

Bronson, FL
January 20, 2015
4:30 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 20th day of January, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. with Board Chair Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Robert Philpot and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Chris Cowart arrived late.

Expulsion Hearings: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator and parent/guardians were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

Student 15-09 (student and parent present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Levy Learning Academy pending a clean drug test and testing every 30 days while enrolled at LLA. Motion carried.

Student 15-07 (student and parents present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Levy Learning Academy and to receive counseling services while enrolled at LLA. Motion carried.

Student 15-08 (student and parent present): Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, without educational services. Motion carried.

Student 15-06 (student, parent, grandmother and godmother present): Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, without educational services. Motion carried.

Student 15-05 (student and parent present): Cameron Asbell moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Levy Learning Academy. Motion carried.

6:20 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION

Amendment of Agenda: Board Chairman Rick Turner requested to amend the agenda, for good cause, to delete L) School Visits – BES and LLA and to replace with L) Executive Session. Robert Philpot moved to amend the Agenda as requested by the Board Chair, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. Chris Cowart moved to adopt the Agenda as amended, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Board Chairman Rick Turner recognized Harold Provins from the audience. Mr. Provins distributed copies of the “American Patriot News” newspapers to the Board and Superintendent. He then asked the Board what they were going to do about the Common Core Curriculum the state is sticking down our throats. Superintendent Hastings replied that the School Board of Levy County will continue to follow state and federal mandates. Next, the Board Chair recognized Mr. Davis from Goethe Forest who presented the School Board with a check for the School Board’s share of timber sales during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Mr. Turner then recognized Union President Carmen Ward who shared with the Board that with last week being the end of the 1st Semester, she had given End of Course exams to her students. She told them WMS is on block scheduling and she teaches social studies to 6th graders. She said

her students were terrified to take the EOC because it has been a short course because of block scheduling. She said the teacher next door to her is the District Teacher of the Year at WMS, and that most of her students failed the EOC exam. Ms. Ward said she really just wants to go on record to say she has heard a lot of teachers who are upset with the EOC exams, saying they are ineffective since they are not designed by the teachers themselves. She also said the Union wants to conduct a state survey among teachers in Levy County concerning EOC exams. (see supplemental minutes)

Land Sale and Purchase from Escobar – New WMHS: Jeff Edison reviewed the contract for sale and purchase of the easement property for the new Williston Middle High School project consisting of approximately 2 acres of land that will give a 60' roadway for ingress and egress as opposed to the existing 25' roadway. After review of the easement and discussion, Robert Philpot moved to approve the easement as presented, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Board Policy Review – Chapters 3 and 4: Next, Jeff Edison reviewed chapters 3 and 4 of School Board Policy with the Board. After discussion, there were some changes that Mr. Edison will bring back to the Board during the summer when he usually brings Policy changes or updates for Board approval.

Discussion of Board Meeting Days and Times: Superintendent Hastings asked Paige Brookins to address the Board regarding her request at the previous Board Meeting to change the Board Meeting dates. Mrs. Brookins explained that she has an on-going work-related conflict with the Board Meetings being scheduled for the Tuesday after the first Monday of the month and 2 weeks thereafter. She asked if the meetings could be changed to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, with the times remaining the same – the first Board Meeting of the month at 6:00 p.m. and the second meeting at 9:00 a.m. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to change the Board Meeting dates to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month with the times remaining the same, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing to Adopt/Amend School Board Policies: Jeff Edison reminded the Board that this was the Public Hearing to adopt or amend the following School Board Policies presented for first reading at the December 16, 2014 Board Meeting. He then reviewed each policy with the Board as follows: 1.01 Mission Statement, 3.12 Public Info and Inspection of Records, 4.01 Student Progression Plan, 4.06 Requirements for Graduation, 4.36 Allocation of Instructional Materials, 4.40 District and State-Wide Assessment Program, 4.41 Security of Tests, 5.19 Educational Records, 5.20 Directory Information Draft, 5.021 Homeless Student, 5.32 Club Initiation Ceremony-Hazing Activities, 6.30 Assessment of Employees, and 6.37 Employee Personnel Files. After further review and discussion, Robert Philpot moved to approve the policies that were amended and adopt the new policies, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Minutes: Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Board Meeting with corrections as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Robert Philpot moved with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Personnel Changes / Recommendations:

1. Alexandria Zettler, CKS ESE Teacher Aide, *resignation* effective December 19, 2014.
2. Alexandria Zetter, CKS ESE Resource Room Teacher, effective January 5, 2015, vacancy.
3. Amy Parks, CKS ESE Teacher Aide, *resignation* effective January 15, 2015, and payment for any unused sick leave, original hire date August 20, 2009.
4. Janet Evans, BES VE Teacher, *release from employment* effective December 19, 2014.

5. Rhonda Calderone, YTS Social Studies Teacher, *internal transfer* effective January 5, 2015 to WES teacher.
6. Justin A. Wentworth, WHS P.E. Teacher, effective January 8, 2015, (certified Soc Sci, out-of-field in PE and HOPE) replacing Cliff Lohrey.
7. Tina Arters, BES VPK Lead Teacher, *internal transfer* to VPK Aide, effective December 8, 2014.
8. Tina Arters, BES VPK Aide, *internal transfer* to VPK Lead Teacher, effective January 6-9, 2015, filling in for Robin Romagnolo who was assigned to administrative duties elsewhere at BES. *Convert* Tina Arters back to BES VPK Aide, effective January 12, 2015.
9. Lucrecia (Luki) A. Briggs, YTS, Food Service Worker, effective January 12, 2015, *replacing* Jennifer Hurtado.
10. Crystal Head, JBES, Teacher Aide, effective January 12, 2015, *vacancy*.
11. Marcus Lane, Transportation Bus Driver, *resignation* effective January 16, 2015, and paid for unused sick leave, original hire date January 16, 2007.
12. Kathleen Olson, WES Teacher, effective January 20, 2015, replacing Daryll Kozee.
13. Krista Hill, WES Teacher, effective January 20, 2015, replacing Dolores Aguirre.

b) Family Medical Leave:

1. Lauren Adams, CKS Teacher, *amended dates to* December 15-19, 2014 and January 5 – March 20, 2015.
2. Cecilia Jackson, BMHS Custodian, effective January 20 – February 3, 2015.
3. Ann Marie Incorvaia, CES Teacher, effective January 20 – March 17, 2015.

c) Illness-In-The-Line-Of-Duty Leave Request:

1. Andree Robinson, YTS Data Entry Clerk, December 11, 2014 (3.0 hours).
2. Cathese Harvey, WMS, Food Service Worker, January 8, 2015 (7.0 hours).
3. Celeste Greenlee, WES School Counselor, effective January 16, 2015, (7.5 hours).

d) Professional Leave Request:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), expenses paid project #40290F2015 unless otherwise indicated as follows:
January 8-9, 2015, Technology Advisory Committee Meeting, Orlando, all expenses paid by MTSS
February 8-10, 2015, RLATS - Blountstown and Quincy
February 10-12, 2015, RLATS - Destin
February 18-20, 2015, RLATS - Flagler, Palm Coast and Bunnell

2. Problem Solving (PS) Intensive Interventions Conferences at different locations, as follows:
January 19-21, 2015, Tampa
 Leigh Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coord., expenses paid from SEDNET project #40234 F2015
 Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE / SS, expenses paid from IDEA project #40230 F2015

January 27-29, 2015, Daytona – expenses paid from IDEA 40230 F2015
 Marcy Young, District ESE / 504 Coordinator
 Laura Brown, Coordinator, Pre-K / Truancy / Student Services
3. Florida Educational Technology Convention (FETC), Orlando, as follows:
 Janeice Smith – CKS Teacher, January 20-23, 2015, expenses paid project #43407 F2015
 Barb Rivers – Director MIS/Technology, January 21-22, 2015, expenses paid project #43407 F2015
 Charles Watson – WES, Instructional Aide Lab Manager, January 22-23, 2015, no cost to Board, employee incur expenses.
4. January 22-25, 2015, Florida Association of Agriculture Educators (FAAE) Mid-Winter Conference, Haines City, FFA Leadership Training Center, paid from project #15300, Matthew Dettloft, CMHS Teacher, Natalie Couey, WMS Teacher, Chris Wilder, WHS Teacher.
5. Marcy Young, District Section 504 Coordinator, January 22-23, 2015 - DOE Specific Learning Disability (SLD) Meeting, Tampa, hotel paid by DOE, travel and meals paid from project #40230F2015 / February 3-4, 2015 - Pre-K Contacts Meeting, Lake Mary, expenses paid from TATS project #481-2665A-5CD01 / February 23-24, 2015, Working With the Experts (WWE) Event, Orlando, hotel paid by DOE, county van, meals paid from project #40230 F2015.
6. Karen Camille King-Thompson, WMS Teacher, January 22-25, 2015, Florida Humanities Council – Florida Agriculture Workshop, Bartow, sub paid from project #19060.
7. Secondary Reading Conference, Jacksonville, expenses paid from project #11332, as follows:
 January 22 (pm) – 23, 2015, CMHS Teachers, Susie Slaughter, Laurie Beauchamp, Julie Gerhard
 January 22 (pm) – 24, 2015, Carol Jones DuBois, Coordinator of Career Pathways/Literacy
 January 22 (pm) – 25, 2015, Natalie Steinberg, YTS Teacher
8. AP Conference, Orlando, January 29-30, 2015, only cost to Board are subs, as follows and paid from project #14890, request reimbursement from College Board Partnership.
 Bobbie Jo Gowland - WHS and Jan Flemming - CMHS.
9. Project 10 Transition Education Network Region 1 & 2 Winter Institute, February 5 (pm) - 6, 2015, Tallahassee, Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE / SS, Pamela Thompson, District Teacher of Visually Impaired, and Leigh Paige Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, expenses paid from project #40234 F2015.
10. Laura Brown, Coordinator, Pre-K / Truancy / Student Services, February 3-4, 2015, Pre-K Contacts Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from project TATS #4812665A-5CD01.
11. Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities (ATIA), Orlando, DOE pays expenses *except* meals; meals paid from project IDEA #40230 F2015, as follows:

 Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE / SS, January 28 (pm) – 31, 2015
 Marcy Young, District Section 504 Coordinator, January 29 (pm) – 31, 2015

12. Wade Harris, Maintenance Electrician, January 8-9, 2015, LED Lighting Educational Training, Port St. Lucie, no cost to Board.
13. Justin Wentworth, WHS Teacher, January 12-13, 2015, American Football Coaches Association National Convention, (AFCA), Louisville, KY, sub only cost to Board.
14. Henry Cobb, WHS Teacher, January 14-17, 2015, Florida Music Education Associations Conference, (FMEA), Tampa, FL, sub only cost to Board.
15. Cheryl Allen, CKS Teacher, January 28-31, 2015, Five Star School Award FLDOE Workshop (F5-STAR), Orlando, all expenses and sub paid by DOE.
16. Dr. Patrick Wnek, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, AP Conference, Orlando, January 28 (pm)-30, 2015, and paid from project #14890, request reimbursement from College Board Partnership.
17. Carol Jones DuBois, Coordinator of Career Pathways / Literacy, February 10-11, 2015, State CTE Meeting and CTE on the Hill, Tallahassee, expenses paid from project #40201 F2015.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. BMHS ESE Classes to Disney World, Orlando, FL., April 6, 2015, chaperones Teresa Collins, Jennifer Goedeck, Debbie Dexter, Modene Watson, Kyle Quincey, 29 students, commercial carrier, all expenses paid from internal accounts, no cost to Board.
2. ***Amended*** - JBES First Grade Classes to Wild Adventures, Valdosta GA., April 17, 2015, chaperones Pricilla Fugate, Victoria Woods, Monica Cooper, Patty Coleman, Devyn Chorvat, Kim Hudson, Stephanie Hogle, Whitney Drew, Emily Hancock, Mary Shridar, Anne Daley (**added**) Meredith Stone (**added**), Daley Stone (**deleted**), 180 students, commercial carrier (**deleted**) – 3 County Buses, all expenses paid from internal accounts, no cost to Board.
3. BES 5th Grade Classes to Wild Adventures, Valdosta, GA., May 29, 2015, chaperones April Rogers, Jacqueline Sohn, Samara Emily Fisher, Caryl Carlisle, Jennifer Brooks, 70 students, 1 SBLC Pusher Bus, expenses paid from internal accounts, no cost to Board.
4. WMS 8th Grade Classes to Islands of Adventure, April 2, 2015, chaperones Tammy Jo Davis, Barbara Leathers, Janelle Alexander, Sandy Reckseit, Drue Hamilton, Katie West, 100 students, commercial carrier, and all expenses paid from internal accounts, no cost to Board.
5. FFA 212^o Leadership Conference, Haines City, FL Leadership Training Center, as follows:
 - **CMHS** – January 16-17, 2015, chaperones Matthew Dettloff, Stacey Young, FFA Advisor, Branford High School, 3 females, 1 male, one county van, and all expenses paid from internal accounts, no cost to Board.
 - **WHS** – January 16-18, 2015, chaperones Ben Randolph, Natalie Couey, 5 students, 1 county van, all expenses paid from project #15300.
6. State Fair Livestock Judging, Tampa, February 4-7, 2015, as follows:
 - **CMHS** – February 4-7, 2015, chaperones Dallas Locke, Emily Locke, 2 females, private vehicle, all expenses paid from project #15300.

- **WHS** – February 6-7, 2015, chaperones Ben Randolph, Natalie Couey, 6 students, county van, all expenses paid from project #15300.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of December 2014
- b) Budget Amendments #7 and #7B
- a) These two items were damaged beyond repair during a break in at Williston Middle School. They are in the process of being replaced. Permission to declare the following inventory as junk/surplus and authorization to sell item as outlined in School Board Policy 7.10

<i>Property No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Acquisition</i>	<i>original cost</i>
C-12789	Pinnacle Laminator	August, 2009	\$1,999.99
C-13005	Lexmark X656de Printer	May, 2011	\$2,246.21

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations : Superintendent Hastings informed the Board Members that the School Board is in the process of appealing the 2014 School Grade of "B" that was awarded to CMHS. He said the School Board data and the DOE data does not match in reference to the "At-Risk Cohort" group for the graduating class of 2014. He said he would keep them informed about the appeal. He also mentioned that he and Dr. Wnek had addressed the Legislature about the problems the exorbitant amount of testing has created for our schools. He said a committee has been formed and Dr. Wnek will submit his name to be on the committee. Next, he reported that he attended a 2 day NEFEC Conference in Palm Coast. He said a growing concern among the other Superintendents is finding qualified teachers in the future as older teachers retire, especially in the fields of Science and Social Studies. He said High School Principals are also hard to find and it will probably get even harder to find qualified personnel for that position in the future.

Board Comments: Robert Philpot invited Board Members and School Board staff to a program on Human Trafficking sponsored by the Williston Woman's Club on February 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm. He also asked Office Long if the School Resource Officers could stop students in the school parking lots to check for seat belt violations. Officer Long said he would check into it. Next he asked about the schedule for construction to begin at the new WMHS site. Mr. Hastings said he has emailed the architect and the construction management team and they have both said we are within the time-line for beginning construction and are waiting on the Suwannee River Water Management District to give the all clear to start. Chris Cowart asked if the Board wanted to remain Silver Sponsors again this year at the Gala, if so would cost \$100.00 per person. All members agreed to remain Silver Sponsors again.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board going int executive session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Rick Turner, Chairman