

**Bronson, FL**  
**April 16, 2013**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Chairman Cameron Asbell, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Expulsion Hearing:** The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator, students and parents were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 13-18** (student and parent present): Chris Cowart moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School, pending a clean drug test. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 13-19** (student and parent present): Robert Philpot moved with second by Rick Turner to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School.
- 3) **Student 13-20** (student and parent present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Rick Turner to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY. However, student would be allowed to reappear before the Board to request to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School for the 2013-2014 SY in August upon successful completion of intensive counseling, documented with the Superintendent by August 1, 2013.

**9:00 a.m.**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

**Item not on Agenda:** Carmen Ward, President of the Levy County Education Association, informed the Board that the she understood the Board had ratified the 2012-2013 contract, but LCEA did conduct another vote and the employees voted down the ratification. She stated that she would be inviting the School Board to return to the negotiations table. She asked if there were any questions for her from the board, there were none.

**Proposal to Town of Bronson – Old BHS Gym:** Superintendent Hastings brought to the Board the recommendation to sell the “Old Bronson Gym” in AS IS condition, for the price of \$200,000.00. He also asked permission from the Board to make an offer to the Town of Bronson as follows: 1) A lease of the Gym for \$1.00 per year for five years. 2) At the end of five years, the Town will pay SBLC the sum of \$200,000.00 and the School Board will provide the Town a clear title to the Gym and the surrounding parking area. 3) If the Town wanted to purchase the multi-purpose building that would be at an additional \$100,000.00. 4) This lease and sale would not include the football field, but SBLC would pay for a survey. 5) The gym and multipurpose building would be transferred in AS IS condition. 6) During the lease, the Town would assume all responsibilities and privileges as would be conveyed with a transfer of ownership. 7) A jointly-conducted semi-annual inspection during the lease should be held by the Town Council and the School Board. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the sale of the Old Bronson Gym and surrounding parking area for \$200,000.00 and the Superintendent’s proposal to the Town of Bronson, as well as for the Board Attorney to draw up the contract if the Town so desired, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

**District Accreditation Update :** Dr. Wnek reviewed information regarding District Accreditation. He updated the Board and asked for any questions. He said the External Review Team was scheduled for October 13 – 16, 2013, visiting in schools throughout the District. No action was required by the Board at this time.

**Minutes:** Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013 Board Meeting as amended, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot, 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:**

1. Sherry Beauchamp, CES Teacher, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 6, 2013.
2. Patty Jett, CKS Teacher Aide, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 6, 2013.
3. John Ellis, WMS Teacher, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 6, 2013.
4. Carmelita Halchak, WES Teacher, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 6, 2013.
5. Jennifer Hurtado, YTS Food Service Worker, *increase hours worked* from 3.0 hours per day to 6.0 hours per day effective April 15, 2013 (from Lisa Brown vacancy).
6. Sarah Warhurst, district Sub-Bus Attendant, *change status* to Bus Attendant, 6 hours per day, effective April 16, 2013 (replacing Becky Rivera).
7. Renee Fowler, CES Teacher Aide, *increase hours worked* from 7.0 hours per day to 8.0 hours per day, through the end of the 2012-2013 SY, to provide support to a student with disabilities, paid from project #40230F2013.

**b) Family Medical Leave Request:**

1. Dolly G. Burke, WMS Food Service Worker, April 1 through April 15, 2013.

**c) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Florida Department of Education Visions Institute, May 14 – 17, 2013 in Tampa, as follows:  
Dr. Rosalind Hall, District Director ESE / SS - paid from Project 10 Connect project #49296F2013  
Pamela Thompson, District Vision Teacher – paid from Project 10 Connect project #49296F2013  
Laura Brown, Dist. Coordinator PreK and SS – paid from Project 10 Connect project #49296F2013  
Paige Halberstadt, District SEDNET Coordinator – paid from SEDNET project #40234F2013
2. Laura Brown, District Coordinator PreK and Student Services, May 1 and 2, 2013, PreK ESE Contact's Meeting, Lake Mary, expenses paid from project #40232F2013.
3. Marcy Young, District 504 Coordinator, May 1 (pm) – 3, 2013, FL Professional Association of Staffing Specialists, Tampa, expenses paid from IDEA project #40230F2013.
4. Secondary Reading Conference, May 9 (pm) – 11, 2013, Deerfield Beach, expenses paid from project #11332F2013 as follows: Carol Jones (District), April Fleetwood (BMHS), LaVerne Bell (CMS), Fidah Williams (CHS), Amber Philpot and Whitney Drew (WMS), Jennifer Dola (WHS).

**d) Student Trip Requests:**

1. Larry Walker, WHS Basketball Coach, April 19 – 21, 2013, Basketball Team to Disney Sports Complex, Orlando, 7 boys, 1 county van, all expenses paid by Basketball Boosters, no cost to Board.

e) **Administrative Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements

- a) Approval of the 2013/2014 SY Agreement with Seminole County Public Schools for Medicaid School Administrative Claiming.(see supplemental minutes)

f) **Recommendations:**

1. Candy Prescott, YTS Reading Teacher, change position to Guidance Counselor (out-of-field), effective March 21, 2013, replacing Chuck Dillon.
2. Lisa Brown, YTS Food Service Worker, 3.0 hour position, **release from employment** during the probationary period, effective April 12, 2013.

2. **FINANCE:**

- a) Financial Statement as of March 2013
- b) Budget Amendments #12A and #12B
- c)

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations:** Mr. Hastings invited the School Board Members and Attorney to "Law Day", honoring the late Judge W.O. Beauchamp on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned the PCG / Evan Lefsky Rural Turnaround Workshop held in Ocala, saying it was Professional Development Days for the Board and thanked them for participating and learning about the things that affect our schools. He said the Senate, House, and Governor's Budgets were all showing increased funding for K-12 Schools. He said he hopes this means the economy is turning around and the School Board will be able to reward Teachers and Staff with adequate raises in the coming school year. At this point, there was ensuing discussion regarding ratification of the contract between Carmen Ward, Superintendent Hastings and the School Board Members.

**Board Comments:** Chris Cowart reminded the Board that the Cedar Key Arts Festival would be on Saturday. Paige Brookins thanked everyone who rode or helped in the "Biking for Education" Event on Saturday, stating it was a huge success. Rick Turner thanked the other Board Members for their input during executive sessions where the recurring theme is what's best for our students, faculty and staff throughout the District. He said he would like to encourage our Union Leadership to keep on the forefront the concerns of OUR people, not just what is happening on the State level with FEA and other organizations. Mr. Philpot thanked Carmen Ward for listening to the concerns of the Board and for being able to speak freely with her. He asked that she let the employees know the Board is concerned about them. He commended WMS for winning their 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference Championship in 3 different sports this year. Cameron Asbell mentioned that BMS FFA won State Poultry Judging. Robert Philpot also said that Levy County has 3 Sr. FFA Chapters in the top 10 State Livestock Judging Competition and commended them for their hard work. Cameron Asbell thanked Jan Noble for volunteering her Journalism Class to create the BES Yearbook this year and asked Board Members to make a donation or purchase a yearbook to help fund the project at BES.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board going into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Cameron Asbell, Chairman