

**Bronson, FL
July 28, 2015
5:01 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 28th day of July, 2015 at 5:01 p.m. with Board Chair Rick Turner, Vice Chair Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Adoption of Agenda: Chris Cowart moved to adopt the agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Chair Rick Turner welcomed visitors from the audience

Public Hearing – Adopt 2015/2016 Tentative Millage and Budget: Bob Clemons presented the 2015-2016 Tentative Millage and Budget to the Board. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to adopt the 2015-2016 Tentative Millage, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. Chris Cowart moved to adopt the Tentative Budget, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried. Chair Rick Turner said the motions need to be amended to add Resolutions 16-01 and 16-02. Cameron Asbell read Resolution 16-01. Chris Cowart read Resolution 16-02. Original motion carried.

2014/2015 SY Equity Report: Jeff Edison presented the 2014-2015 Equity Report to the Board. He informed them of the revisions to the Notice of Non-Discrimination and the changes need approval from the Board. After discussion, the Annual 2014-2015 SY Equity Report and Revised Notice of Non-Discrimination were adopted by Paige Brookins, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Bus Driver's Handbook: Joe Wain presented the new School Board of Levy County Transportation Bus Drivers Handbook to the Board. He said this handbook was created to train the bus drivers how to be safer drivers and maintain the safety for our children. After discussion, Chris Cowart adopted the handbook, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried. The Board thanked Joe and his team for putting the handbook together and said it will be very important for their training. Paige Brookins thanked Joe, Transportation and all the departments for inviting the Board Members to the orientations.

2015-2016 FSBA Legislative Committee Representative and Alternate: Superintendent Robert Hastings talked about 2015-2016 FSBA Bylaws Revision Regarding District Selection of a School Board Member to Serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee. He said these representatives serve as essential advocates for Levy County, local, state and federal Legislation issues. Superintendent Hastings informed the Board of Option 1 and Option 2. After discussion, Paige Brookins nominated Chris Cowart to remain the 2015-2016 FSBA Legislative Committee Representative, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried. Paige nominated Cameron Asbell as the Alternate, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried. Cameron Asbell said Chris Cowart has done an outstanding job representing Levy County. The Chair and Board thanked Chris Cowart for all he has done for SBLC and asked him to do a presentation in December to update the Board on the Legislative.

Minutes: Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell, 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 / Recommendations:

1. Susan J. Gruber, LLA Teacher, *transfer* to District ESE Hospital/Homebound Gifted Teacher, effective date August 19, 2015.

2. Sharlecia Langford, CES Teacher, *transfer* to BES Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Jenna Rowland.
3. Rowena Vincenty, WES Teacher, *transfer* to CES Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Sharlecia Langford.
4. George J. Wasson, CMHS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Charles (Chad) Brock.
5. Rachel K. Wetherington, CKS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, (out-of-field M/J Sci – certified Elem Ed K-6; Ag 6-12) replacing Dennis Voyles.
6. Jessica A. Sloan, CKS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, vacancy.
7. Stacie Y. Leffert, BMHS Teacher Aide, 7.0 hours per day, effective August 24, 2015, replacing Leaundry Bell.
8. Marlina Romano, WES Teacher, resignation effective July 16, 2015.
9. Temporarily convert the Assistant Principal position at JBES to an Administrative Assistant position. Transfer Hillary Cribbs from WES to fill this position effective August 19, 2015.
10. Shanno Dukes, BMHS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015 (out-of-field in Math 6-12, has applied for certification), replacing Denise Turner.
11. Terri Wisdom, CKS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Alexandria Zettler.
12. Carla Boyd, BES Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Amy Langworthy.
13. Nina Bingaman, BES Food Service Worker, effective August 20, 2015, replacing Carey Strickland.
14. Marjorie Carswell, BES Custodian, effective July 27, 2015, replacing Mildred Hooper.
15. Dr. Donn W. Keels, Jr, WHS Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Kevin Whitaker.
16. Rebecca Sigmon, LLA Teacher, effective August 19, 2015, replacing Kathleen O'Brien.
17. Jodi Lucas, LLA Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2015, replacing Karen Cox.
18. Ethel H. Willey, SEDNET Secretary, ESE/Student Services, status funding change effective July 29, 2015 through August 31, 2015:

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19. Ethel H. Willey, SEDNET Secretary, ESE/Student Services, status funding change effective September 1, 2015:

From:	4210E 6300 0160 9001 40233F2015	100%
To:	4210E 6300 0160 9001 40233F2016	50%
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20. Leigh Paige Mace, SEDNET Project Manager, status funding change effective July 29, 2015 through August 31, 2015:
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21. Leigh Paige Mace, SEDNET Project Manager, status funding change effective September 1, 2015:
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22. Kevin Whitaker, CMHS Assistant Principal, **resignation** effective July 30, 2015, and **transfer** of any unused leave to Gilchrist County School District.

b) Professional Leave Request:

1. FL Partnership District Leadership Training, July 30 and 31, 2015, Orlando, expenses paid from College Board project #14890: Patrick Wnek – District, Kelly Gore – WMS, Cheryl Allen – CKS.
2. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE/SS, September 15 – 18, 2015, DOE ESE and Student Services Administrators Management Meeting, St. Pete, 1 night hotel and meals paid project #40230F2016, all other expenses paid by FL DOE.
3. Spring Board Initial Teacher Training, August 3-6, 2015, Marianna, expenses paid from project #11332: Angela Tuten, Susie Slaughter, Michelle Brady, and Cierra Bannerman.

c) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements
 - a. Purchase Services Agreement with Matthew P. Lane, to provide psychological services as requested for the 2015-2016 school year, paid from project #11021. (attachment #1)
 - b. Contract Agreement for a Multi-District Program for the Visually Impaired between Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy Counties for the 2015-2016 school year. (attachment #2)
 - c. Contract with Carlton Palms Educational Center, Inc., to provide educational services to a Levy County student in residential placement for the 2015-2016 school year, paid from project #11022. (attachment #3)
 - d. Contract with District School Board of Putnam County, to provide Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) Services Commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for the 2015-2016 school year. . (attachment #4)

2. FINANCE:

- a) Budget Amendments #19A and #19B as of June 30, 2015

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings informed the Board of the option to lease busses instead of purchasing them. He said the maintenance and repair costs are astronomical for the busses we own. He said if the bus is leased, then the leasing company can maintain the motors, etc. He said our millage funds are in the red because PECO funding is not available and the cost is over \$100,000 per bus. He said another option is to purchase used busses; for example, repossessed busses from Charter Schools that have closed. Chair Rick Turner asked about the maintenance on the busses. Superintendent Hastings said our employees take care of the maintenance on the busses, but if something major, like a motor, needs to be replaced, it is better to have the company install the motor to maintain the warranty. Superintendent Hastings talked about the Dual Enrollment situation with the Colleges. Last year we received 50% refund for the tuition and books, but this year the Legislative is approving refunds from the colleges. He talked about the DE contracts we sent to the community colleges for reimbursement costs, but they refuse to pay. He said the College Presidents are happy with this change, but the Superintendents are not because we lose the funding. He said there is a Summit Conference September 8-9, 2015 to discuss Dual Enrollment. Mr. Hastings informed the Board that he will be attending the Summit; therefore, will not be available for the September 8, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. Hastings informed the Board about Pam Morrison's burn accident and updated them on her condition.

Board Comments: Chair Rick Turner thanked Mr. Hastings for the update on Pam and asked everyone to send her a card and keep her in their prayers. Chris Cowart said if anyone has anything for the Legislative Platform, please send it to him. Chair Rick Turner said the lines are supposed to be re-drawn for re-districting in August and there will be a special session in October and November.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Rick Turner, Chairman