

Bronson, FL
February 23, 2021
8:40 a.m.

Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 23rd day of February 2021 at 8:40 a.m. with Board Vice Chairman Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Chairman Cameron Asbell was not present.

Expulsion Recommendations: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After School Administrator, CMHS Assistant Principal Mickey Ebert had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 21-14: (student and grandmother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and grandmother, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2020-2021 SY and 2021-2022 SY, with the opportunity to attend the CMHS FOCUS Center, receive BASE counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Regular Session **9:00 a.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 23rd day of February 2021 at 9:00 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.

All School Board meetings are recorded and may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LevyCountySchools> within 1-2 days after the scheduled meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Vice Chairman Ashley Clemenzi welcomed everyone to the meeting in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Patrick Allen said he has a son at CMHS, 11th grade who was registered in a dual enrollment math class at Santa Fe, but had difficulty with it after the COVID started and everyone had to go to virtual classes. Mr. Allen said his son withdrew from the class and expressed concerns with the rules and requirements with dual enrollment courses through the School Board of Levy County and asked if the rules could be reviewed.

School Presentation – BES “Eagles Helping Others Club”: Mrs. Angela Heredia, BES Teacher, introduced BES students who are members of the BES Eagles Helping Others Club; Elijah Robles (5th), Jenna Steanhouse (5th), Braydon Minaya (4th), Trey Tucker (4th), Laila Smith (3rd) and Bristol Chorvat (3rd). They told the Board what they enjoy most about being members of the “Eagles Helping Others Club”. They showed a PowerPoint which showed their mission and shared some activities they have done for the community over the past two years. Mrs. Cheryl Beauchamp, BES Principal said they are very proud of the students and thanked the Board for having them today.

School Presentation – CES: Mrs. Michael Homan, CES Principal and Mrs. Kaylee Spina, CES PE Teacher, showed a PowerPoint and shared a binder that their AVID students put together and use throughout the school year. The binders help to keep the students on schedule and organized. They have a different color notebook for each subject area. Mrs. Homan and Mrs. Spina said the goal is to help the students learn to be organized before the move to middle school.

ELA Final Review for Adoption: Superintendent Chris Cowart said Mrs. Heather Rawlins is not here tonight, so he will

be covering the ELA. Superintendent Cowart said tonight is the last night for review and comments. The 2020-2021 ELA Final Adoption will be approved at the March 23, 2021 Board Meeting. He said the choices are Benchmark for the elementary students and Savvas for the secondary. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the choices, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

CMHS Construction Update: John Lott updated the Board with a video showing how the new CMHS construction is progressing. He said some of CMHS will be packed and ready to move into the first building by summer. The Board was impressed with how quickly everything is moving along. Parrish McCall said they will catch up from all the rain and assured him they will be ready for opening some of the buildings by summer. Mr. Lott said the current buildings will be demolished.

Quit Claim Deed – Street Between JBES and Bluerock: John Lott asked for approval of the new Quit Claim Deed for the street between JBES and Bluerock to transfer the street to Bluerock. He said the city of Williston did not want the property. In exchange, Bluerock donated a sidewalk and covering for the track to provide coverage for the JBES students' drop-off and pickup. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Board meeting, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

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

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Lenita Cato, CKS Teacher, 2nd Grade, *exiting DROP early*, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2000.
2. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2020-2021 school year:

	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
BES	Cherish Danilson	Elem Ed K-6	ESOL
JBES	Jennifer Neitz	Elem Ed K-6	ESOL

3. Christopher Arters, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, S/H, *effective* February 1, 2021, *out-of-field* in Soc. Studies 6-12, *vacancy*.
4. Anna Schutzler, CMHS Teacher Aide, PE, *effective* February 10, 2021, *vacancy*.
5. Teresa Pittman Miller, WMHS Teacher, Lang. Arts, S/H, *resignation*, effective February 8, 2021, original hire date January 4, 2021.
6. Lisa Santilli, WMHS FNS Worker, *resignation*, effective February 5, 2021, original hire date August 27, 2019.
7. Michael L. Wilson, Jr., BMHS Teacher, Voc. Business Ed., *effective* February 10, 2021, *vacancy*.
8. Kristen Hammerle, YTS Teacher, 4th/5th Grade Combo, *effective* February 11, 2021, *out-of-field* in Elementary Ed., *vacancy*.
9. Lorri Wagoner, BES Teacher, 1st Grade, *dismissal during probation period*, effective February 12, 2021, original hire date August 6, 2020.

b) Military Leave Requests:

1. Lamar D. Asbell, Jr., District Maintenance, Plumber, Drill Duty, February 16-19, 2021, Camp Blanding, Florida.

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

1. Tracy Haley, Transportation Bus Driver, January 28 – February 10, 2021.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, ESE/SS R-LATS Specialist, R-LATS Duties for Putnam and Flagler Counties, March 1-4, 2021, Palatka, Bunnell and Palm Coast, travel paid from Project #40290 F2021.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. BMHS ESE classes to SeaWorld, Orlando, FL., chaperones Teresa Collins, Rebecca Hood, Ruby Modene Watson, commercial carrier, travel paid from Project #14890 INTRN, ESE Internal Accounts.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Information and Financial Statements for January 2021.
- b) Budget Amendments #20-00018 9A.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Chris Cowart said congratulations to Mrs. Heather Rawlins for having her baby boy last night. He said welcome to Micah Caleb Rawlins. This is two babies added to the District Office. Mr. Cowart said Bronson FFA has their low-country boil Friday night, February 26, at the Asbell Insurance drive through. He said CTE month is finishing up. Carol DuBois is taking six students on a field trip this morning to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Chiefland. BMHS Carpentry class will be touring the CMHS construction site to see different phases. CKS aquaculture is in the process of finishing their OSHA certification, but has a couple of issues that have to be worked through. FBLA qualified for state competition. Mr. Cowart said due to COVID, one of our CTE teacher's recognition was missed back in the Fall. He said Mr. Dettloff was recognized as the State CTE Teacher of the year in November. Mr. Cowart said the Day in the Legislature for next week is virtual. He said this is public school week.

Board Comments: Mrs. Tammy Boyle said the field trip with four CKS FFA students was very wet and cold but the students did very well. She said this week is testing week and the FFA students dress up each day. Mrs. Paige Brookins said she is excited about the CMHS construction and is looking forward to the fair. Mr. Brad Etheridge said it is national FFA week and it is always rewarding to see the communities come together to support the students. Mrs. Ashley Clemenzi agreed with Mr. Etheridge about everyone coming together for FFA. She said JROTC is very important and Yankeetown school visit after the meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for a school visit to Yankeetown School.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman