of this situation. Janelle Alexander, WMS Teacher, talked about the transfer of the library books from the current WMS and WHS to the new WMHS. Mr. Hastings said that issue had already been addressed at previous Board Meetings and three Faculty Meetings. He said all the books will be moved to the new school. Board Member Brad Etheridge volunteered to meet with the Williston schools' media centers jointly, to clarify any confusions or misunderstandings they may have with moving the books. Mr. Hastings said today's children use Google for research because computers allow them to use state of the art technology. He said they don't use encyclopedias like we did years ago. Mr. Hastings said they are several duplicate sets of encyclopedias in the WMS and WHS libraries. He said we don't need that many sets and the extras could be donated to the Charter Schools. Chris Cowart thanked Chris Curry for being an advocate for the library books. Rick Turner recommended that the books be reviewed to see when they were last viewed or checked out. He said if it has been several years, then they may not need to go to the new WMHS.

**2016-2017 SY Official School Calendar and Early Release Dates:** Jeff Edison informed the Board that the Calendar Committee didn't have the 2016-2017 test schedule at the time of the meeting and didn't know that the testing dates will be March – April, 2017. He asked that the 2016-2017 Calendar be tabled until the committee can meet again to determine another week for Spring Break 2017. Chris Cowart moved and seconded by Brad Etheridge to table the 2016-2017 Calendar, until the committee can determine another Spring Break week. Motion carried.

**Google Apps Summer Training for Teachers:** Barb Rivers introduced Mrs. Carlotta Neil, BMHS Teacher and two of her students who gave a demonstration to the Board on how they do their classwork, homework and assignments using their Chrome Books. They were very excited to be able to complete assignments at home or away, without the internet, share notes with each other, create PowerPoint presentations, review the notes and outlines from a class they may have missed, communicate with their teacher, complete assignments, and receive their grades from their teacher, electronically. The students expressed their gratitude and excitement for the ability to be able to access the book on-line instead of having to carry around a heavy, bulky book in their bag. Barb informed the Board that she will be having a Summer PD Training for secondary teachers on the Google Apps for Google Classroom curriculum. She said Ms. Neil has been learning the process and will assist with the summer training of other teachers. Each of the Board Members said they thoroughly enjoyed the students' demonstrations and thanked Mrs. Neil and the students.

**Minutes:** Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the amended Minutes of the February 23, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion Chris Cowart moved with second by Brad Etheridge, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

**1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

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

1. Wealthy Janie Jacobs, CES Custodian, **resignation for retirement**, effective June 15, 2016, original hire date May 20, 2002
2. Travis Seay, BMHS Teacher, **resignation** effective March 1, 2016, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 16, 2010.
3. Barbara Rivers, District Director of MIS / Technology, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2021.
4. Brandi Geiger, JBES Teacher, **resignation**, effective June 14, 2016, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date January 27, 2000.
5. Janeice Smith, CKS Teacher, **retirement** effective June 14, 2016, original hire date October 7, 2003.
6. Jennifer Woodford, JBES VPK Teacher Aide, effective February 25, 2016, replacing Crystal Head.
7. Katherine Raffii, BES Teacher, **resignation** effective February 25, 2016, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 19, 2010.
8. Marjorie Hill, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, **exiting DROP**, effective March 31, 2016.
9. John Raymer, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, effective March 4, 2016, replacing Marjorie Hill.

**b) Illness-in-Line-of –Duty:**

1. Phyllis Dreger, YTS VE Teacher, effective February 15, 2016, (3.5 hours).
2. Laura Storm, District ESE / SS, Speech, Language Pathologist, February 29, 2016 – March 4, 2016.

**c) Family Medical Leave:**

1. Pauline Brown, ESE Homebound Teacher, March 1-18, 2016.

**d) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. David May, WHS Teacher Aide, Athlete Camp, February 25-27, 2016, Iowa Dordt University, Sioux Center, Iowa, no cost to Board, all expenses, including airfare paid by Dordt University.
2. Coaches' Clinic, March 4-6, 2016, Tampa, subs paid from Project #11038, all travel expenses paid from the Booster Club Funds for the following:

David May, WHS Teacher Aide  
Justin Wentworth and Richard Whittington, WHS Teachers

3. Cara Dunford, YTS Teacher, Florida Teacher Leadership Fellowship Program, February 29, 2016 – March 2, 2016, Tallahassee, all expenses paid from Project #40220F2016.
4. Michele Studstill, Director's Secretary, MIS / Technology, Florida Association of MIS (FAMIS) Conference, June 21-23, 2016, Tallahassee, all travel expenses paid from Project #18320.

**e) Student Trip Requests:**

1. CMHS HOSA State Leadership Conference, Orlando, March 14-17, 2016, Chaperones Raquel Beauchamp and Lloyd DeVault (State HOSA Advisor), 7 students, county van, all expenses paid from HOSA Project #15300.
2. BMHS English Language Arts Students, Manatee Performing Arts Center, Bradenton, April 16, 2016, Chaperones Shelia H. Rome, Genny Foshee, Jacquelyn Flanders, Cierra Bannerman, Mara Powell and April Fleetwood, 50 students, county bus or charter bus, all expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN, internal Drama Funds.
3. WHS Baseball Team, Baseball Tournament, Jacksonville, March 11-12, 2016, Chaperones Scott Hall and David May, 13 students, county bus, expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN, internal funds.
4. Grad Bash Senior Trips, Orlando, April 23-24, 2016, expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN, Class of 2016 internal funds, for the following:

BMHS: Chaperones Wanda Johnson, Teresa Collins, Jennifer Goedeck, Donna Roe, Jennifer Houchins, Gary Masters, Esther Medrano, Linda Masters, **add** Ricky Roe, 48 students, county bus.

CMHS: Chaperones Fidah Williams, Andy Kidd, Roberta Kidd and Kevin Williams, 80 students, 2 county busses.

WHS: Chaperones Scarlett McGowan, Jessica Moran, Bobbie Jo Gowland and Karen Warren, 100 students, 2 county busses.

5. BMHS Athletics, Wild Adventures, Valdosta, Georgia, April 30, 2016, Chaperones Sherrie Schuler, Jim Smith, Rodney Thomas, Curtis Stacy, Shanno Dukes and Kenny Thomas, 100 students, 2 county buses, expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN, Volleyball, Baseball, Football internal funds.

6. **(Board Approved Feb. 9, 2016)** - JBES, First Grade Classes to Wild Adventures, Valdosta, GA., March 18, 2016, chaperones Monica Cooper, Devyn Chorvat, Patty Coleman, Rebecca Gomez, Samantha Bryant, Kelly Ruiz, Kim Hudson, Mary Sridhar, Pricilla Fugate, Jaime Handlin, and Meredith Stone. 179 students, 4 County Buses, all expenses paid from internal accounts, no cost to Board, *amend to delete* Jaime Handlin *and add* Mistie Kirk and Anne Daley.
7. BMHS HS Agriculture Students, John Deere Agriculture and Turf Technician Program, Americus, GA., March 2, 2016, chaperones Marcia Smith, Kelly Varnes, 4 students, county van, expenses paid from Project #15300.
8. BMHS SGA Students, FASC State Convention – General Sessions / Elections, Pompano Beach, April 1-4, 2016, chaperones Carlotta Neill, Genny Foshee, Ron Perez, 7 students, 2 county vans, expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN, internal BMHS SGA Funds.

**f) Administrative Services**

1. Bryant, Miller, Olive, Attorneys at Law (Bond Council for the Bridge Loan) – [Attachment #1]
2. Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. (Financial Advisor for the Bridge Loan) – [Attachment #2]

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

1. Rachel Sweat, CES KG Teacher, February 5, 2016 through *amend to add* March 3, 2016 and *delete* June 15, 2016.
2. Sarah Hunsucker, BES Teacher, March 14, 2016 – April 26, 2016.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a) Financial Statement for January 2016 – (Attachment #3)
- b) General Fund Budget Summary Info for February 2016 – (Attachment #4)
- c) Budget Amendments #7A and #7B – (Attachment #5)
- d) Permission to Declare Property as Surplus and Sell by On-Line Auction

<u>Property No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Acquisition</u>	<u>Amount</u>
C – 1604	7 ton air Floor Jack	05 / 85	\$1,529.62
C – 1670	1985 Chevrolet C-30 mini-bus	10 / 85	\$22,004.21
C – 12734	2008 Mercury Grand Marquis	03 / 09	\$12,131.45

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Superintendent Hastings expressed sympathy to the families and friends for the passing of Dean Hooker, Dogan Cobb and to Carol Jones DuBois' for the passing of her stepmother. He said the Suwannee River Fair is occurring this time of the year and has expanded in days from three-four days to 13 days. He asked everyone to be extra careful to ensure the safety of the kids at the fair, during the fair time. Mr. Hastings said the Williston community is holding a meeting on Monday night, March 14, 2016, in the WES Media Center to discuss beginning and ending times of the Williston schools beginning with the 2016-2017 SY. David Delaney, School Board Attorney said the meeting was not advertised; therefore, only one Board Member can be present at the meeting. Brad Etheridge will attend the meeting. Mr. Hastings said flyers will be back-packed home with the students to notify the parents of WES, WMS and WHS, about the meeting. He talked about the financial budget for the upcoming year. He talked about the declining enrollment in Levy County and said the state will take back approximately \$450,000 due to fewer students than anticipated. Mr. Hastings and the Board said they hope the new WMHS will bring more students to the Levy District.

**Board Comments:** Brad Etheridge updated the Board on the FFA events and how the students placed in competition. He said a group called Williston, LLC has been formed to assist with funding projects for the new WMHS. He said the committee will meet on March 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at WHS. Cameron Asbell thanked everyone for their support of the Bronson FFA Beast Feast. He said it was a huge success. Cameron said Dogan Cobb's family thanked the Chiefland Schools for the flowers. He said Mr. Cobb was 105 years of age. Chris Cowart thanked Barb Rivers and the students for the presentation demonstrating their Chrome Books. Paige Brookins asked everyone to attend the Suwannee River Fair and purchase an animal from the participants. Superintendent Hastings informed the Board that the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) Elections need to be held at the March 22, 2016 meeting.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Paige Brookins, Chairman