

Bronson, FL
September 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Regular Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 9th day of September 2021 at 6:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, 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: Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There was none.

2020 FSA Perfect Score Certificates of Achievement: Superintendent Christopher Cowart and the Board congratulated the 13 students who achieved a perfect score on their 2020-2021 FSA exam last year in the areas of social studies, reading, science or math and presented each student with a framed certificate. The students recognized were: BES: Hunter Thompson; BMHS: Riley Liechty; CKS: Micah DeHaven; CES: Aiden Wilson; CMHS: James Hudson, Jolene Watkins, Coburn Hardee; WWCS: Hunter Davis; WES: Chloe Hoopaugh, Mitchell Schrader, Maybree Whitehurst; WMHS: Gabriel Zahradka.

Public Hearing 2021-2022 Final Millage & Budget: Kim Lake, Director of Finance, informed the Board that this was the second and final hearing of the two required public hearings to be held concerning the millage and budget for the 2021-2022 school year. She said the purpose of the hearing was to adopt the final millage and final budget. Mrs. Lake said this is also the final meeting for the public to offer input. After her PowerPoint presentation, further review and discussion, the Board took the following actions:

1. Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the 2021-2022 Final Millage as advertised and adopt the 2021-2022 Final Millage Resolution #22-03, proposed amount to be raised @ 96%, as follows:

Required Local Effort	3.6270	\$8,825,178.00
Basic Discretionary	0.7480	\$1,820,026.00
Capital Outlay	<u>1.5000</u>	<u>\$3,649,784.00</u>
Total Millage	5.8750	\$14,294,988.00

The total millage reflects a change 5.32% of the current year's total proposed rate as a percent change of the rolled back rate as found on line 22 of the schools taxable value. Motion was seconded by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

2. Paige Brookins moved to approve the 2021-2022 Final Budget as advertised and adopt the 2021-2022 Final Budget Resolution #22-04 in the amount of \$116,080,345.76, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

CMHS Recognition: Matt McLelland, Principal of CMHS recognized some students who assisted another student that had a seizure right after school. Dakota Fisher caught the student as she fell. James Clemons ran to get the trainer for assistance. Superintendent Cowart presented them with a certificate of appreciation. He and the Board

congratulated them and thanked them for taking action and assisting the other student. Three girls also assisted in the situation, but were unable to attend tonight, due to a volleyball game. They will be recognized at the October 12 Board meeting.

Parrish McCall Change Order #CO-03 and Retainage Amendment: John Lott reviewed the Change Order #CO-03 and Retainage Amendment with the Board. After review, Paige Brookins moved to approve Change Order #CO-03 and Retainage Amendment, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Two MOUs Between SBLC and LCEA Approval: John Lott reviewed the two MOUS between the School Board of Levy County and the Levy County Education Foundation. One is for the \$1,000 Disaster Relief payment to all employees eligible that have not already received payment from the state-controlled funding. The other is to allow 6 days of COVID pay retroactive to July 1, 2021. After discussion, Tammy Boyle moved to approved the two MOUs, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried. Melody Carson, LCEA President said all five MOUs were ratified.

Approval of Minutes: Tammy Boyle moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Board Meeting, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

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

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. ***Request*** approval of the ***revised*** job description for Teacher Aide, Bi-Lingual.
2. Lindsay Henry, CES Assistant Principal, ***effective*** August 24, 2021, ***vacancy***.
3. Heather Leeper, BES Teacher, P.E., ***resignation***, effective August 20, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
4. Molly Cox, BES CDE Student, ***effective*** August 16, 2021, ***vacancy***.
5. Cali Crossman, WMHS OPS AVID Tutor, ***effective*** August 23, 2021, paid from Project #40241 F2022, ***vacancy***.
6. Kierra Andrews, WMHS OPS AVID Tutor, ***effective*** August 23, 2021, paid from Project # 40241 F2022, ***vacancy***.
7. Kaitlyn Sostre, WMHS OPS AVID Tutor, ***effective*** August 23, 2021, paid from Project #40241 F2022, ***vacancy***.
8. Chloe Moore, WMHS OPS AVID Tutor, ***effective*** August 19, 2021, paid from Project #40241 F2022, ***vacancy***.
9. Miguel Angel Ayala, FNS Maintenance Generalist 1, ***resignation***, effective September 3, 2021, and ***payment for any unused leave***, original hire date October 1, 2018.
10. ***Request*** approval to establish an ESE Paraprofessional position at YTS, 7.5 hours daily, ***effective*** September 1, 2021, paid from Project #40230 F2022.
11. ***Request*** approval to ***change the funding source*** for the New Direction Solutions/ProCare Therapy Behavior Specialists, ***effective*** August 9, 2021, as follows:

From: Project #11020 and #40230 F2022 50% / 50%
To: Project #11020 and #11023 50% / 50%

12. Michelle Seckinger, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 30, 2021, *vacancy*.
13. Francie Daniels, YTS Secretary, Confidential, *internal transfer* to Secretary, 12 Month, *effective* August 30, 2021, *vacancy*.
14. Melissa Lewis, Director, Accountability & Assessment, *change in funding source*, effective September 1, 2021, as follows:

From: 4410E 6300 0110 900140307 F2021 100%
To: 1000E 7710 0110 9001 11030 100%
15. Terrie Delaere, CKS Teacher Aide, PK Lead, *effective* August 23, 2021, paid from Project #13720, *vacancy*.
16. Hailey Cavin, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *effective* August 24, 2021, paid from Project #13720, *vacancy*.
17. Logan Mauldin, CKS Media Clerk, *effective* August 27, 2021, *vacancy*.
18. Mary Verdell James, Transportation Bus Driver, *retirement* effective August 31, 2021, original hire date August 8, 2021.
19. *Request* approval of the *revised* job description for AVID Tutor.
20. Linda Lee, JBES Food and Nutrition Services, Assistant Manager, *entering DROP*, effective August 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2026.
21. Susan Pasti, District Teacher, Hospital/Homebound, *entering DROP*, effective October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2026.
22. Rodney Thomas, BMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *resignation*, effective September 20, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date October 8, 2018.
23. Denise Dillon, YTS Teacher, Second Grade, *early exit from DROP*, effective September 3, 2021, original hire date October 8, 1990.
24. Jonathan Zazo, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, S/H, *effective* September 1, 2021, *vacancy*.
25. Sascha Matthews, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* September 7, 2021, paid from Project #40230 F2022, *vacancy*.
26. Savannah Mikell, CMHS AVID Tutor, *effective* September 2, 2021, paid from Project #40241 F2022, *vacancy*.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Ileana Manso-Davila, August 16 – September 3, 2021.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Christopher A. Cowart, Superintendent, Rural Counties Day, January 26-27, 2022, Tallahassee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #10071.

2. Tammy Boyle, Board Member, FSBA Platform Development Meeting, September 12-13, 2021, Kissimmee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #10074.
3. Tammy Boyle, Board Member, FSBA Policy Governance Forum/Bargaining 101, September 22-24, 2021, Kissimmee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #10074.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. 2021 National FFA Convention and Expo, October 25-30, 2021, Indianapolis, IN., travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:

BMHS: Chaperones Kelby Barber, Ty Barber, five students, county van and airlines.

WMHS: Chaperones Natalie Couey, Austin Skipper, Regina Harris, 12 students, rental vans and airlines.

2. CKS MS FFA to Middle School Chapter Leadership Retreat, September 17-18, 2021, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL., chaperones Rachel Wetherington, Cody Wetherington, Jonya Collins, 16 students, students will be transported by parents, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.
3. CKS HS FFA to High School Chapter Leadership Retreat, September 18-20, 2021, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL., chaperones Rachel Wetherington, Cody Wetherington, 20 students. Students will be transported by parents, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.

e) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
 - i. 2021-2024 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and ImageStoreHouse.com, LLC., to provide electronic document imaging, electronic storage and internet retrieval equipment, technology and services, paid from Project #11376.

2. FINANCE ITEMS:

1. Budget Amendments # 20-00043 23B (FY20/21).
2. FY 2020-2021 Cost Report.
3. FY 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Chris Cowart said he will hold the first Town Hall meeting on October 5 at 9:30 a.m., at the Williston City Hall. He said the Stars Gala event will be Saturday, October 23, at the Williston Middle High School, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Cowart said the Legislative Agenda will be on the next School Board Agenda for September 28. He recommended keeping the same three topics as last year: 1) CMHS Facility Project, 2) Local Discretionary Capital Improvement Millage from 1.0 mil to 0.75 mil. Mr. Cowart updated the Board on the devices (chrome books) close to expiring and the need for replacements. He said Morgan Bennett is working on the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program to acquire new equipment. He said our next School Improvement Day is Monday, September 20 and teachers work together to share processes and ideas. Superintendent Cowart said SBLC plans to support a different school on every SIP day to assist them with fundraisers by purchasing lunches. He said on September 20, they're purchasing a chicken and rice dinner from the WMHS FFA. Mr. Cowart thanked the LCEA for working with the District with the MOUs. He said negotiations went very well. Superintendent thanked Claudia McMichen, our District Custodian, for weeding and mulching around the buildings and Breezy's men for pressure washing.

Board Comments: Ashley Clemenzi said YTS is doing very well with COVID situations and quarantines. She said September 16 is Open House. Brad Etheridge congratulated Chiefland on their football win. He asked everyone

to pray for our country and families with losses. Paige Brookins asked Matt McLelland, Principal of CMHS how things are going with the new cell phone policy. Mr. McLelland said everyone has been adhering to the new policy; he hasn't had anyone with problems with the changes and everything has been smoother than he expected. Mrs. Brookins asked what could be done with the road and traffic backing up at CES. She said she thinks it is a Levy County road problem. Superintendent Cowart said we will need work on the problem, but he thinks COVID has made more parents transport their students to and from school instead of riding the bus. Tammy Boyle thanked Rachel Wetherington and Mrs. Voyles for creating extra courses for their students to take to help improve in the areas of critical thinking, such as a welding class, Home Economics classes to learn cooking, wiring circuits and a light bulb and learning how to record and balance checkbooks. She said volleyball is going well. Mrs. Boyles said the community has lost a good people. Please pray for everyone. Cameron Asbell said he has not talked with Principals and Administrators about the new cell phone policy, but he has talked with students and teachers. He said it has not been perfect, but has been better than he anticipated. He said the students have to talk and communicate with each other instead of just sending text messages to each other. Mr. Cameron said COVID has caused a lot of distress and sadness. He said he has lost several friends due to COVID and he is tired of losing them.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman