

Bronson, FL
October 26, 2021
Executive Session
8:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 26th day of October 2021 at 8:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Brad Etheridge was absent.

Expulsion Recommendation: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After School Administrators, BMHS Principal Curtis Gaus, WMHS Administrative Assistants Todd Schrader and Amanda Myhree had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board:

Student 22-10: (student and mother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and mother, Tammy Boyle moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center with counseling services, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Student 22-11: (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 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, without educational services. Paige Brookins and Cameron Asbell voted yea. Ashley Clemenzi and Tammy Boyle voted “nay”; therefore, the motion fails. After further discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the amended recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to reappear before the Board in July 2022. If student provides evidence of successful counseling and academic progress, student may petition to the Board to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center for the 2022-2023 SY, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Student 22-12: Postponed and rescheduled for the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting.

Student 22-13: (student and mother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and mother, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Student 22-14: (student and dad were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and dad, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center. Student must have a clean drug test to begin FOCUS, and monthly drug tests at parent’s expense, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Student 22-15: (student and mother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and mother, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the WMHS FOCUS Center, second by Tammy Boyle. Paige Brookins and Cameron Asbell voted nay; therefore, the motion fails. After further discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the amended recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, without educational services, motion carried.

Regular Session

6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 26th day of October 2021 at 9:30 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Brad Etheridge was absent.

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 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. Superintendent Cowart read an email from the Public Comment email from a parent with concerns about the CES drop off and pick up route. Mr. Cowart said the process has been changed and is improving.

Disability Awareness: Dr. Rosalind Hall showed a PowerPoint presentation celebrating Disability Awareness. She said the first two weeks of October are Disability Awareness Weeks. She shared information about the top five accomplishments: Federal Uniform Graduation Rate 85.7%, Least Restrictive Environment 72.27%, Post School Outcomes 64.7%, Career and Technical Education 60% and Early Childhood Program (3-5) 89.52%. She said students with disabilities are general education students first and special education is a “service” not a “place”. Principal Joshua Slemp introduced John Golom, a senior at WMHS and his service dog Dawson. Mr. Slemp said John is a great assistant who assists other students with Braille and other classwork. He answers phones and assists in the front office. John talked about some of his experiences with getting access to curriculum while getting his education in school. He said one of his most rewarding times is working with a 7th grade female student and teaching her Braille. The Board thanked John, Dawson and his mother for attending the meeting. Dr. Hall read the Resolution for “Disability History and Awareness”. After discussion, Tammy Boyle moved to approve the Resolution, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

CMHS Construction Update: John Lott gave a CMHS Construction update to the Board. He showed a video taken by a drone of the construction site. He said Phase 1 is complete and the buildings are occupied. Mr. Lott said we only had a few minor issues, which were resolved. He gave copies of the blueprints for Phase 2 to the Board. He said we have saved over \$300,000 with direct purchases Mr. Lott thanked Anna Kroll and Parrish McCall for assisting with these direct purchases. Due to price escalations and supply shortages, we are trying to get supplies when they are available and storing them until needed to avoid delays. He said we only have approximately \$130,000 remaining out of \$600,000, due to price escalations. Superintendent Cowart said we will be asking Tallahassee for an additional \$1.49 million for funding years 2 and 3. Mr. Cowart said some districts are returning to DOE asking for \$15-\$20 million. He said we are anxious but very optimistic. Mr. Lott said we are on schedule, should not be any delays and students will be in the new school as anticipated. He said Parrish McCall is having a Topping Off Celebration for completing Phase II on December 3, 2021 at 11:45 a.m., located in the Media Center.

F.A.S.T. Presentation: Michelle Ruiz, District Science and Math Coach, said she, Priscilla Fugate and Rikki Richardson attended the Florida Association of Science Teachers Conference and Workshops, October 20-22, 2021 in St. Augustine and were amazed at all the new educational offerings for science and math. She gave an overview of the workshops, training sessions and vendor exhibits for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Board meeting, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

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

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

- 2021-2022 Transportation Hours change for Bus Drivers and/or Aides.

Employee Transportation Hours Changed	From	To
CARRASQUILLO, JUDITH MAGALY	5.00	6.00
SANKY, BEVERLY BYRD	5.00	6.00
FOWLER, LINDA	5.00	5.25
BARBER, BETTY L.	5.00	6.00
SMITH, TIFFANY ANDREA	5.50	5.75

- Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2021-2022 school year:

School	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
BMHS	Maria Pittman	Social Science 5-9; English 5-9; ESOL End.	Social Science 6-12
CES	Denise Ice	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESE K-12
CKS	Nicole Gill	Marketing 6-12; Math 5-9; Ed. Leadership	Business 6-12
	Deborah Hudson	Elem Ed. K-6; English 5-9; Reading End.; ESOL End.	English 6-12

- Sheila K. Long, BMHS Secretary, 12-Month, **resignation**, effective October 15, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 27, 1998.
- Jonathan Zazo, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, S/H, **resignation**, effective October 22, 2021, original hire date September 1, 2021.
- Jennifer E. Sacket, JBES Teacher, KG, **resignation**, effective October 15, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
- Sherrie Baillie, YTS Teacher Aide, Pre-K, **effective** October 11, 2021, **vacancy**.
- Kim Glover, BES Teacher Aide, Alternative Ed., **effective** October 25, 2021, paid from Project #11030, **vacancy**.
- Kendra Ortiz Ramos, YTS Teacher, 2nd Grade, **effective** October 11, 2021, **out-of-field** in Elem. Ed. K-6, **vacancy**.
- Deborah Manansala, CES Teacher, Art, **retirement** effective January 4, 2022, original hire date August 31, 1994.
- Request** approval of the **new** job description for **District Teacher Aide, Bi-Lingual**.
- Karyn Smith, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **effective** October 15, 201, paid from Project #40230 F2022, **vacancy**.
- Request** permission to establish a **new** position for a **District Secondary School Counselor**, as approved in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Project#40311 F2022.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Board approved 9.28.21)** Thelma Mickle, BES Teacher, First Grade, September 7-17, 2021, *amend* ending date to October 22, 2021.
2. Melody Irizarry, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts, S/H, October 18 – November 29, 2021.
3. Jeanna Barrand, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, October 18–29, 2021.
4. Laura Nelson, BMHS Teacher, Foreign Languages, Secondary, October 26 – November 19, 2021.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Melody Carson BES Teacher, Third Grade and LCEA President, Florida Education Association Delegate Assembly, October 14-16, 2021, Orlando, sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #14935.
2. Florida Association of Science Teachers Conference and Workshops, October 20-22, 2021, St. Augustine, FL., paid from Project #40220 F2022 and #14920INTRN, for the following:
 - Michelle Ruiz, Coordinator, District Science and Math Coach
 - Pricilla Fugate, WES Teacher, STEAM
 - Rikki Richardson, WES, Assistant Principal
3. Marla Hiers, Director of Personnel, FLDOE Office of Equal Educational Opportunity (OEEO) 2021 Annual Technical Assistance Equity Training, December 8-10, 2021, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #17730.
4. Valerie Taylor, District ESE/SS, Florida Educators for Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing Conference (FEDHH), November 12-13, 2021, Kissimmee, FL., travel paid from Project #40230 F2022.
5. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director, ESE/SS, to the following conferences/meetings, travel paid from Project #14939 ISRD, #40230 F2022 and/or FLDOE:
 - FLDOE Intellectual Disabilities Meeting, November 2-3, 2021, Orlando, FL.
 - NEFEC / ISRD Directors’ Region Conference, November 3-5, 2021, Fernandina, FL.
6. Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL) Conference November 8-10, 2021, Lake Mary, FL., travel paid from Project #18320 for the following:
 - Jaime Handlin, Director of Curriculum / Instruction / ESOL
 - Melissa Lewis, Director of Accountability / Assessments / Testing

d) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:

- i. 2021-2022 agreement between the School Board of Levy County and ISOGRAD, Inc., to provide software and trainings for SBLC to become an approved TOSA Education Testing Center for Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, DigComp, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, PHP, Java and C# for the 2021-2022 school year.

- ii. 2021-2022 contract between the School Board of Levy County and AVID to provide AVID Elementary Foundations Implementation Grades 3-6, November 17-18, 2021 and paid from Project #40241 F2022, School Based Title I.
- iii. 2021-2024 License/Training Subscription between the School Board of Levy County and Howard Technology Solutions for KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training Subscription Gold, Platinum and Diamond, paid from Project #10140.

2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary info and Financial Statements for September, 2021.
- b. Budget Amendments #21-00004 3B and #21-00005 3A.
- c. Request permission to declare the following list as surplus and to dispose of in the best interest of the Board:

Property to be removed from Inventory 10/19/2021				
Facility	Property Number	Description	Acquisition Date	Amount
Bronson Elementary				
Bronson Elementary	C-12863	Mobile Server	5/5/2010	\$2,450.00
Chiefland Middle High				
Chiefland Middle High	B-8413	Hobart Mixer	1/8/1976	\$2,459.00
Chiefland Middle High	C-7571	Cashiers Stand	4/25/1996	\$1,450.00
Chiefland Middle High	C-7621	Cashier Stand	4/8/1996	\$1,297.50
Chiefland Middle High	C-9738	Reach In Refrigerator	5/24/2000	\$4,525.00
Chiefland Middle High	C-11554	Cashier Stand	10/8/2004	\$1,657.58
Chiefland Middle High	C-11555	Heated Counted Serving Equipment	10/8/2004	\$3,762.72
Chiefland Middle High	C-11556	Cashier Counter	10/8/2004	\$1,657.60
Chiefland Middle High	C-11586	Stainless Double Door Refrigerator	3/15/2005	\$3,070.09
Chiefland Middle High	C-12792	Convection Oven	8/17/2009	\$10,159.00
Chiefland Middle High	C-12793	Convection Oven	8/17/2009	\$10,159.00
Chiefland Middle High	C-12797	Steamer	8/17/2009	\$13,097.70
Chiefland Middle High	C-12863	Mobile Server	5/5/2010	\$2,450.00
Chiefland Middle High	C-13109	Refrigerator/ Freezer	4/27/2012	\$4,188.73
				\$62,383.92

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Christopher Cowart said the Gala was a great success. He thanked Annie Whitehurst and Angie Phillips for the decorations and set up. He said kudos to Julia and her crew for the great food. Mr. Cowart thanked Breezy and Maintenance for the tables, chairs, setting up and cleaning up. He said the event raised approximately \$39,000 for scholarships. He thanked everyone for the donations, beautiful baskets and the District Instructional Team for the District basket. Mr. Cowart thanked Michelle Ruiz for the update from their STEM conference. He said we want to bring back more excitement to our students while educating them.

Board Comments: Tammy Boyle said the Cedar Key Festival was a huge success. She said before expenses, they raised approximately \$26,000 to use for the students. She said the aquaculture students visited Evans Farms in Volusia County and saw a sturgeon farm and it was amazing. She said the kids got to taste caviar, learned a lot and had a great time. She said the Gala was great with so much food. Mrs. Boyle said CKS will have their Fall Festival on Friday, from 5-7:00 p.m. and Anna's memorial services will be Friday, time is not determined yet. She asked if the data from Melissa Lewis can be broken down verbally as to where we were and where we are now and Supplemental Pay be reviewed.

Paige Brookins commented on the letter received from the Public Comment email and said this is the first negative comment she has heard of since the changes. She said the safety of students and staff is our #1 concern. She said we are always seeking better ways to route traffic for pickup and drop off. She said all the other comments have been positive. Mr. Cowart said all the other comments have been positive. He said he is going to see the City Manager today about another option. Mrs. Brookins said CMHS had a great homecoming week and the students enjoyed the dance party in the new cafeteria. She said CMHS is hosting the Sunshine Conference Friday night. She said regarding agriculture, CES students have a program for all beef in the classroom and they are looking forward to beef hot dogs. Thanks to everyone for all you do in the classrooms.

Ashley Clemenzi said she is excited about the new hands on science projects for the classroom. She said she dissected frogs, incubation, etc., when she was in school and loves for the kids to have real hands on experiences. She said the Gala was amazing and she was glad to see the whole county come together again. She thanked Julia and her crew for the amazing food. She said students from the schools did a very good job. She said YTS has open house, parents' night and are very busy. She said good luck to WMHS football as they go to Cottondale Friday night.

Cameron Asbell said he enjoyed the Gala, visiting with everyone again and the food was great. He thanked Mrs. Boyle for taking the stage this year instead of him. He talked about the football game last week between BMHS and Monroe County. He said Monroe school had 19 penalties against them by the first half, due to excessive roughness, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc. By the third quarter, the visiting crowd cheered and rang cowbells as the ambulance drove away with the student that they tried to hurt all night. He said Principal Curtis Gaus went to the Referee on the field and told him he was not doing his job. He said the Referee laughed. Mr. Gaus told him to leave the field and the Police escorted the visiting team off the field. He ended the game. Mr. Asbell said congratulations and he is very proud of Mr. Gaus. He said the press is always at our meetings when we have bad news but they also need to be here when we have good news like tonight. Mr. Asbell said the Bronson FFA Alumni will be having a Low Country Boil on November 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Cameron Asbell Insurance Agency and is \$20 per plate. The Board asked about the student. Mr. Asbell said the student has some deep bruises but will be okay.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session and then a school visit to YTS.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman