

**Bronson, FL
February 26, 2019
8:40 a.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 26th day of February, 2019 at 8:40 a.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney, present, Cameron Asbell was absent.

Expulsion Hearing (1): The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator, Matt McLelland had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 19-14: (student and parent present) After discussion from the Board Members, school administrator, student and parent, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2018-2019 SY and 2019-2020 SY without educational services, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

9:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 26th day of February, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present, Cameron Asbell was absent.

Adoption of Agenda: Chris Cowart moved to approve the agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Brad Etheridge welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. There were none.

STEAM Update and Presentation: Jaime Handlin, Joshua Slempp, Emily Hancock and Rikki Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation from their visit to Santa Rosa Public Schools regarding their STEAM Program. STEAM is for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Ms. Handlin said the STEAM program is very similar to AVID with a STEAM focus.

FEFP 3rd Calculation Update: Kim Lake updated the Board on the FEFP Calculation and gave a comparison of the 2018/2019 3rd calculation compared to the 2018/2019 2nd calculation. She said we have a decrease in enrollment of approximately 56 students since October 2018 which decreases the calculation by approximately \$240,000. She said next year's budget will be projected based on the reduced funding, but the final outcome won't be known until July or August of this year.

MOU Between LCEA and SBLC: Kim Lake updated the Board on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SBLC and LCEA for an increase in advanced degree pay for grandfathered teachers, effective April 1, 2019. She said this increased effects approximately 50 teachers. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the MOU between SBLC and LCEA, effective April 1, 2019, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Math Textbook Update: Superintendent Jeff Edison said Barb Rivers was at a math adoption meeting and would update the Board when she returns. He said DOE moved away from the Standards and has postponed the math adoption for two years. Mr. Edison said the next books scheduled to be adopted are for CTE and ELA.

Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC) – Smarter Lunchrooms: Julia Oberst, Coordinator of Food Service introduced her Food Service Managers and congratulated them on receiving the HUSSC Certification award for Levy County Schools. The HUSSC certification is for providing "Healthy Choices" to students and employees. They received the Silver Award, which includes \$1,000 per school, a plaque, a banner to display in their cafeteria and

recognition on the website. They were Ophelia Keene, FS Manager, Williston Elementary School, Jody Caldwell, FS Manager, Joyce Bullock Elementary School, Merci Bingaman, FS Manager, Chiefland Elementary School, Brenda Rolfe, FS Manager, Chiefland Middle High School (FS Manager at Chiefland Elementary School when the assessment for the award was performed), Magdaline Algarin-Febres, FS Manager, Bronson Elementary School, Nancy Pelham, FS Manager, Cedar Key School, Marianne Sedor, FS Specialist; Training & Development (FS Manager at Yankeetown School when the assessment for the award was performed), Debra Carter, Interim FS Manager, Yankeetown School and Natalie Warren, FS Specialist; Training & Development .

WHS Property Contract: Superintendent Edison asked Mrs. Cookie King to update the Board on the new proposed contract for the WHS property. She said the offer is now \$1.25 million and close within 10 days and no contingencies. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to accept the contract offer of \$1.25 million and close within 10 days and no contingencies, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Cowart moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Board Meeting, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Mary Koon, WMHS Teacher, Math M/J, *effective* March 1, 2019, *vacancy*.
2. Susan Stancil, BES Teacher Aide, ESE *transfer* to CES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *effective* February 29, 2019, and *change in funding source* as follows:

From:	1000E 5200 0150 1011 11020	100%
To:	4210E 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2019	100%
3. Malorie Lowe, CES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *to* Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* February 19, 2019, and *change in funding source*, as follows:

From:	4210E 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2019	100%
To:	1000E 5200 0150 0241 11020	50%
	4210E 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2019	50%
4. Amy Hallman, CES Food Service Worker, *resignation*, effective February 22, 2019, and *payment for any unused leave*, original hire date December 7, 2011.
5. John Palmer, CMHS Administrative Dean, *effective* March 11, 2019, *new unit*.
6. Casey Ranalli, BMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *effective* February 19, 2019, *vacancy*.
7. Maryann Bell, BES LPN in IND classroom, *effective* February 11, 2019, *paid* from Project #40230 F2019, *vacancy*.
8. Heather Thompson, District Office 11-month Secretary, Sub Coordinator, *effective* March 4, 2019, *new position*.
9. Teresa Miller, CMHS Food Service Assistant Manager, *transfer* to CES, Food Service Assistant Manager, *effective* February 21, 2019.

10. Wanda H. Nickolls, CES Food Service Worker, **transfer** to BES Food Service Worker, **effective** February 25, 2019.
11. Merci Bingaman, CES Food Service Assistant Manager, **transfer** to CES Food Service Manager, **effective** February 21, 2019.
12. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2018-2019 school year:

BMHS/BES	Employee	Certification	OOF Area
	James Wesley Lackey	ESE K-12; Soc Sci 5-9; MGIC 5-9	Gifted

13. Janie Strang, CMHS Food Service Worker, **transfer** to CES Food Service Worker, **effective** February 25, 2019.
14. **Request approval** of the new 11-month Sub Coordinator / 210 Days calendar.
15. Gregory Durden CMHS Custodian, **effective** February 20, 2019, **vacancy**.

b) Illness-In-Line-of-Duty:

1. Crystal Pelt, BES Teacher, Fifth Grade, February 6, 2019 (4 hours), February 7-15, 2019 (7.5 hours per day), and February 19, 2019 (7.5 hours).

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Florida Division on Career Development in Transition – Visions Conference, April 9-12, 2019, St. Augustine, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #49296 F2019, Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE/SS and Kimberley McLean, Teacher, ESE/SS Vision.
2. Rebecca Lloyd, CES Teacher, Third Grade, Get Your Teach On, February 18-19, 2019, travel expenses paid from Project #11332.
3. Constance Ward, BMHS Dean, Training Youth Mental Health First Aid Train the Trainer, April 26-28, 2019, Starke, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #13907.
4. Teresa Pinder, ESE/SS, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), to the following conferences, travel expenses paid from Project #40290 F2019:
 - R-LATS Duties Flagler and Putnam, March 6-8, 2019, Bunnell, Palm Coast and Palatka.
 - Comprehensive Literacy Instruction for Students with Significant Disabilities and Complex Communication Needs, March 10-14, 2019, Independence, Ohio.
 - Universal / Design Learning Implementation & Research Network Conference (UDL-IRN), March 26-29, 2019, Orlando, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties Flagler & Putnam, April 8-11, 2019, Bunnell, Palm Coast and Palatka.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. CMHS State HOSA Convention and Competition, March 28-30, 2019, Orlando, FL., chaperones Raquel Beauchamp, Lloyd DeVault (State HOSA Advisor), six students, one county van, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.

2. **CMHS/WMHS** FBLA students to FBLA State Competition, March 22-25, 2019, Orlando, FL., chaperones Christina Smith (CMHS), Michael Wilson (BMHS), Kim Nivala (WMHS), 24 students, one county bus, travel expenses paid from Project #15300.

e) Administrative Services:

1. **Contracts and/or Agreements:**

- i. Contract between School Board of Levy County and Delta Technologies, Inc., for wireless access point cabling and installation at WMHS, paid from Project #90006.
- ii. MOU between SBLC and LCEA for an increase in Advanced Degree Pay for Grandfathered Teachers, *effective* with the April 1, 2019 paycheck.
- iii. 2018-2019 Agreement between Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. and SBLC to provide therapeutic and preventive mental health and substance abuse services to its students as needed.
- iv. Contract between East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) and SBLC to provide support and technical assistance to Title I and other specified Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) programs in the State of Florida, paid from Project #42413 F2019 (Title I, part A).

f) **Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. August Craven, CES Teacher, KG, February 28, 2019 through April 12, 2019.

2. **FINANCE:**

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for January, 2019.
- b. Budget Amendments 10A #18-00014 & 10B #18-00015.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeffery Edison asked everyone to remember the family and friends of Betty Walker, Chiefland Mayor, during this difficult time. He said she was a long standing pillar in Levy County and will be missed. Mr. Edison said Mr. John Lott is working on getting a grant from Rural Utilities Service (RUS), which offers Distance Learning opportunities for rural counties. He said this grant offers up to \$500,000 per year to increase dual enrollment, STEM, professional development and mental health counseling. Mr. Edison said we hope to partner with NEFEC to receive this grant to increase educational opportunities for Levy County. Mr. Edison said he visited Ms. Schuler's class last week and he enjoyed being with the students.

Board Comments: Ashley Clemenzi thanked Tanya Taylor and Natalie Couey for inviting her to participate in the FFA activities last week. She said it was a fun experience. Chris Cowart thanked the BMHS students for attending the board meeting and the Food Service ladies for everything they do. He said the Bronson FFA Food Fest went very well and the FFA quilt went to Congressman Neil Dunn. He said the event raised approximately \$4,000 for Bronson. Mr. Cowart thanked everyone for the Jimmie Durden dedication. Paige Brookins said she participated on the Calendar Committee for the 2019-2020 SY and it was a long process to develop the annual calendar. She congratulated Mrs. Clemenzi on her son placing fourth in the state in the Spelling Bee. Brad Etheridge said he's looking forward to the Chiefland and Williston game on Thursday, February 28th. He said all proceeds from the game go towards the Robert Philpot scholarships. He said this is National FFA week and the Suwannee River Fair begins soon.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for the Board to go into Executive Session and then visit the Williston schools.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Bradley Etheridge, Board Vice Chairman