

Bronson, FL
August 25, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Regular Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 25th day of August, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Public comments can be submitted by email to publiccomment@levyk12.org or delivered in writing to the District Office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL., and must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Public comments may also be made in person on the day of the meeting.

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

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Chairman Paige Brookins welcomed everyone to the meeting whether in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. She welcomed and congratulated newly elected Board member Tammy Boyle. Jade Anderson, mother of a JBES student, shared her concerns about students that were being sent home just because they may have a fever. She said students could have another illness besides COVID-19 virus. Jeannie Norris from the Levy County Health Department addressed some of her concerns and said antibodies tests are only valid for 90 days. She said people could get the virus more than once.

Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT Update): Adam Gore thanked Superintendent Edison and the Board for his new position as Coordinator of School Safety and Security. He thanked Dennis Webber for his leadership and knowledge of the position. Mr. Gore said all 11 schools have completed the four requirements to meet the school needs: safety and security assessment procedures; safety and security / COVID-19 training; FSSAT reports and threat assessment manuals updated. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the FSSAT, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Award of Bid for WES Play Ground Cover Area: Breezy Stockman thanked the Maintenance Department for their hard work and putting in so many extra hours to ensure the schools were ready to open on August 17. He said between the safety, extra cleaning and sanitation, protection shields, etc., the men have worked some long hours to complete the jobs. Brandon Eastman said they only received one bid for the covered play area at WES, Tetra Industries, Inc., from Williston, FL. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to accept and approve the bid from Tetra Industries, Inc. for Option 2 for \$119,103.00 and the optional cost for supplying and installing security fencing for \$4,650.00, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

School COVID-19 Guidelines: Kalee Wade said she, Melissa Lewis and the Levy Health Department worked on guidelines from DOE to develop guide for Levy County to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. She said there are four key points to remember: If you feel sick or have symptoms, stay home; Protect the vulnerable; If a COVID-19 case arises – don't panic, be surgical not sweeping and Communicate, communicate, communicate. She said people couldn't test out of a 14-day quarantine. She said if we have a major spread, closing a school would be determined in conjunction with the Health Department, Superintendent and the Board. Mrs. Wade said the Florida Schools Athletic Association allowed football practice on Monday. She said Adam Gore is the new county Athletic Director. Mr. Gore said the half time at football is reduced from 20 minutes to 12 minutes. Special events will be held before the game and at halftime. Angie Phillips and Jeannie Norris gave an overview of how many positive cases we have in each community.

2020-2021 School Visits: Superintendent Edison shared the revised schedule of school visits for the 2020-2021 school year. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the 2020-2021 schedule for school visits, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Request for Public Hearing to Adopt/Amend the Following School Board Policy: 8.01 – Safety. Superintendent said this is the last meeting to review School Board Policy 8.01. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to approve School Board Policy 8.01, Safety, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Board meeting, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Windy Ahrens, Transportation Bus Driver, ***resignation***, effective May 29, 2020, original hire date August 27, 2010.
2. Kathryn Rush, WES Teacher, Art, ***resignation***, effective June 1, 2020, and ***transfer*** any remaining leave to Alachua County, original hire date August 6, 2018.
3. Kimberly Green, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts, S/H, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***vacancy***.
4. Jordan Estevez, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, ***internal transfer*** to Teacher Aide, Pre-K Lead, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***vacancy***.
5. Carolyn Petrone, CMHS Teacher, Vocational, Business Ed., ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***vacancy***.
6. Rebecca Fries, BES Interventionist, ***internal transfer*** to Teacher, First Grade, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, and ***change in funding source***, as follows:

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| From: | 4210E 5100 0130 1011 40241 F2021 | 100% |
| To: | 1000E 5100 0120 1011 11030 | 100% |
7. Megan Pinckney, BES Teacher, Fifth Grade, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***out-of-field*** in Elem., K-6, ***vacancy***.
8. Jonathan Irizzary, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***vacancy***.
9. Elizabeth Tallman-McGlynn, BES Teacher, Second Grade, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***vacancy***.
10. Susan Brown, CMHS FNS Worker, ***effective*** August 5, 2020, ***vacancy***.
11. Kaylin Young, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, ***effective*** August 5, 2020, ***vacancy***.
12. Todd Schrader, WMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ***vacancy***.
13. Bryan Keith Osteen, BES Teacher Aide, Other, ***effective*** August 5, 2020, ***vacancy***.
14. Lance Horne, Maintenance, HVAC Mechanic, ***effective*** August 6, 2020, ***vacancy***.
15. Ty Barber, BMHS Teacher Science, S/H, ***effective*** August 5, 2020, ***out-of-field*** in science, ***vacancy***.
16. Emily Brown, CMHS Teacher, ELA, M/J, ***effective*** August 3, 2020, ELA, M/J, ***out-of-field*** in 6th Grade ELA, ***vacancy***.

17. Request approval of the *revised* job description for Painter, Maintenance Department.
18. Kelly Wilhelm, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *change in funding source*, effective August 5, 2020, as follows:

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| From: | 4210E 5200 0150 0091 40230 F2021 | 100% |
| To: | 1000E 5200 0150 0091 11020 | 100% |
19. Larry Swartz, BES Teacher Aide, *effective* August 10, 2020, *vacancy*.
20. Sandra Young, YTS Teacher, Combo, *effective* August 3, 2020, *vacancy*.
21. Caryl Osteen, BMHS Teacher, Lang. Arts, *transfer* to Lang. Arts and Lang. Arts Intensive , *effective* August 3, 2020, and *change in funding source*, as follows:

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| From: | 1000e 5100 0120 0021 11030 | 100% |
| To: | 1000E 5100 0120 0021 11030 | 50% |
| | 4210E 5100 0120 0021 40241 F2021 | 50% |
22. Michelle Brady, CES Teacher/Reading Coach, *change in salary percentages*, effective August 3, 2020, as follows:

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| From: | 1000E 6400 0130 0241 11332 | 65% |
| | 4210E 6400 0130 0241 40241 F2021 | 35% |
| To: | 1000E 6400 0130 0241 11332 | 57% |
| | 4210E 6400 0130 0241 40241 F2021 | 43% |
23. Caitlynn Palladino, WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *effective* August 10, 2020, *out-of-field* in Math, M/J, *vacancy*.
24. George Green, BMHS Teacher, Soc. Stud., S/H, *effective* August 7, 2020, *vacancy*.
25. Zoe LLovet, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
26. Dusty Schneider, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
27. Margaret Durden, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
28. Zechariah Tolodxi, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 5, 2020, *vacancy*.
29. Lorri Wagoner, BES Teacher, First Grade, *effective* August 6, 2020, *vacancy*.
30. Leslie Stinnette, CES Teacher Aide, *change in funding source*, effective August 5, 2020, as follows:

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| From: | 1000E 5200 0150 0241 11020 | 50% |
| | 4210E 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2021 | 50% |
| To: | 4210# 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2021 | 100% |
31. Candice Hildebrandt, WMHS Teacher Aide, *change in funding source*, effective August 5, 2020, as

follows:

From: 1000E 5200 0150 0091 11020 10%
4210E 5200 0150 0091 40230 F2021 90%

To: 4210# 5200 0150 0091 40230 F2021 100%

32. Casey Ranalli, BMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *change in funding source*, effective August 5, 2020, as follows:

From: 1000E 5200 0150 0021 11020 100%

To: 4210E 5200 0150 0021 40230 F2021 100%

33. Haley Koon, BES Teacher, Combination, *change in funding source*, effective August 3, 2020, as follows:

From: 1000E 5200 0120 1011 11020 80%
4210E 5200 0120 1011 40230 F2021 20%

To: 1000E 5200 0120 1011 11020 100%

34. Shakari Lamb, WES Teacher, ESE, *change in funding source*, effective August 3, 2020, as follows:

From: 1000E 5200 0120 0231 11020 50%
4210E 5200 0120 0231 40230 F2021 50%

To: 1000E 5200 0120 0231 11020 100%

35. Daniel Joiner, BMHS Custodian, *transfer* to WMHS Custodian, *effective* August 7, 2020.

36. Dana Farleo, JBES Teacher, KG, *resignation*, effective August 28, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 11, 2008.

37. Rebecca Childs, WES Teacher, Combination, *resignation*, effective August 28, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date January 25, 1999.

38. Establish a position for CDE students, to be paid for the 2020-2021 school year, not to exceed 20 hour per week, for the following:

4 Paid from Project #11030:

BMHS: TBD
CES: Brinley Bedford
JBES: Chandler Crooms

Paid from Project #10140:

MIS/Technology: TBD

38. Establish a position for CDE students, to be paid for the 2020-2021 school year, not to exceed 20 hour per week, for the following:

4 Paid from Project #11030:

BMHS: Austin Bailey Herring

39. Patricia Spradling, WMHS Teacher, ESE, *resignation for retirement*, effective August 14, 2020, original

hire date August 14, 1989.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Gemma Fleming, WES School Counselor, August 17 – October 23, 2020.
2. **(Board approved 8.3.20)** Stephanie Schonborn, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, August 5 – November 4, 2020, *amend dates* to August 17 – November 11, 2020.
3. Kodie Jones, CMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, August 31 – November 20, 2020.
4. Rebecca Yeadon, JBES Teacher, First Grade, September 8, 2020 – January 15, 2021.

c) Personal Leave Requests:

1. Ashley Faust, WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, August 3, 2020 – May 28, 2021 (2020-2021 SY).
2. Jeneva Ramirez-Lopez, WES Teacher Aide, ESOL, August 5, 2020 – January 4, 2021.
3. Colette Kussel, BMHS Teacher, Science, September 9 – December 31, 2020.

d) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
 - i. 2020-2021 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Florida Center for the Blind, Inc., to provide services for students of the Levy County School System.
 - ii. 2020-2021 Agreement #21-025-A52 to Contract #731-21-025, between the School Board of Levy County and the School Board of Putnam County on behalf of NEFEC, to provide professional learning and support to teachers, instructional coaches and administrators, paid from Project #40300 F2020 (CARES).
 - iii. 2020-2021 NEFEC Professional Learning Catalog (PLC), (Previously known as Master In-service Plan).
 - iv. 2020-2021 Levy County Bus Driver Handbook.
 - v. 2020-2021 School Resource Officers (SRO) Inter-Local Agreements between the School Board of Levy County and the Levy County Sheriff's Office.
 - vi. 2020-2021 contract between the School Board of Levy County and Episcopal Children's Services.

e) Instructional Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
 - i. 2020-2021 Pilot Courseware Licensing Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Florida Virtual School (FLVS) to provide virtual instruction online learning opportunities for K-12 students, paid from Project #13361.

2. FINANCE:

- a. Budget amendment #19-00033 18B (FY2019-20).
- b. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for July, 2020.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeff Edison said summertime has been very busy with extra preparation for schools opening. He thanked everyone for their assistance with the preparations, planning, trainings, etc. He said we have ordered 10 Wi-Fi units to mount in school parking lots, along with bus hot spots and kajeets to allow students working from home access to the internet. He said many students that chose options 2 or 3 don't have sufficient internet at home.

Board Comments: Brad Etheridge thanked everyone for making the opening of schools happen and the return of sports. Ashley Clemenzi agreed with Mr. Etheridge. She said everyone was in a frenzy for days leading up to the opening of schools, but now there seems to be calmness. Mrs. Clemenzi said the new entry at YTS is amazing and thanked Breezy and Maintenance for the renovation. She said the internet Wi-Fi connectivity is a huge issue for all of Levy County. Cameron Asbell thanked everyone for arranging the new drop off by the gym instead of the front of BMHS. He said they did an outstanding job. He said he has received several emails and phone calls from parents having difficulty with Canvas. Melissa Lewis said the teachers are still learning how to work through Canvas. She said students are still changing from their choice of option to another choice. Cheryl Beauchamp said she has teachers training each other and giving support anywhere needed. Mr. Asbell said BMHS has their first varsity home game/senior night on September 4 and the JV first game is on September 8. He thanked Mrs. Jennifer Bray and Mr. Curtis Gaus for sending home communication to the parents of BMHS keeping them aware of what is happening at the school. He said the communication is wonderful. Chris Cowart said everything is going well with CKS and thankfully, we missed two storms. He said teachers need to assist each other with Canvas. Mr. Cowart said he appreciates Superintendent Edison, the administrators and staff for a great week of opening schools. He thanked Joe Wain for taking care of the problem he called him about on Sunday. Paige Brookins thanked everyone for keeping the Board informed of the COVID-19 situation in the schools. She said CMHS is going well and CES breakfasts and lunches are going well. She said the drop off for CES is very bad and needs to be changed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for the Board to go into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Board Chairman