

**Bronson, FL
December 8, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 8th day of December 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle and Board Attorney David Delaney 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 21-08: (student and parents were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student, parents and Administrator, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 SY. After successful completion of on-line education classes for the remainder 2020-2021 SY, student may petition to reappear before the Board in July 2021 and request to attend the CMHS FOCUS Center for the 2021-2022 SY, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Student 21-09: (student, parent and Mentoring Counselor were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student, parent, Counselor and Administrator, 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, without educational services, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 8th day of December 2020 at 6:00 p.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: Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

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

Resolution Presentation – Transportation: Gary Masters, Director of Transportation, read a Resolution from Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran acknowledging Ms. Tanya Rivenberg. Ms. Rivenberg was recognized by the Transportation Magazine, the School Board of Levy County, Channel 20 news and a call from Canada congratulating her for saving a child's life on the bus. Mr. Masters said she was also thanked and received the SBLC Impact Award from the Superintendent.

ELA Textbook Adoption: Heather Rawlins, District TSA, Literacy Reading Coach, shared a PowerPoint presentation showing Levy County's vision for instructional materials. She also shared NEFEC's instructional materials and trainings. Members of the ELA Adoption Team include teachers, SAC members and administrators throughout the county. She said Standards are now called Benchmarks. She shared the timeline schedule for the ELA adoption.

Request for Public Hearing to Adopt/Amend the Following School Board Policies: John R. Lott, Jr. said tonight's meeting is the final meeting to adopt/amend School Board Policies 4.06-Requirements for Graduation, 4.39-Non-School

Related Travel, 5.38-Bullying and Harassment, 5.40-Dating Violence and Abuse, 6.54-Prohibiting Discrimination, including Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to adopt/amend the School Board Policies, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Request Approval to Remove School Board Policies: John R. Lott, Jr. said School Board Policies were combined within the adopted/amended policies; therefore, School Board Policies 6.38-Prohibition of Harassment, 6.39-Discrimination, and 6.53-Florida Best and Brightest need to be deleted. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to remove School Board Policies 6.38, 6.39 and 6.53, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Resolution with Levy County: Superintendent Chris Cowart asked for the Board's approval of Resolution 2020-0 - A Resolution of the School Board of Levy County, Florida Supporting Affordable and Reliable High-Speed Internet Throughout Florida. After discussion Tammy Boyle moved to approved Resolution 2020-01, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Board meeting, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda and Melissa Lewis gave an overview of the Spring 2021 Education Plan, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Meghan Wooten, CMHS Teacher, Math, S/H, *effective* November 17, 2020, *out-of-field* in Math 6-12, *vacancy*.
2. Donna Smead, CES Teacher, KG, *resignation*, effective December 18, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date January 8, 2020.
3. Kimberly Bryant, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *dismissal during probationary period*, effective November 13, 2020, original hire date December 3, 2018.
4. Rebecca Johnson, YTS Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *dismissal during probationary period*, effective November 19, 2020, original hire date October 22, 2019.
5. Patricia Gardner, WES FNS Worker, *effective* November 30, 2020, *vacancy*.
6. Lukas Rich, YTS Custodian, *effective* November 19, 2020, *vacancy*.
7. Shenna Griffin, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* November 17, 2020, paid from Project #40230, *vacancy*.
8. *Request approval* of the job description for *Teacher, Virtual*.
9. Nichole Stephens, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective November 9, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 20, 2020.
10. Angela Walker, Transportation Bus Driver, *resignation*, effective December 18, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date September 21, 2015.

b) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days Leave Requests:

1. Devyn R. Chorvat, JBES Teacher, First Grade, January 1, 2021 *through* January 1, 2022.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Board approved 11/5/20)** Susie Minor, Transportation Bus Aide, October 22 – December 31, 2020, *amend ending date* to November 13, 2020.
2. LeShea Curnell, BES, Health Aide, November 20, 2020 through March 5, 2021.

d) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Carol Jones, District Coordinator, Career Pathways/Literacy, December 3-10, 2020.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Constance Ward, Coordinator, SEDNET ESE/SS, Facilitated IEP Training, December 9-10, 2020, Reddick, FL., travel paid from Project #40234 F2021.
2. Teresa Pinder, County-Wide Teacher, RLATS ESE/SS, R-LATS Duties, November 17-18, Putnam County, and December 7-9, 2020, Palm Coast, Bunnell and Palatka. travel paid from Project #40290 F2021.

f) Student Trip Requests:

1. CMHS Cross Country Team to 1A District 5 competition, October 27-28, 2020, Alligator Lake Park, Lake City, FL., chaperone Susan Michelle Meeks, eight (8) students, private vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #14920.
2. FFA Livestock Judging Contest, December 11, 2020, Perry, Georgia, travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:

BMHS: Chaperone Kelby Barber, three students, county vehicle.

WMHS: Chaperones Caleigh Robinson, Austin Skipper, 10 students, two county vehicles.

g) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:

1. Levy County School Board Spring 2021 Education Plan and Assurances in response to DOE Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-07 - Spring 2021 Improvements.

2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Information and Financial Statements for November, 2020.
- b. Budget Amendments 20-00010 5A and 20-00011 5B.
- c. ***Request approval*** of the revised 2020-2021 Administrative, Other/Confidential Salary Schedule; effective July 1, 2020.
- d. ***Request approval*** of the revised 2020-2021 Administrative, School-Based Placement Pay Schedule; effective July 1, 2020.
- e. ***Request approval*** to use Chiefland Middle High School (CMHS) schoolhouse budget funds to refund students in full for the cancelled **Italy Trip**, in the amount of \$10,890.00, Project #10030.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Chris Cowart said Barb Rivers and Valerie Boughanem will be retiring in December and early January after many years of service. He thanked them and wished them well in their future endeavors. He said all the schools are having cake and pie auctions before Christmas. Mr. Cowart said SBLC would be applying for the grant opportunities when they are available in the Spring. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Board Comments: Ashley Clemenzi asked about the choices for the Option 2 students. Superintendent Cowart said Option 2 no longer exists for the Spring and the students will change to Option 1 (brick and mortar) or Option 3 (Totally Virtual). He said the Option 2 students' parents were contacted to explain the changes. Mrs. Clemenzi thanked the administrators, teachers and staff for everything they do for Levy County students. She said YTS FFA is having a cake/pie auction. Brad Etheridge suggested that SBLC never do business with the travel agency that booked the Italy trip again. He said the quarantine phase is out of control and we need to have a meeting after the holidays to review our guidelines and CDC requirements. Superintendent Cowart said the CDC changed the requirements for a positive COVID 19. Mr. Etheridge wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Paige Brookins agreed with Mr. Etheridge that SBLC needs to review the CDC COVID guidelines and then revise the guidelines for Levy County Schools. She thanked John Lott for bringing in the brick sample for the new CMHS. She wished Superintendent Chris Cowart a Happy Birthday on Christmas day, December 25. Tammy Boyle asked about the number of people who have been quarantined. She said CKS is having a virtual Christmas show. Mrs. Boyle said the Fishing Tournament raised \$6,700 and the Pie Auction raised \$4,000. Cameron Asbell welcomed our new Board member Tammy Boyle and congratulated her on receiving a scholarship. He said Cheryl Beauchamp always has a food drive during this time of the year and BMHS has an angel tree. Mr. Asbell encouraged everyone to contribute to both events for the children. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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