

**Bronson, FL
December 18, 2012
8:15 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 18th day of December 2012 at 8:15 a.m. with Chairman Cameron Asbell, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

Hilltop Recommendation - Return to School for 2nd Semester 2012/2013 SY: Bobby Turnipseed, Hilltop Alternative School Principal reviewed information regarding a student's academic and behavior record while attending Hilltop School. The Superintendent made the recommendation that the student be allowed to return to their community school for the second semester of the 2012/2013 SY. The following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 12-30** (student and parent present): Paige Brookins moved, with second by Rick Turner, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow the student to enroll at Chiefland High School for the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board then heard information regarding the recommendation for expulsion.

- 1) **Student 13-06** (student and parent *absent*): Jeff Edison informed the Board that earlier the parent had been contacted by telephone and said they did not receive notice of the hearing and would be unable to attend. Superintendent Hastings made the recommendation that the Expulsion Hearing be continued until the January 22, 2013 Board Meeting, with the student being administratively placed at Hilltop Alternative School until the hearing. Chris Cowart moved, with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the recommendation by the Superintendent, motion carried.

**9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

Amendment of Agenda: Board Chair Cameron Asbell amended the Agenda for good cause, stating that after **G) Award of Bids, remove H) Financial Update and re-name it H) Resolution #2013-08.** The remaining items would not change. Robert Philpot moved to approve the amended Agenda with second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

National School Nutrition Award – Candy Barber: Superintendent Hastings introduced retired SBLC Food Service Coordinator Candy Barber to congratulate her on receiving the National School Nutrition Association Award. He cited accomplishments Mrs. Barber had achieved during her time as the State School Nutrition Association President contributed to her being given the award.

Master Board Certification: Next, Superintendent Hastings reminded the Board they would vote today on whether they wanted to participate in the Master Board Certification Program offered by Florida School Boards Association. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved that the Board would participate in the 2013-2014 Master Board Program, with second by Chris Cowart, motion carried with Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Robert Philpot voting yes and Rick Turner voting no. (see supplemental minutes)

Award of Bid: Gerald Ward presented the Board with bid tabulations for **Bid No. 12-05 Hurricane Shutters for Bldg. 400 @ CES, with the recommendation being for J&L Custom Construction.** After review and discussion, Rick Turner moved to award the bid as recommended, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Resolution #2013-08: Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster presented Resolution #2013-08 to the Board for approval. After review and discussion, Paige Brookins moved with second by Robert Philpot to adopt the Resolution as presented, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2012 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Rick Turner 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) Employee Status Changes:

1. Lori A. Browning, CMS Teacher, **retirement**, effective December 7, 2012.
2. Annie Richardson, CHS Custodian, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning December 1, 2012, and ending October 31, 2017.
3. Sol Ortiz, Summit Academy Teacher Aide, **resignation** effective December 21, 2012.
4. Amber Barnes, Hilltop Alternative School Teacher, **resignation** effective February 1, 2012, and payment for any unused leave.
5. Dionne Williams, BMHS Custodian, **resignation** effective December 18, 2012.

b) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Robin Hardee, CES Teacher, December 3 and 4, 2012, to run concurrent with workers comp per the contract.

c) Professional Leave Request:

1. Pamela Q. Morrison, Secretary to the Superintendent, January 16 – 18, 2013, FADSS Institute for Administrative Assistants/Secretaries to the Superintendent/School Board, Tampa, expenses paid from project #10074.
2. Natalie Couey, WMS Teacher, January 11 – 13, 2013, FAAE Mid-Winter Conference, Haines City, expenses paid project #15300.
3. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2013:
January 7 – 9, 2013, RLATS Duties Flagler County – Palm Coast and Bunnell
4. John Lott, BMHS Principal, January 29 and 30, 2013, FL Partnership Middle School Colloquium, Tallahassee, direct reimbursement to Mr. Lott from College Board, no cost to Board.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. Jennifer Cox and Teresa Collins, BMHS TMH Classes, March 22, 2013, chaperones Jennifer Goedeck, Debbie Dexter and Lee Bell, Busch Gardens, Tampa, 29 students, commercial carrier – BUS, all expenses paid school internal account.
2. JBES Safety Rangers, April 12, 2013, visit state capital in Tallahassee, chaperones Patricia Griffith, Lindsey Legler and Jaime Handlin, 50 students, commercial carrier – BUS, all expenses paid school internal account – Safety Rangers.
3. WMS 8th Grade Academic/Behavior Incentive Trip, May 24, 2013, Universal Islands of Adventure, chaperones Tammy Davis, John Ellis, Barbara Leathers, Lori McClellan, Sandy Reckseit, Adrienne Provost, Chris Curry, 100 students, commercial carrier – BUS, all expenses paid school internal account.
4. YTS Middle School Environmental Science Trip, April 30 – May 3, 2013, Pigeon Key, Marathon, chaperones Genie Sturtevant, Natalie Steinberg, Chuck Gatton, 20 students, 1 regular school bus, all expenses paid school internal account, no cost to board.

e) Recommendations:

1. Franklyn Martin, YTS Teacher Aide, effective December 15, 2012, replacing L. Crusselle Woodard.
2. Stephen O. Williams, CES Custodian, effective December 20, 2012, replacing Morgan Elton.
3. Michelle Walker Crawford, District Office TIF Teacher Support Colleague, effective January 7, 2013.
4. Adam Gore, Hilltop Alternative School, effective January 7, 2013, replacing Jack Hughes.
5. Jessica Guinsler, WHS Teacher, effective December 11, 2012, replacing Wes Lackey.
6. Erin Fisher, Hilltop Alternative School Teacher Aide, **release from employment** during the probationary period, effective December 14, 2012.

f) Illness-In-Line-of-Duty Leave Request:

1. Heather Darus, CMS Teacher, December 12, 2012 (2.5 hours).

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of November 30, 2012
- b) Budget Amendments #5A and #5B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings recognized Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster with a plaque for 10 years of service to the District. All the Board Members congratulated her on her position as Gilchrist County Judge. Mrs. Lancaster thanked the Board for the gift and said she has enjoyed her tenure as Board Attorney and will miss the interaction with all of them. Mr. Hastings then informed the Board that Donna Turner and Tami Wain have completed Insurance Enrollment Sessions at all the schools and the District Office. He said the School Board's contribution to employee insurance is just over 3 million dollars and is quite an expense for the budget. Mrs. Lancaster advised the board she would assign her duties as "attorney of record" to David Delaney, the new school board attorney who would replace her in January 2013.

Board Comments: Board Members asked the Superintendent to comment on the school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. Mr. Hastings said he is very confident in the policies and procedures in place to protect our students and faculties at our school sites. He said however, he encourages input from all sources – local law enforcement, parents and city officials – as we look at protecting our schools from such a tragedy. He said Jeff Edison was organizing a meeting with the sheriff's office and town officials to discuss the situation. There was further discussion regarding ideas about school safety.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Chairman