

**Bronson, FL**  
**February 25, 2020**  
**7:45 a.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at 7:45 a.m. with Board Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Board members Cameron Asbell and Ashley Clemenzi were absent.

**Expulsion Recommendations:** The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After School Administrators Mickey Ebert and John Miller had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

**Student 20-12:** (student and parents present). After discussion from the Board Members and school administrator, 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 CMHS FOCUS Center, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

**Student 20-13:** (student and parents present). After discussion from the Board Members and school administrator, Chris Cowart moved to approve 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 FOCUS Center and have clean monthly drug tests, at parents' expense, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to amend the Superintendent's recommendation to add: after two full weeks of total expulsion to the BMHS FOCUS Center, student be allowed to **attend baseball practice**, under the direct supervision of Dean William Scott, **but not participate on the team**, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

**Student 20-14:** (student and parents present). After discussion from the Board Members and school administrator, 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 FOCUS Center and have clean monthly drug tests, at parents' expense, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

9:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Board members Cameron Asbell and Ashley Clemenzi were absent.

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

**Welcome Visitors:** Chairman Paige Brookins welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. Russ Randall, candidate for State Representative, District 2 introduced himself and said he's looking forward to the opportunity to work with Levy County and Levy County School Board.

**School Presentation – YTS FFA AG Update:** Denee Hurst, Principal, YTS introduced Heather Hamblen, YTS Ag teacher. Mrs. Hamblen introduced some of her AG students: Rachel Russell (6<sup>th</sup> Gr.), Shelbee Stephens, Jacob Tiesmeyer and Rylee Kurtz (all 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.). They gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview of some of their agriculture programs at YTS; such as livestock, meat, ornamental and vegetable judging contests. The students said they have been showing their pig at different events while practicing for the Suwannee River Fair pig showmanship.

**TPG Cultural Exchange Program for Teachers:** Marla Hiers, Director of Personnel introduced Ms. Sujata Gidumal from the Teacher Placement Group (TPG). Ms. Gidumal gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process and procedures required before a teacher from another country is eligible to participate in the TPG Program and be permitted to teach in the United States. She said Florida has a very large teacher shortage, along with other states and this is the most urgent educational need. Ms. Gidumal said TPG places the teacher's resumes, videos and interview schedule on their portal for Personnel and Principals to access for review. SBLC currently has one TPG teacher at CMHS but may have others for next

school year.

**AT&T WAN Internet Services Update:** Morgan Bennett, Director of MIS/Technology, reviewed the network provisions for Levy County schools and the District Office, along with the current and proposed E-Rate internet services contracts. After discussion, Brad Etheridge made the motion to approve the AT&T E-Rate Internet Services and the AT&T Switched Ethernet Services contracts, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Cowart moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Board meeting, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

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

## 1. GENERAL ITEMS:

### a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Gregory Marra, CMHS Teacher, Science, S/H, *effective* February 10, 2020, *vacancy*.
2. Kevin Jones, BES Teacher Aide, Elem., *effective* February 12, 2020, *vacancy*.
3. Georgia K. Browning, JBES Teacher, KG, *exiting DROP*, effective July 31, 2020, original hire date August 17, 1990.
4. Deborah Jerrels, JBES Confidential Secretary, *exiting DROP*, effective June 30, 2020, original hire date August 17, 1990.
5. Ameer Arrington, Transportation Secretary, Director, *effective* February 20, 2020, *vacancy*.
6. David May, WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *effective* February 24, 2020, *vacancy*.
7. Melinda Chemin, BES Title I Interventionist *to* Reading Coach, *effective* February 18, 2020, and *change in funding source* as follows:

<b>From:</b>	1000E 5100 0120 1011 11030	50%
	4210E 5100 0120 1011 40241F2020	50%
<b>To:</b>	1000E 6400 0130 1011 11332	72%
	4210E 6400 0130 1011 40241F2020	28%
8. Deana Scharnagl, BES Office Clerk *to* Secretary, 10-Month, *effective* March 16, 2020.
9. Ashley Hart, BES Teacher, Gifted, *effective* February 24, 2020, *out of field* in Gifted and Elementary Ed. K-6, certified in Biology 6-12, *vacancy*.
10. Jennifer Huffman, YTS Teacher, First Grade, *resignation*, effective June 1, 2020, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date, August 6, 2018.
11. Crystal Sauls, Transportation, Secretary to Director, *transfer to* ESE/SS, Secretary, *effective* February 18, 2020, and *change in funding source*, as follows:

<b>From:</b>	1000E 7800 0160 9008 10030	100%
<b>To:</b>	1000E 6300 0160 9001 11030	10%

12. Emily Van Dyk, BES Teacher Aide, ESOL, *effective* February 19, 2020, *vacancy*.
13. David Sweet, District Maintenance, Painter, *exiting DROP early*, effective June 11, 2020, original hire date July 8, 2009.
14. Timothy Delaino, District Maintenance, Generalist II, *exiting DROP early*, effective June 30, 2020, original hire date June 5, 1986.
15. Clay Griffin, WES Teacher, Fourth Grade, *resignation*, effective February 5, 2020, original hire date January 6, 2020.
16. Carolyn Garreau-Jones, BMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, *effective* February 18, 2020, *vacancy*.
17. Marilyn Johnson, BES Teacher Aide, *resignation* from employment to *participate in DROP*, effective April 1, 2020, and ending March 31, 2025.
18. Nickols Margjoni, BMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *dismissal during probation period*, effective February 20, 2020, original hire date September 4, 2018.

**b) Personal Leave Requests in Excess of Six (6) Days:**

1. (Board approved 12/10/19) - Stacie Leffert, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, September 17, 2019 through March 31, 2020, *amend ending date* to February 14, 2020.

**c) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. (Board approved 1/14/20) Pam O'Neal BES Teacher Aide, Lab Assistant, January 8 - 31, 2020, *amend* return date to February 7, 2020.
2. (Board approved 1/28/20) Theresa Leffert, BMHS School Secretary, January 13 – February 7, 2020, *amend* ending date to February 11, 2020.
3. Shakari Lamb, WES Teacher, ESE, February 24 - June 1, 2020.
4. Christopher Crooms, WMHS Teacher Aide, February 18 - May 22, 2020.

**d) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Wilda Long, CMHS Teacher, Vocational, Code.org Facilitator Training, February 10-13, 2020, Tallahassee, FL., FSU Campus, travel expenses paid from Project #15322.
2. 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Technicians Summer Workshop, June 8-11, 2020, Volusia District Schools, Daytona Beach, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17800, for the following Transportation mechanics:  
  
Ethan Bray, Marcus Glover, David Fisher and Jarrod Hauser
3. Teresa Pinder, ESE/SS District R-LATS Specialist, to the following R-LATS Duties, paid from Project #40290 F2020:
  - March 12-13, 2020 – Environmental Communications Training and R-LATS Consultation, Port Charlotte and Arcadia, FL.
  - April 5-7, 2020 – Flagler County, Palm Coast, Bunnell
  - April 8-9, 2020 – AT Lab Switch Access and Communication, Jacksonville, FL.

- April 13-15, 2020 – Putnam and Flagler Counties, Palm Coast, Palatka
  - April 26-29, 2020 – Putnam and Flagler Counties, Palm Coast, Bunnell, Palatka
4. K-2 Early Learning Summit, February 16-17, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #19070, for the following:
    - Cheryl Beauchamp, BES Principal
    - Michael Homan, CES Principal
    - Melissa Lewis, JBES Principal
  5. Florida Association of State and Federal Educational Program Administrators (FASFEPA) / Title Grants Conference, April 28-30, 2020, Jacksonville, FL., for the following:
 

**Project #42412 F2020:** Anna Forde, Grants Manager  
Chloe Hunt, Coordinator, Title Programs

**Project #40293 F2020:** Valerie Boughanem, Coordinator, ESOL/Testing  
Minerva Gonzalez, District ESOL Lead Teacher
  6. Julia Oberst, Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services, Food and Nutrition Services Association Lead Summit, April 14-16, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #41000.
  7. Matthew Dettloff, CMHS Teacher, CTE, Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) National Policy Seminar, March 29-April 1, 2020, Washington, D.C., sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #15322, other travel expenses paid by FL Association of Agricultural Educators.
  8. Constance Ward, Coordinator, ESE/SS SEDNET, In-Depth Training on Trauma Informed Classrooms, March 6-13, 2020, travel expenses paid from SEDNET Project #40234 F2020.

**e) Student Trip Requests:**

1. CMHS AP Art History and Drama Class to Educational Tour, Italy, March 21-30, 2020, chaperones Andrew Kidd, Roberta Kidd, Nina Hudson, Marlina Matthews, Betty Lou Schutte, Christina Smith, Michelle Sisk, Michael Prim, 40 students, charter bus, travel expenses paid from Project #14920INTRN.
2. CKS FFA students to the Chapter Leadership Retreat through UF IFAS, March 27-28, 2020, Seahorse Key, FL., chaperones Rachel Wetherington, Cody Wetherington, Tara Campbell, 20 students, travel expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN, UF IFAS arranges transportation.
3. FBLA to State Convention, March 12-15, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:
 

**BMHS:** Chaperones Michael Wilson, James Shouse, Amy Wilson, 61 students, one county bus.

**CMHS:** Chaperones Kim Nivala, WMHS, Christina Smith, CMHS, Michael Wilson, BMHS, 19 students, one county bus.

**f) Administrative Services:**

1. **Contracts and/or Agreements:**
  - i. **(Board approved 6/11/19) – Amended** 2019-2020 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Dell Graham, P.A., Attorneys at Law.
  - ii. 2019-2020 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Ernest Gene Tanner, Consultant

for CMHS facilities.

## 2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary info and Financial Statements for January, 2020.
- b. Budget Amendments #16-00015 8B and #16-00016 8A.

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Jeff Edison shared the 2019 Kindergarten Readiness by County for the state of Florida. He said out of 67 counties only nine districts scored at 60% or above and Levy County is one of the nine. Levy County scored 61%. Mr. Edison talked about the schools recruiting for ROTC.

**Board Comments:** Chris Cowart thanked YTS students for a great FFA presentation. He said FFA is very important and will make an impact on students' lives, as well as the extra-curricular activities, sports, SGA and all the clubs. He said BMHS FFA had their Food Fest on Friday, February 14 and had a great turnout. He said the Board purchased cakes at the BMHS Food Fest and CMHS chili cook-off auctions. Mr. Cowart thanked Mr. Stockman and his crew for assisting with the CKS Track repairs. He said we have 17 days before the appropriations for the new school year will be released for the new CMHS. Brad Etheridge said he has concerns about the Governor's proposed base salary for teachers of \$47,500, which is based on FTE allocations. He said every county will have different base salaries. He agreed with Mr. Cowart about the importance of FFA in students' lives. Mr. Etheridge congratulated WMHS in their wins over Chiefland and Trenton. Paige Brookins said the Board is very passionate about our teachers, students, and education in Levy County. She said the Board wants everyone to be successful. She said after the Board meeting, the Board will be visiting Chiefland Elementary School.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for the Board to visit Chiefland Elementary school.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

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Paige Brookins, Board Chairman