

**Bronson, FL**  
**November 12, 2019**  
**5:40 p.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at 5:40 p.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Cameron Asbell was absent

**Expulsion Recommendation:** The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After School Administrator Mickey Ebert had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

**Student 20-07:** (student and parent present). After discussion from the Board Members, school administrator, student and parent, Chris Cowart moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY and 2020-2021 SY, with the opportunity to attend the BMHS LLA FOCUS Center and receive weekly counseling, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried. Paige Brookins voted nay.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Cameron Asbell was absent.

**Board Re-Organization:** Superintendent Jeffery R. Edison presided during the re-organization of the Board.

**Appointment of Chairman:** Superintendent Edison called for nominations for Board Chairman. Chris Cowart nominated Paige Brookins. Brad Etheridge moved for nominations to cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Paige Brookins as Board Chairman. Paige Brookins thanked Mr. Etheridge for doing a great job as the previous Board Chairman with all Board Members agreeing.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman:** Superintendent Edison called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairman. Paige Brookins nominated Chris Cowart. Brad Etheridge moved for nominations to cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Chris Cowart as Vice-Chair.

**Regular Meeting Dates:** Motion by Chris Cowart, to set the regular meeting dates of the School Board of Levy County for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) 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 Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the Administrative Office, Bronson, Florida, second by Ashley Clemenzi. The Superintendent called for the vote, motion carried. Paige Brookins then assumed the Chairman position and presided during the remainder of the meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Board Chairman Paige Brookins said for Good Cause, she asked that the Agenda be amended as follows: **Postpone item “F”, Update on Florida Farm to School Conference and re-alphabetize the remainder of the Agenda.** Brad Etheridge made the motion to amend and approve the agenda, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

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

**Review of Advertised School Board Policies:** John Lott reviewed School Board Policies 3.06 – Safe and Secure Schools, 4.01 – Student Progression Plan, 4.025 – Academic and Career Planning, 5.04 – Requirements for Original Entry, 5.13–Zero Tolerance for School-Related Crimes, 5.151 - Medical Marijuana, 5.38 – Bullying and Harassment, 6.04\* - Certification of Administrative, Instructional, and Non-Degreed Vocational Personnel, 6.042\* - Report of Misconduct, 8.01 – Safety and Notice of Non-Discrimination with the Board and said these policies will be approved at the December 10, 2019 Board

meeting. He said SB Policy 6.042\* was revised by the Board Attorney. Mr. Delaney said every adult is a mandatory reporter and is obligated to report any abuse or neglect to DCF along with their school administrator and/or Superintendent. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the changes made by Counselor David Delaney to SB Policy 6.042\*, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

**November 25, 2019 Board Meeting:** Superintendent Edison said the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting is the week of Thanksgiving when all the schools are closed and asked the Board if they would like to cancel the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. He shared the proposed agenda for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. After discussion, Brad Etheridge made the motion to cancel the November 25<sup>th</sup>, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Cowart moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Board meeting, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

## **1. GENERAL ITEMS:**

### **a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:**

1. Jonathan Hamblen, YTS Teacher, Social Studies M/J, *effective* October 31, 2019, *out-of-field* in Coding Fundamentals, certified in Social Science 6-12, *vacancy*.
2. Darren Bies, BES Custodian, *effective* October 28, 2019, *vacancy*.
3. Darren Bies, BES Custodian, *resignation*, effective October 28, 2019, original hire date October 28, 2019.
4. Rachel Chase, BMHS TSA, Blended Learning, ELA, S/H, *resignation*, effective December 20, 2019, *payment of any unused leave*, original hire date August 6, 2018.
5. Inga Marie Cardwell, WES Teacher, Fourth Grade, *dismissal during probation period*, effective October 25, 2019, original hire date August 5, 2019.
6. Jeffrey G. Webb, CKS Teacher, Instructional Dean, *effective* November 4, 2019, *vacancy*.
7. Rebecca Johnson, YTS Teacher, Pre-K Aide, *effective* October 22, 2019, *vacancy*.
8. Allen J. Strickland, CMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *resignation*, effective October 15, 2019, and *payment of any unused leave*, original hire date August 15, 2011.
9. Joshua Thomas, CMHS Teacher, English S/H, *effective* October 23, 2019, *out-of-field* in intensive reading, certified in English 6-12, *vacancy*.
10. Jeanna Barrand, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* October 21, 2019, *vacancy*.
11. Sarah Castor, CES Teacher Aide, Pre-K ESE, *effective* November 4, 2019, *vacancy*.
12. Katelyn Yaws, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* October 31, 2019, *vacancy*.
13. Amanda Boynton, JBES Teacher, Kindergarten, *resignation*, effective November 1, 2019, and *transfer leave* to Alachua County School District, original hire date February 1, 2016.
14. Kelly Sieg, WES/YTS Speech/Language Pathologist, *effective* November 12, 2019, *vacancy*.

15. Greyson Smith, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* November 7, 2019, *new position*.
16. Aubrey Strickland, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective November 12, 2019, and *payment for any unused leave*, original hire date April 23, 2018.
17. Cynthia Phillips, WES Lab Manager, *resignation*, effective November 14, 2019, original hire date October 7, 2019.
18. Carmela Sementelli, CMHS Teacher Aide, Other *transfer* to District ESE/SS, Mental Health Clerk, *effective* November 12, 2019, and change in funding source as follows:

<b>From:</b>	1000E 5100 0150 0051 11030	100%
<b>To:</b>	1000E 6130 0160 9001 11023	100%

**b) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. FADSS/FSBA 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference, December 3-6, 2019, Tampa, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #10071 and #10074, for the following:
  - Jeffery R. Edison, Superintendent
  - Cameron Asbell, Chris Cowart, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins and Ashley Clemenzi, Board Members
2. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Regional Conference, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid directly by University of Florida, sub only cost to Board, paid from Project #40220 F2020, for the following:

**November 7-9, 2019:**

**WES:** Gemma Fleming, School Counselor  
Rebecca Childs, Teacher, Fifth Grade  
Jaime Handlin, Principal

**WMHS:** Joshua Thompson, Teacher, Language Arts, S/H

**November 7-11, 2019:**

**JBES:** Amy Webber, Assistant Principal

3. Jennifer Moberg, WMHS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, AVID Pathway Training, November 13-15, 2019, Tallahassee, travel expenses paid from Project #40241 F2020.
4. Kimberley McLean, District Teacher, ESE/SS, Visually Impaired, Working with the Experts: Braille for Math and Science, December 4-6, 2019, Daytona Beach, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020.
5. Gary Masters, Director, Transportation, Mid-Year Meeting of Transportation Directors, January 23-24, 2020, Lake Buena Vista, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17800.
6. Joseph Wain, Coordinator, Transportation, Special Needs Seminar, January 21-22, 2020, Kissimmee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17800.
7. Aaron Haldeman, CMHS Teacher, PE S/H, Girls Golf Regionals Competition, October 20-21, 2019, Lake Mary, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN.

8. Aaron Haldeman, CMHS Teacher, PE S/H, Boys Golf Regionals Competition, October 21-22, 2019, Davenport, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN.
9. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE/SS, Presenter at the DOE Educational Strategies and Student Engagement Institute, November 18-20, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020.
10. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE/SS, DOE Student Services Directors Meeting and Administrators Management Meeting, December 15-19, 2019, St. Petersburg, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020.
11. Constance Ward, SEDNET Coordinator, SEDNET Fall Work Days for orientations, updates and evaluations, December 2-4, 2019, Tallahassee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40234 F2020.

**c) Student Trip Requests:**

1. **(Board approved 9/24/19)** - FFA National FFA Convention, October 29 – November 2, 2019, Indianapolis, IN., travel expenses paid from Project #15322, for the following:  
  
**WMHS:** *amend to add* chaperone Travis Bergdoll.
2. **(Board approved 10/8/19)** - YTS FFA Students to the Sunbelt Expo, October 16, 2019, Moultrie, GA., chaperones Heather Hamblen, Rachel Hamblen, Nichol Robinson, William Robinson, Brandon Coon, nine (9) students, private vehicles, paid from Project #14890 INTRN, *amend to add* chaperone William Robinson.
3. CMHS Thespian Troop to the District 12 Thespian Competition, December 11-14, 2019, Orlando, FL., chaperones Roberta Kidd, Andrew Kidd, 12 students, two county vehicles, travel expenses paid from Project #14920INTRN.

**d) Administrative Services:**

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

- i. Request approval to amend the SBLC 2019-2020 District Professional Learning Catalog (Master In-service Plan) and add two new NEFEC courses titled: Leading Within an MTSS and Strategies to Support Pre-K Activities and Routines. Also, NEFEC has changed the component number for the course titled Leadership for Inclusion of Students with Disabilities from 7-513-002 to 7-103-001 allowing this course to meet the SWD requirement.
- ii. Request approval to amend the 2019-2024 District Professional Learning Catalog (Master In-Service Plan) to add the following Endorsement Programs added by NEFEC:
  - FDLRS Autism Spectrum Disorder Add-On Endorsement Program K-12.
  - FDLRS Gifted Add-On Endorsement Program.

**2. FINANCE:**

1. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for October, 2019.
2. Budget Amendment 3A #19-00005 3B #19-00006.

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Jeff Edison read an email from Cameron Asbell and asked the Board if they want to renew their FFA ad for this year. The Board voted yes to renew the ad. He asked the Board if they would be interested in purchasing shirts with the SBLC LOGO to wear to meetings and events. They all said yes and agreed it's a great idea. Mr. Edison said Jonathan Lewis, from Levy County Prevention Coalition was able to receive two 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants this year for BMHS, CES and WES. Mr. Lewis will re-apply next year for a grant for the other Levy

County schools. Supt. Edison informed the Board that the Strategic Team will update the Board on the Strategic Plan at a workshop in January or February. He said he met with all the AVID teachers and the goal is to make every school in Levy County an AVID school. He showed the Board the Reading Award trophy. He said last year CES and WES won with the most reading awards. They will share the trophy this year as the winners for the 2018-2019 SY. Reading Awards will be given to students in May for the 2019-2020 SY. Mr. Edison said we need to have a Board Workshop before the December 10, 2019 Board meeting to discuss the Best and Brightest Policy. After discussion, the workshop was scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

**Board Comments:** Brad Etheridge said this is an exciting time of the year getting ready for the holiday seasons and he's enjoying the cooler weather. He said "Congratulations" to the Chiefland Indians for winning. Ashley Clemenzi said YTS will have Turkey Bingo on November 19<sup>th</sup> and FFA will have a yard sale on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. She said Denee Hurst is going to an AVID Workshop and she's very excited about the AVID programs for YTS. Ms. Clemenzi thanked Paige Brookins for making the clam chowder for the Beast Feast. Chris Cowart thanked Brad Etheridge for hosting the Beast Feast. He thanked everyone for their support by purchasing cakes, pies and the auctions. He said the proceeds from the Beast Feast provide scholarships for Levy County students. He said CKS cake and pie auction is November 26<sup>th</sup> and he welcomed Jeffrey Webb as the new Dean at CKS. Mr. Cowart said Levy County was well represented at the FFA convention. Paige Brookins asked if there are cameras in the FOCUS Centers. Breezy Stockman said yes cameras are installed, but they're still working on some at CMHS. Ms. Brookins said CMHS and WMHS cake/pie auctions are November 21<sup>st</sup> and the schools' Thanksgiving dinners are November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Board Chairman Paige Brookins adjourned from the regular Board Meeting to meet for the Levy County Facilities Finance Authority, Inc. – Appointment of Officers.

**Levy County Facilities Finance Authority, Inc. – Appointment of Officers (President):** Chairman Paige Brookins passed the gavel to the Superintendent. Superintendent Edison called for nominations for President of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc., for the 2019-2020 SY. Chris Cowart nominated Paige Brookins as President. After no other nominations, the Superintendent called for nominations to cease. The Board voted unanimously to elect Board Chairman Paige Brookins as President of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc.

**Appointment of Officers (Secretary):** Superintendent Edison passed the gavel to Chairman Paige Brookins. Chairman Brookins called for nominations for Secretary of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc., for the 2019-2020 SY. Brad Etheridge nominated Superintendent Jeffery R. Edison as Secretary. After no other nominations, the Chairman called for nominations to cease. The Board voted unanimously to elect Superintendent Edison as Secretary of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc.

**Adjournment:** After elections, Chairman Paige Brookins adjourned the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

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Paige Brookins, Board Chairman