

Bronson, FL
April 8, 2014
5:20 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 8th day of April, 2014 at 5:20 p.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Ryan Gilbert, present. (Mr. Gilbert is an associate of Board Attorney David Delaney who was absent). Jeff Edison made the Superintendent Recommendations for Expulsion as designee for Mr. Hastings who arrived after the Expulsion Hearings in time for the Board Meeting.

Expulsion Hearing: 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 14-15 (student, parents and sister present): Rick Turner 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, under the following condition: Student must make payment of \$20.00 toward restitution of \$250.00 stolen from Joyce Bullock Elementary school before being allowed to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School, and must pay \$20.00 per month, due the first school day of each month until the \$250.00 is repaid. Failure to make a regular payment will result in revocation of educational services (enrollment at Hilltop). Motion carried.

Student 14-14 (student and parent present): Rick Turner 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, motion failed. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation by Mr. Edison that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School under the following condition: A weekly progress report will be made to the Superintendent. Any discipline referrals, poor school attendance, or lack of adequate academic progress will result in immediate revocation of educational services at Hilltop Alternative School. Motion carried 4-1 with Robert Philpot, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart and Cameron Asbell voting yes and Rick Turner voting no.

6:10 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION

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

District Accreditation Award and AVID update Dr. Wnek shared that he has received the official certification for District Accreditation from AdvancED Accreditation Commission. He presented a plaque to the Superintendent and the Board Members that will be displayed at the District Office, and told the Board that each school will have their own certificate to display at their school sites. Next, he presented information to review the progress of the AVID Program in BMHS, CMHS, WMS, WHS and CKS. He said he wanted to have some of the teachers and students come before the Board at a future Board Meeting to share first-hand how the program works. He said AVID dues are paid by grants from GearUP and FL Partnership. The Board thanked Dr. Wnek for the information and Chairman Philpot said he hopes the District can continue the AVID program because he has heard nothing but good about it.

Public Hearing - Adoption/Amendment of School Board Policies: Jeff Edison reminded the Board that this was the public hearing to adopt the new/amended School Board Policies presented for first reading at the March 4, 2014 Board Meeting. He then reviewed each policy as follows: 2.05 Board Meetings, 3.06 Safe and Secure Schools, 3.10 Flag Display and Pledge, 3.12 Public Information and Inspection of Records, 5.38 Bullying and Harassment, 6.011 Professional Ethics, 6.042 Report of Misconduct, 8.03 Inspections, 9.02 Automotive Equipment, 9.11 Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles for Educational Field Trips or School Related Events, 11.05 Distribution of Literature and

Materials to Students. On Policy 6.042, Mr. Edison asked permission to insert the words “or designee” in the first sentence after the word Superintendent into **(3) Legally Sufficient Complaint**. After further review and discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the policies that were amended along with Mr. Edison’s request, and adopt the new policies, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 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, with item 1. (Grad Bash Trips) under **c) Student Trip Requests** pulled to be re-submitted at the next board meeting due to incomplete information. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Personnel Changes / Recommendations:

1. Ashlea Graham Zeller, WMS Teacher, *resignation*, effective June 9, 2014 and payment for any unused sick leave.
2. Latisha Geiger, WES Teacher Aide, *resignation*, effective April 4, 2014 and payment for any unused leave.
3. Sharlecia Langford, District Director of Maintenance Secretary, *resignation*, effective March 27, 2014.
4. Sharlecia Langford, CES Teacher, effective March 31, 2014, replacing Nelly Ramirez.
5. Lori Conquest, District Director of Maintenance Secretary, *internal transfer*, effective March 26, 2014, replacing Sharlecia Langford.
6. Quinton Parker, Jr., BES Custodian, effective March 21, 2014, replacing Cleveland Griffin.
7. Billie C. Hethcoat, BES Food Service Worker, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 9, 2014.
8. Suzanne Brown, BES Food Service Worker, *resignation for retirement*, effective April 25, 2014.
9. Peter Frost, District Bus Driver, *resignation* effective March 31, 2014.
10. Rose Fant, WMS Health Assistant, effective April 7, 2014, replacing Gail Havard.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Kathryn Lawrence, District STEM Coordinator, April 8(pm) and 9, 2014, Central FL Assessment Collaborative Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from RTTT project #4340100814.
2. Carmen Ward, WMS Teacher and LCEA President, April 2 and 3, 2014, FL Educators Association (FEA) Conference, Orlando, expenses paid from project #14935.
3. Chris Wilder, WHS Teacher, April 7(pm) – 10, 2014, CTE Academic Alignment, Wesley Chapel, expenses paid by FACTE, no cost to the 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 for Ms. Roberts paid from RTTT project #43401 00814: Kathryn Lawrence, Carol Jones, Michael Homan, Tina Roberts
5. 2014 Florida School Nutrition Association Annual Conference, April 23 – 27, 2014, Lake Buena Vista, no cost to board: Katherine Manuel, Cheryl Allen, Merial Mills, Teresa Tillotson, Jackie West, Dolly Burke, Ophelia Keene, Haeng Gonthier, Shelia Redwine.
6. Marcy Young and Laura Brown, April 29 and 30, 2014, PreK ESE Contact Meeting, Orlando, *amend to* hotel and mileage expenses directly reimbursed from TATS (DOE) and meals reimbursed from project #40232F2014.
7. Dr. Patrick Wnek, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Barbara Rivers, Director MIS/Tech., May 7 and 8, 2014, FL Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL) Conference, Lake Mary, expenses paid from RTTT project #43401 00814.
8. Candace Dean, Patrick Wnek and Robert Clemons, May 13(pm) - 15, 2014, Florida Education Negotiators (FEN) 34th Annual Spring Conference, Orlando, all expenses paid from project #17200.
9. Robert Clemons, District Director of Finance, June 16-20, 2014, Annual Finance Officer Meeting, Daytona, expenses paid from project #17500.
10. Transportation Technicians' Summer Workshop, June 16 – 19, 2014, Daytona Beach, all expenses paid from project #17800: James Surles, Jarrod Hauser, David Fisher, Gerald Miller
11. Kathryn Lawrence, District STEM Coordinator, April 24 – 27, 2014, Vermont Mathematics Institute, Burlington VT, expenses paid from RTTT project #43401 00814.
12. Katherine Manuel, BMHS Cafeteria Manager, February 16-18, 2014 FL School Nutrition Association Legislative Caucus, Tallahassee, previously approved January 21, 2014 for no cost to Board, *amend to* meals paid from project #41000.

c) Student Trip Requests:

1. CMHS GEAR UP Classes, Field Trips as indicated below, chaperones Jennifer Seyerz, Stephanie Parks, Pam Plemmons, Julie Gerhard, Lynda Aldrich, 50 students, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid from Gear Up project #14895:
May 15, 2014 – Challenger Learning Center, Tallahassee
May 20, 2014 – College Tour & Ed. Program, UNF & Museum of Science History
2. J. Chris Wilder, WHS Teacher and FFA Advisor, March 27 and 28, 2014, State FFA land Judging Competition, Sebring, 4 students, 1 private vehicle, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Info as of March 2014
Budget Amendments #9A and #9B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings shared information from the Henry and Rilla White Foundation regarding scholarships for seniors. He also shared that the School Board's annual share of timber sales from Goethe Forest came in at \$29,750.00 for the general fund. He shared that he had been in Tallahassee visiting

with Senators and Representatives for our area today and was late getting back to Levy County, and apologized for missing the Expulsion Hearings. He said he feels that letting our elected officials know we appreciate what they are doing for Small and Rural school districts is important and they appreciate the constructive feedback from the Districts as well. He said that while the Budget is still a work in progress, he feels confident for funding of the new WMHS. He said it was a good day to be in Tallahassee and he was glad he made the trip.

Board Comments: Robert Philpot thanked Mr. Hastings for going to Tallahassee and the Board Members who attended the “Day in the Legislature” conference last month. He said he thought the Board made a united front for Education. Rick Turner agreed that being face to face with Legislatures makes an impact. Paige Brookins asked the Superintendent if there was anything Board Members could do to help influence legislators for Education in the budget discussions. Mr. Hastings said to send emails each week expressing appreciation for their efforts on behalf of Education, especially to Senator Dean and Representative Stone. He said May 2nd will end the Legislative Session. Chris Cowart asked if the Board should go back to Tallahassee one more time as a group, Mr. Hastings said it would not hurt. He also shared that Representative Stone had met with the Governor who asked him “what other projects besides the new WMHS do you have going on in your district?”. Mr. Hastings said for the Governor to ask about the project is a good sign the funding will come.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board cancelling the executive session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert E. Philpot, Chairman