

**Bronson, FL**  
**August 11, 2015**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. with Board Chair Rick Turner, Vice Chair Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Recommendations by Dennis Webber – LLA, for Expelled Students to return to their community schools before their expulsion period ends:** Mr. Hastings informed the Board that the 2 students Mr. Webber was going to recommend for returning to their community schools would not be at the hearing. He said they were told they did not have to attend the hearing, that the Board would make the decision and Mr. Webber would contact them with the decision. He also said student 14-16 would be unable to attend the hearing and recommended that all three hearings be continued to the August 25, 2015 Board Meeting. Chris Cowart moved to continue all three hearings to the August 25, 2015 Board Meeting, second by Paige Brookins. During discussion, Cameron Asbell noted that in the case of the 2 LLA students being recommended to return to their community schools it was the School Board's fault by giving misinformation to the student that they were not required to attend, and because the students would miss the first day of school and be late for the second day of school should the board vote to allow them to return to their community school, he would consider amending the motion to take those 2 students out of the motion to continue the hearing, and for the Board to take action today based on the recommendation of Mr. Webber alone. Paige Brookins disagreed, stating that it has always been past practice that students who were being recommended by administration at the Alternative School to return to their community schools before their expulsion period was completed, would appear before the Board. She said the students need to be held accountable and face the Board when the decision is made. Chairman Turner called for the vote, with Cameron Asbell and Chris Cowart voting no and Paige Brookins and Rick Turner voting yes. According to Board Attorney David Delaney, in the case of a tie vote without the 5<sup>th</sup> board member to break the tie, the affirmative votes carry. Chairman Turner said the original motion will stand to continue the hearings of all 3 students at the August 25, 2015 Board Meeting.

**Expelled Student Request to Enroll at Levy Learning Academy for the 2015-2016 SY:** Superintendent Hastings reminded the Board that according to their "Final Order" of Expulsion, the following student would be given the opportunity at the first Board Meeting in August to re-appear before the Board and request enrollment in the Levy Learning Academy for the 2015-2016 School Year, and that this was the meeting for that hearing.

**Student 15-15** (student, parent and counselor present): After allowing the student and parent(s) to speak and questions from the Board, Superintendent Hastings made the recommendation that the student be allowed to enroll in Levy Learning Academy for the 2015-2016 School Year. Chris Cowart moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

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

**Adoption of Agenda:** For good cause, Board Chair Rick Turner asked that the Agenda be amended to remove E) **Adopt/Amend School Board Policies – Jeff Edison** and re-alphabetize the remainder of the items on the agenda. Cameron Asbell moved to so amend and approve the Agenda, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

**Welcome Visitors:** The Board Chairman welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

**Instructional Materials Handbook and Virtual Instruction Handbook** Patrick Wnek reviewed the Instructional Materials Handbook with the Board, answering questions that were asked. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Handbook with second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. Next, Mr. Edison reviewed the Virtual Instruction handbook, answering questions that were asked. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the Handbook with second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Minutes:** Paige Brookins moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Cameron Asbell asked the Superintendent to explain what was happening with the YTS Transportation agreement. Mr. Hastings said he has been in conversation with George Tomyn, Superintendent of Marion County School Board about the situation and that Mr. Tomyn understands the budget constraints and agrees with the decision Levy County has made to stop bussing the YTS high school students into Marion County to attend school. Mr. Hastings continued that 4 years ago he made a presentation to YTS about what a struggle financially it is to keep the school open. He said the district does not have the money to continue to do things the same way, but must be frugal with the budget as it affects ALL schools. He said our district must find cost-saving ways to operate all schools in the district as well as keep YTS open, and that bussing students into another district that will receive the FTE for those students, not us, is not cost-saving to our district. He reminded the Board that there have been several school closings in surrounding school districts and it's not just Levy County that is feeling the strain of the economy. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the following Items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

**1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

**a) Personnel Changes / Recommendations:**

1. Dr. Donn W. Keels, Jr, *delete* WHS Teacher, *amend to* WHS Administrative Assistant, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Kevin Whitaker.
2. Kristina Lathrop, CES Title I Aide, *resignation* effective June 18, 2015, and *transfer* of any unused leave to Gilchrist County School District.
3. Mika Vuto, YTS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Lejuanna Willis.
4. Valerie Lee, BES custodian, effective July 29, 2015, replacing Roberta Zeitz.
5. Kimberly Ward, CMHS Aide, effective August 20, 2015, replacing Cindy Hodges.
6. Sonya Wynans, CKS Teacher, *resignation*, effective June 8, 2015, and *payment* of any unused sick leave, (original hire date August 11, 2014).
7. Valerie Taylor, WHS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Rebecca Ward.
8. Candace Valentine, YTS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Tracy Willis.
9. Kelli Thrash, BES Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Heidi Bon.
10. Ophelia Keene, WES Food Service Manager, effective August 17, 2015, replacing Julia Oberst.
11. Suzanne Barrett, JBES Food Service Worker, *internal transfer*, to WES, effective August 20, 2015.
12. Shakari S. Lamb, WES, ESE Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2015, replacing Yelitza Maldonado.
13. Kristina Hughes, Williston Bus Driver, *resignation*, effective June 5, 2015.
14. Lindsey Johns, Bus Aide, *resignation*, effective August 3, 2015.
15. Donald Lawrence, Bus Aide, *resignation*, effective June 5, 2015

16. Patricia M. Emmons, Chiefland Bus Driver, **resignation for retirement**, effective August 1, 2015.
17. Patricia Bishop, JBES Custodian, effective August 3, 2015, replacing Donna Knickerbocker.
18. Robert S. Frisina, CMHS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Robert Phillips.
19. Julia C. Etheridge, WES Title I Aide, **resignation**, effective August 4, 2015.
20. Cameron Porch, BMHS Teacher, **resignation**, effective June 14, 2015, and **payment** for any unused sick leave.
21. Eulin Gibbs, WHS Principal, **resignation**, effective August 11, 2015, and **payment** for unused leave.
22. Dale Loomis, CES Pre-K Aide/ESE, **transfer** to Title I Aide, effective August 19, 2015, with **funding change** as follows:  
**FROM:** Project #1000E 5500 0150 0241 13720 – 100%  
**TO:** Project #4210E 5100 0150 0241 40241F2016 – 100%
23. Dana M. Farleo, WES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, **internal transfer**, effective August 19, 2015, to Teacher, RtI (Intervention) TSA, with **funding change** as follows:  
**FROM:** Project #1000E 5100 0120 0231 11030 – 100%  
**TO:** Project #4210E 5100 0120 0231 42412F2015 – 100%
24. Michelle L. Clark, WES Teacher, RtI (Intervention) TSA, **internal transfer**, effective August 19, 2015, to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, with **funding change** as follows:  
**FROM:** Project #4210E 5100 0120 0231 42412F2015 – 100%  
**TO:** Project #1000E 5100 0120 0231 11030 – 100%
25. Robin Romagnolo, BES PK Lead Teacher, **resignation**, effective August 10, 2015.
26. Christie McElroy, CMHS Assistant Principal, effective August 10, 2015, replacing Kevin Whitaker, funding paid from Project #11030.
27. Melody Mayo Irizarry, CMHS Language Arts Teacher, **internal transfer**, effective August 12, 2015, to School Counselor, (out-of-field in Guidance), **replacing** Christy McElroy, with **funding change** as follows:  
**FROM:** 1000E 5100 0120 0051 11030 – 100%  
**TO:** 1000E 6120 0130 0051 11030 – 100%
28. Sarah Hunsucker, BES PK Aide, **transfer** to PK Lead Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2015.
29. Shontonia Burgman, JBES Food Service Worker, effective August 20, 2015, replacing Suzanne Barrett, funding paid from Project #41000.
30. Kathleen Keim, YTS Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2015, funding paid from Project #11030.
31. Daryl Richardson, WHS JROTC, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Frank Clegg, funding paid from Project #15307.
32. Francie Daniels, YTS Receptionist, 4.0 hours per day, effective August 19, 2015, new position.
33. Susan McDonald, YTS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Anthony Sturtevant.

**b) Illness-In-Line-of-Duty Leave Requests**

1. Katherine Manuel, BMHS Lunchroom Manager, June 16-18, 22-25, 29-30 and July 1, 2015 (up to 6 hours per day).

**c) Family Medical Leave Requests**

1. Brandi Geiger, JBES Teacher, August 18, 2015 through November 12, 2015

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

1. Brandi Geiger, JBES Teacher, November 13, 2015 through June 14, 2016

**e) Professional Leave Request:**

1. Annual State Assessment Meeting, Orlando, FL., expenses paid from Project #18320 for the following:  
  
Valerie Boughanem, Coordinator of ESOL/Testing, September 8-10, 2015  
Barbara Rivers, Director of MIS/Technology, September 8-9, 2015
2. Professional Contact's Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing & Visual Impairment, September 2-4, 2015, Tampa, FL., expenses for travel, hotel and meals to be reimbursed by DOE, for the following:  
  
Laura Storm, District ESE/SS, Speech, Language Pathologist  
Pamela Thompson, District ESE/SS, Teacher of Vision
3. Marcia Smith, BMHS Teacher, National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky, October 27-31, 2015, expenses paid from Project #15300.
4. Valerie Boughanem, Coordinator of ESOL/Testing, World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment Workshop and Training, (WIDA), Lake Mary, FL, August 31 – September 3, 2015, expenses paid from Project #18320.
5. Barbara Rivers, Director of MIS/Technology, NOELS Meeting, St. Augustine, FL, July 21-22, 2015, expenses paid from Project #19060.
6. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), expenses paid from Project #40290F2015, as follows:  
August 2-3, 2015, Professional Development/Training Planning, Tallahassee,  
August 17-19, 2015, R-LATS Duties, Palm Coast Bunnell  
August 27-29, 2015, R-LATS Consultation/Colaboration, Blountstown and Quincey, FL  
September 3-4, 2015, Region 3 MTSS Meeting, Vera, FL  
September 8-10, 2015, R-LATS Duties, Palm Coast Bunnell

**f) Administrative Services**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
  - a. 2014-2016 School Health Services Plan – Part IV added
  - b. 2014-2015 Annual School Health Report for Levy County
  - c. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement with College of Central Florida for the 2015-2016 SY.
  - d. Clyatt House Learning Center, LLC, Contract for Purchase of Day Care Services for the 2015-2016 SY.

- e. CHANGE ORDERS from ACA Construction Group re: New WMHS:  
change order #3- construction phase dated August 3, 2015 (Owner Direct Purchase)  
change order #4 – construction phase dated August 3, 2015 ((Owner Direct Purchase)

**2. FINANCE:**

- a) Budget Amendments #20A and #20B as of June 30, 2015

**Superintendent’s Comments / Recommendations:** Superintendent Hastings said these days he’s being asked “are you ready to start the new school year” out. He said his reply is YES! He said teachers have been participating in Professional Development trainings all summer which will help prepare them for the new school year and keep them in their classrooms where they want to be. He said there might be 4 or 5 positions left to fill but is confident that will be done by the start of school. Next, he invited Barb Rivers to come up and review the new Laptop Agreement. Barb reviewed the agreement and answered questions. Mr. Hastings thanked Barb for the information. He also said the Maintenance Department has worked diligently all year to get the schools ready as well.

**Board Comments:** Board Attorney David Delaney thanked Mr. Hastings for allowing him to address the Principals and new teachers at new employee orientation. Cameron Asbell asked about the new marquee at BES. Mr. Edison replied that since the BES Cafeteria is a designated hurricane shelter for people with disabilities, the EOC might be able to pay for the marquee and maybe even for CES and WES as shelters also. He said he would let the Board know what happens. Mr. Asbell also thanked the First Baptist Church of Bronson for hosting the Prayer / Support Meeting earlier in the month for the School Board and County Commissioners. He said it was a very inspiring event and well attended and he is proud to serve the good people of Levy County. Chris Cowart thanked Mr. Stockman for all the work the Maintenance Department has done to get schools ready. Paige Brookins asked if all textbooks were received at the schools for the new year. Dr. Wnek replied they have been ordered but some may not yet be delivered. Rick Turner asked if Jeff Edison could coordinate an update on the new WMHS for the next Board Meeting. Mr. Edison said he is having a combination faculty meeting with WMS and WHS to discuss the new school and view slides that he has been taking on the progress. He said he takes pictures every 10 days to share with both schools and will get it together for the next Board Meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Rick Turner, Chairman