

February 23, 2016
Administrative Office, School Board Room
9:00 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 23rd day of February, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Paige Brookins, Vice Chair Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Attorney David Delaney present.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator Gary Masters had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

Student 16-09 (student and parent present): After discussion from the Board Members, Chris Cowart moved with second by Rick Turner to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. After additional discussion from the Board, Brad Etheridge and Cameron Asbell disagreed with the recommendation of the Superintendent. Chairman Paige Brookins called for a vote, with Brad Etheridge and Cameron Asbell voting no and Chris Cowart, Rick Turner and Paige Brookins voting yes. According to Board Attorney David Delaney, the affirmative votes carry. Chairman Brookins said the original motion will stand to approve the recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 SY and the 2016-2017 SY, without educational services. Student may petition to re-appear before the Board in August 2016 to potentially attend LLA for the 2016/2017 SY. Student must present documentation to the Superintendent of successful “Anger Management” counseling, in order to re-appear before the Board.

9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 23rd day of February at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Adoption of Agenda: Chris Cowart moved to adopt the Agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Paige Brookins welcomed all visitors and asked if there was anyone from the audience who wanted to address the Board. Chris Curry and Drollene Brown, talked about the library books currently located at the Williston Middle and High Schools and shared their concerns that all of the books would be transferred to the new WMHS. They said it is very important that the students be able to have hard copies and an assortment of books to check out and take home to read. Mr. Hastings said there are not any intentions to delete or remove books from the current schools and all the books will be moved to the new WMHS. He said with today’s advanced technology, today’s children read electronic books, along with hard copies. Mr. Hastings said reading is very important for students. Mrs. Brown talked about the importance of reading to children. The Board Members agreed and encouraged the public to volunteer any free time to their local schools and media centers to assist students with books and to read to them. Chairman Brookins thanked Chris Curry and Drollene Brown.

Special Programs and Procedures (SP & P): Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, gave a presentation and updated the Board on the Special Programs and Procedures (SP & P). She gave an overview of the General Policies and Procedures. Dr. Hall shared the SP & P website link, which is divided into five sections and sub-sections, General Policies and Procedures, Students with Disabilities, General Students, and Parentally-Placed Private School Students with Disabilities. Superintendent Hastings thanked Dr. Hall for her knowledge of the ESE requirements, rules, and regulations in dealing with special education students and parents.

Request to Amend Charter to Allow Pre-K – WWCS (attachment #1): Jeff Edison presented the request from WWCS to amend their Charter to allow Pre-K students instead of only VPK, so they can serve ESE students. He said they would be required to have the properly certified teachers. After discussion from the Board, Rick Turner moved to deny the request to amend the WWCS Charter to allow Pre-K with second by Cameron Asbell. Motion carried.

Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved with second by Rick Turner to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: For good cause, Brad Etheridge made a motion for H. 2., the Finance portion of the Agenda, be pulled to allow time for the Board to review with second by Chris Cowart. After discussion Rick Turner moved with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with corrections and changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Nanette Alfonso, LLA Food Service Worker, **resignation** as Food Service Worker, effective February 12, 2016 due to increased hours as a bus driver, **(Board Approved on February 9, 2016)**.
2. Out-of-field assignments for 2015-2016 school year:

SITE	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
YTS	Candace Valentine	Middle Grades Int. Curr.; 5-9, Rdg. End.	ESOL

3. Tammy Sue Okahara, Vision Christian Academy (VCA) Paraprofessional, effective February 16, 2016, paid from IDEA Project #4210E 5200 0751 40230F2016.
4. Liam P. Mathe, CMHS Teacher, effective February 29, 2016, replacing Robyn Screws.
5. Cynthia K. Hughes, CES Teacher, **resignation for retirement** effective June 14, 2016, original hire date August 15, 1990.
6. Dr. Freida Claudette Strickland, BES VE Teacher, **resignation** effective June 14, 2016, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 2, 2000.
7. Amber Hassell, BES ESE Teacher Aide, effective February 17, 2016, replacing Ladonna Jerrels.
8. Shontonna Burgman, JBES Food Service worker **internal transfer** to WES Food Service Worker, effective February 16, 2016, replacing Flora Williams.
9. Flora Williams, WES Food Service Worker, **internal transfer** to JBES Food Service Worker, effective February 16, 2016, replacing Shontonna Burgman.
10. Jackie West, WMS Food Service Worker, **resignation** effective February 25, 2016, original hire date April 15, 2010.
11. Tara Bitsky, BES Teacher Aide, PK, effective February 19, 2016, replacing Marcia Bend.

12. Jimmett Camacho-Salcedo, CES Teacher Aide, *resignation* effective February 16, 2016, original hire date December 8, 2015.

b) Family Medical Leave:

1. Morgan Elton, Bus Driver Aide, March 30, 2016 through May 1, 2016.

c) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty:

1. Tamara Bradshaw, CES KG Teacher, effective February 4, 2016, 4 hours.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Leigh Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, Century 21, RFP Workshop, February 16-17, 2016, Sanford, Seminole County Public Schools, expenses paid from Project #40234F2016.
2. Florida Partnership 2016 Middle Level Colloquium (College Board), February 16-17, 2016, Orlando, mileage, meals and hotel expenses paid from Project #14894 (FL. Partnership), sub expenses paid from Project #42412F2016: *amend to add* Mechelle Harmon, YTS Teacher.
3. Candace Dean, District Director of Personnel, Out-of-State Teacher Job Fair, West Michigan, March 6-9, 2016, Grand Rapids, Michigan, expenses paid from Project #17730.
4. Joseph Wain, Transportation Training Supervisor, CDL Third Party Refresher Course, May 12, 13, 2016, Tallahassee, expenses paid from Project #17800.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. WHS and CMHS FBLA State Convention, Orlando, March 11-14, 2016, Chaperones Rebecca Mack and Kim Nivala, 23 students, 1 bus, all expenses paid from Project #15300.
2. CMHS, Student Government Association (SGA), Fort Lauderdale, March 31, 2016 – April 4, 2016, Chaperones Valerie Perez, Ronald Perez, Stephanie Parks, and Angela Johnson, 24 students, 2 county vans, 2 personal vehicles, expenses paid from Project #15300.
3. CKS, Senior Class Grad Bash, Orlando, April 23-24, 2016, Chaperones Kim Bishop, Joe Bishop and Lisa Smith, 50 students, 1 school bus, all expenses paid from internal funds.

f) Military Leave:

1. Lamar D. Asbell, Jr., Maintenance Department, March 4, 2016, one day only for National Guard Duty.

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings thanked everyone for attending the GALA. He expressed phenomenal accolades to Donna Turner, Director of the Foundation, for an exceptional job with set up, organization, recruiting donors and closing out all the business transactions so quickly. He said this is by far, the best Gala event ever for Levy County. He talked about school grades and said the Charter School grades are calculated in with our District grade. He asked the Board if they prefer to visit the Chiefland schools as a group or split. The Board chose to go together as a group to CMHS and CES. All the Board members expressed appreciation for Donna and her job with the Gala. Everyone said she did a fantastic job with the event.

Board Comments: Rick Turner encouraged parents and the community members to contact the legislators regarding the leveling field between public, private and charter schools. Brad Etheridge updated the Board on the WHS livestock shows and the CTE students at WHS. He said many of the CTE students have already been accepted into universities. Jeff Edison said the CTE students have a 97% graduation rate from high school. Cameron Asbell agreed with Mr. Turner that the parents need to reach out to the Legislators about the funding between public and charter schools. He thanked the FFA Advisors for all they do with the Ag students. He said this is FFA week. Mr. Asbell reminded everyone about the Bronson FFA Beast Food Feast at the Bronson Baptist Church, Friday, February 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Chris Cowart said the FFA leadership is very important to the students to guide and mentor them. He thanked Robert Philpot for all he did with FFA and his leadership with the students and Williston community. Mr. Cowart thanked Donna, Angie Phillips, Tina Wilkerson, her students, Breezy and the Maintenance Department, Joe Wain for the sound system, and Mike Puritan for his speech and humor, for the Gala. Chairman Paige Brookins agreed with all the comments today. She thanked Dr. Hall for her presentation and support of ESE. Mrs. Brookins said the denial of the amendment to the WWCSP has nothing to do with ESE. She said we only want the best for the students.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned and the Board visited CMHS/CES.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Chairman