

**Bronson, FL**  
**November 9, 2021**  
**Executive Session**  
**4:40 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 at 4:20 p.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley ClemenziBrad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

**Expulsion Recommendation:** The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After School Administrators, CKS Principal Kathy Lawrence and BMHS Principal Curtis Gaus, had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board:

**Student 22-17:** (student and mother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and mother, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the CMHS FOCUS Center, must have clean drug test to begin FOCUS, provide clean monthly drug tests at parent's expense, and counseling services, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Student 22-16:** (student and dad were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and parent, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

**Student 22-11:** (student and grandmother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and grandmother, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 SY, without educational services. Student may request to reappear before the Board in July 2022. If student provides documentation of successful academic progress, student may petition to the Board and request to attend the BMHS FOCUS Center for the 2022-2023 SY.

**Regular Session**  
**6:00 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Public comments can be submitted by email to [publiccomment@levyk12.org](mailto:publiccomment@levyk12.org) or delivered in writing to the District Office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL., and must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Public comments may also be made in person on the day of the meeting.

All School Board meetings are recorded and may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LevyCountySchools> within 1-2 days after the scheduled meeting.

**Board Re-Organization:** Chairman Cameron Asbell said he has thoroughly enjoyed serving as Chairman of the Board for the past year. He thanked everyone for their support and said he looks forward to serving under the new Chairman of the Board. Mr. Asbell passed the gavel to Superintendent Christopher Cowart to conduct the re-organization of the Board. Superintendent Christopher Cowart presided during the re-organization of the Board.

**Appointment of Chairman:** Superintendent Cowart called for nominations for Board Chairman. Cameron Asbell nominated Ashley Clemenzi. Brad Etheridge moved for nominations to cease. The Superintendent called for the vote, with the Board unanimously voting for Ashley Clemenzi as Chairman of the Board.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman:** Superintendent Cowart called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairman. Cameron Asbell nominated Brad Etheridge. The Superintendent called for the vote, with the Board unanimously voting for Brad Etheridge as the Vice-Chairman of the Board.

**2021-2022 School Board Meeting Dates and Times:** Superintendent Cowart asked for a motion to set the Board meetings days and times. Paige Brookins moved 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 Cameron Asbell, motion carried. Ashley Clemenzi then assumed the Chairman position and presided during the remainder of the meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

**Welcome Visitors and Public Comments:** Board Chairman Ashley Clemenzi welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Superintendent Cowart said he has one letter from the County Commission regarding the redistricting and it is in their packet.

**FFA National Convention Recognition:** Christy McElroy said the students had a wonderful time and experience at the FFA National Convention. Kelby Barber agreed and gave an overview of the application process and procedure to students to apply and place for the FFA National Convention. He said there were 22 3-Star Chapters in Florida. BMHS was one of the 22 3-Star Chapters, one of the six Gold Science Fair Projects, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in middle school science. Cole Wedge and Taryn Brown-Patterson, FFA Officers are representing the BMHS FFA Chapter. BMHS placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the preliminaries for vegetables. Shelby Strickland placed as the State High Qualifier and will compete in the world competition on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Haines City.

**Williston AVID Showcase:** Tanya Taylor, District AVID Coordinator, showed a PowerPoint presentation overview of AVID at JBES, WES and WMHS. She said the AVID Mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society. Hillary Cribbs, Principal, JBES introduced Ashley Hart, Reading Coach, Kelsey List, AVID Site Coordinator, Aimee Webber, Assistant Principal and Violet Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher. She showed a video of students participating in AVID at the schools and what WICOR stands for: writing, collaboration, organization and reading. Ms. Young assisted a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student from JBES as she read “What AVID means to me”. Dr. Emily Hancock, Principal, WES, Rikki Richardson, Assistant Principal, WES gave an overview of AVID at WES. Regina Dickey, Assistant Principal WMHS gave an overview of AVID at WMHS. She introduced Brooks Yancy, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student. She said he demonstrates to other students how he uses sticky notes to help him learn. They showed how students take notes, process notes and use them to summarize and study. Tanya Taylor thanked the Board for providing AVID in the schools.

**School Board of Levy County Redistricting:** John Gilreath, GISP, gave a PowerPoint review to the Board regarding redistricting of Levy County so that the districts for the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board Members will be the same. He said this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the maps A, A1, B, C and D. He said districts 3 and 5 would flip. Districts 2 and 4 would flip. Mr. Gilreath said the goal is to create compact, contiguous and community districts. He said at this point, the most popular map is A1. Superintendent Christopher Cowart said due to an emergency tonight, the final vote about flipping numbers is postponed until the December 14 Board meeting, but we need to select a map tonight to be presented to the County Commission. David Delaney, Board Attorney, said it is very important that we select a map in the next step of the process and the numbers can be discussed at the December meeting. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to approve option Map A1, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried. Paige Brookins moved to approve aligning the School Board district lines with the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Request to Advertise for RFPs BMHS/YTS Gyms:** Brandon requested permission to advertise for RFPs for the BMHS and YTS Gyms HVAC system. He said the projects will be funded by the ESSER II, and not any funds from the current CMHS project. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve to advertise for the RFPs, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 Board meeting, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion of the Agenda, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

## 1. GENERAL ITEMS:

### a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. ***Request*** approval to establish a CDE student at CKS, ***effective*** October 11, 2021, paid from Project #40230 F2022.
2. Carrie Soto, JBES Teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, ***effective*** November 1, 2021, ***new position***, Board approved August 24, 2021.
3. Robert Garriey, WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, ***effective*** October 20, 2021, paid from Project #11030, ***vacancy***.
4. Margaret Alisha Brinkman, YTS Media Clerk, ***resignation***, effective October 27, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
5. John Palmer, CMHS, Dean, ***exiting DROP early***, effective December 31, 2021, original hire date March 11, 2019.
6. Douglas Buttermann, BMHS Custodian, ***effective*** October 26, 2021, paid from Project #11030, ***vacancy***.
7. Kimberly Bishop, CKS Teacher, Math, M/J, ***effective*** November 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.
8. Dorothy Rowe, District ESE MIS Manager, ***transfer*** to BMHS Secretary, 12-month, ***effective*** November 10, 2021, and ***change in funding source***, as follows:  
  
**From:** 1000E 6500 0160 9001 11020 100%  
**To:** 1000E 7300 0160 0021 11030 100%
9. Molly Shockley, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, ***effective*** November 8, 2021, paid from Project #40232, ***vacancy***.
10. Cynethia Dye, JBES Teacher, KG, ***effective*** November 3, 2021, ***vacancy***.
11. Crystal Shell, Transportation, Bus Aide, ***resignation***, effective October 19, 2021, original hire date April 1, 2019.
12. Timothy Jones, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, ***effective*** October 29, 2021, ***vacancy***.
13. Terrie Delaere, CKS Teacher Aide, Pre-K Lead, ***transfer*** to YTS Teacher, ESE, ***effective*** November 1, 2021, ***vacancy***, and ***change in funding status***, as follows:

**From:** 1000E 5500 0150 0041 13720 100%  
**To:** 1000E 5200 0120 0111 11020 100%

14. **Request** to establish a part-time ESE Paraprofessional position at CKS, 3.75 hours per day, to support students with disabilities, **effective** November 1, 2021 – May 27, 2022, paid from Project #40230 F2022.
15. Annette Miller, YTS Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper, **resignation**, effective November 3, 2021, original hire date September 13, 2021.
16. Lisa M. Gilliland, WMHS Custodian, **resignation**, effective November 5, 2021, original hire date March 8, 2021.
17. Charles Gilliland, WMHS Custodian, **resignation**, effective November 5, 2021, original hire date April 27, 2021.
18. Thelma Mickle, BES Teacher, First Grade, **retirement**, effective November 2, 2021, original hire date August 3, 2016.

**b) Military Leave Requests:**

1. **(Board approved 10.12.21)** Lamar Doug Asbell, Jr., District Maintenance, Plumber, Drill Trainings, November 3-21, 2021, **amend** end date to November 22, 2021, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, no cost to Board.

**c) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Emily Van Dyk, BES Teacher Aide, ESOL, October 18 – November 2, 2021.
2. Teresa Pinder, District Teacher, ESE, November 29, 2021 – January 31, 2022.
3. **(Board approved 10.26.21)** Laura Nelson, BMHS Teacher, Foreign Languages, Secondary, October 26 – November 19, 2021, **amend** ending date to November 5, 2021.
4. Kathy Polk, CKS Custodian, November 5-30, 2021.
5. Rhonda Garner, BES Teacher, Second Grade, November 15, 2021 – January 3, 2022.

**d) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Leave Requests:**

1. Lamar Doug Asbell, October 21, 2021, (8 hours).

**e) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Jennifer Bray, BMHS Assistant Principal, Valdosta State Job Fair, November 18, 2021, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA., meals only cost to Board and paid from Project #17730.
2. Brian Gaudette, WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) Clinic, January 7-10, 2022, Daytona Beach, FL., sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #14890INTRN.

**f) Administrative Services:**

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

- i. Request approval for the 2020-2022 GASB Statement 75, which is a requirement relating to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and how they are reported on the SBLC Annual Financial Report, paid from Project #17500.

- ii. **(Board approved 10.12.21)** 2021-2022 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Presence Learning for SLP's to provide assistance during the 2021-2022 School Year, paid from Project #11022, **amended** total amount due to increase in FTE and daily hours.

## 2. FINANCE:

- a. Budget Amendment #21-00006 4B.
- b. Request permission to declare the following list as surplus and to dispose of in the best interest of the Board on GovDeals.com:

Property to be removed from Inventory 10/29/2021				
Facility	Property Number	Description	Acquisition Date	Amount
Chiefland Middle High				
Chiefland Middle High	C-11550	Heated Counter Serving Equipment	10/8/2004	\$3,762.72
Chiefland Middle High	C-11551	Refrigerator Cold Pan	10/8/2004	\$5,380.99
Chiefland Middle High	C-11552	Cashier Counter	10/8/2004	\$1,657.58
Transportation				
Transportation	C-10196	Bus #0102	7/1/2000	\$70,912.00
Transportation	C-11024	Bluebird Bus #0307	9/10/2003	\$75,727.00
Transportation	C-11030	Bluebird Bus #0317	5/6/2003	\$58,894.00
Transportation	C-11031	Bluebird Bus #0318	7/1/2002	\$58,894.00
Transportation	C-11032	Bluebird Bus #0319	7/1/2002	\$58,894.00
Transportation	C-11033	Bluebird Bus #0320	7/1/2002	\$58,894.00
Transportation	C-11028	Bus #0315	5/6/2003	\$58,894.00
				<b>\$451,910.29</b>

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Christopher Cowart said appropriations have been filed with the House and Senate for additional funding for the CMHS project. He said all the schools are having cake and pie auctions coming up before Thanksgiving. He said CKS auctions would be November 23. He said the CMHS Drama presentations were last week and this week. Mr. Cowart said Parrish McCall has scheduled the Topping Out BBQ for completion of Phase II of the new CMHS is December 3 at the new CMHS.

**Board Comments:** Cameron Asbell asked everyone to remember Tammy Boyle and her family in our prayers. He said there will be a Veterans Day Parade in Bronson on Thursday and the BMHS FFA will have a low country boil and cake auction on November 19.

Paige Brookins said the CMHS Drama plays are going on this week. CMHS' cake auction is November 18 and school Thanksgiving lunches will be on November 18 at all of the schools.

Brad Etheridge said this is his favorite time of the year with the change of seasons. He said the parent/teacher conference is November 15, from 4-7 at the Williston schools. Mr. Etheridge said he plans to finish this term through 2022, but will not be running for School Board Member again. He said he wanted to give a one year notice.

Ashley Clemenzi said YTS is having a Veterans Day Parade celebration on Wednesday. She said the BMHS band is coming to participate and she is proud to live in a county where we have the day off to celebrate our veterans.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was 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 Ashley Clemenzi passed the gavel to the Superintendent. Superintendent Christopher Cowart called for nominations for President of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc., for the 2021-2022 school year. Cameron Asbell nominated Ashley Clemenzi as President, second by Paige Brookins. After no other nominations, the Superintendent called for nominations to cease. The Board voted unanimously to elect Board Chairman Ashley Clemenzi as President of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc.

**Appointment of Officers (Secretary):** Superintendent Cowart passed the gavel to Chairman Ashley Clemenzi. Chairman Clemenzi called for nominations for Secretary of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc., for the 2021-2022 school year. Cameron Asbell nominated Superintendent Christopher Cowart as Secretary, seconded by Paige Brookins. After no other nominations, the Chairman called for nominations to cease. The Board voted unanimously to elect Superintendent Cowart as Secretary of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

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Ashley Clemenzi, Board Chairman