

Bronson, FL
March 5, 2013
5:20 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Held at the School Board Office

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 5th day of March, 2013 at 5:20 p.m. with Chairman Cameron Asbell, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Expulsion Hearings: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator, student and parent(s) were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 13-13** (student and parent *absent*): Superintendent Hastings informed the Board that after speaking with the parent by telephone earlier this morning, the parent had told him he and his son would not attend the Expulsion Hearing, that he understood the severity of the charges against his son and that he would agree with whatever action the Board should take regarding his son at the hearing. The Superintendent continued with the Expulsion Hearing. After Eulin Gibbs, WHS principal was sworn in and had given testimony, Rick Turner moved, with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 School Year and the 2013-2014 School Year. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 13-11** (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. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION
Held at the Hilltop Alternative School Auditorium

Recognition of Teachers of the Year: Superintendent Hastings recognized the 2013 Teachers of the Year from all Levy County Schools. The Teachers were asked to come up on stage where they were given monogrammed bags from Levy County Schools Foundation filled with assorted items, a check for \$100.00 and a red marble apple paperweight engraved with their name from SBLC. They had their pictures taken with the Superintendent, their Principal and their Board Member. The Superintendent also announced the District Teacher of the Year - Kelly Nguyen – from Chiefland High School, who will also compete in the FL DOE / Macy's 2014 Teacher of The Year Program. The Teachers and their friends and families were given a pre-Board Meeting reception hosted by Levy County Schools Foundation.

Minutes: Chris Cowart moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Paige Brookins 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) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Karen Ridenour, WHS Guidance Counselor, February 21(pm) and 22, 2013, Sunshine State Scholar Program, Orlando, expenses paid by Florida Education Foundation, no cost to Board.
2. Football Coaches Clinic, March 8 and 9, 2013, Tampa, expenses paid internal account:

BMHS Coaches – James Lackey and Cameron Porch; WHS Coaches – Jamie Baker, Doug Pilcher, Chad Smith and Dietrich Stewart, CHS Coaches – Christopher Montgomery and William Richardson (subs on March 8th as needed only cost to Board).

3. Joseph Wain, Transportation, March 25 – 28, 2013, Lake Yale Trainer's Conference, Leesburg, expenses paid from project #17800.
4. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE and Student Services, March 18 and 19, 2013, Coalition for Education of Exceptional Students Legislative Sessions, Tallahassee, direct reimbursement by CASE, no cost to Board.
5. Dr. Patrick Wnek, District Director of Curriculum, March 12(am) 2013 AdvancED Training SACS, Tallahassee and March 13 (pm) present to Tennessee Senate Education Committee, Nashville, TN, expenses paid by College Board reimbursement project #14894 and project #15220.
6. Linda Durrance, District Director Title Programs, Anna G. Mikell and Lori Lott, February 27(pm) and 28, 2013, DOE Region II Meeting, Tallahassee, expenses paid District Title project #42412F2013.

b) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements
 - a. Approval of the Educational Plant 5-Year Survey Report which includes the New Williston Middle High School Project

c) Recommendations:

1. Establish a temporary ESE Aide position at CES for 7.0 hours per day, effective February 25, 2013, and ending June 5, 2013, paid from project #40230F2013.
2. Establish (2) two temporary positions at WES for 6.0 hours each per day, effective March 5, 2013, and ending June 5, 2013, paid from Title I funds project #40241F213.
3. Out-of-field assignments for 2012-2013 school year:

Site	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
CHS	Jennifer Anderson	Bio 6-12	Guidance

4. Establish an OPS Position at Bronson Middle High School, to work with students in the STEM Lab up to 6.75 hours per day, beginning March 2013 and ending June 2013, paid from RTTT Grant project #43401 00313.
5. Awilda Perez, WHS Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective June 6, 2013 and payment for any unused sick leave.

d) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Virginia Deas, BES Teacher, March 7 through June 6, 2013.
2. Emily Fisher, BES Teacher, March 14 through June 6, 2013.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary as of February 2013
- b) Budget Amendments #9A and #9B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings said it was a great turn-out to recognize and honor our Teachers of the Year. He thanked Treasure Hardin and Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union for their monetary support that allows us to honor our Teachers at events like tonight. He said the A+ School Recognition money would be sent out to those schools who earned it and thanked all our A+ Schools' faculties and staff for their hard work. He said with so many states going bankrupt and everyone struggling, it is even more imperative that public school entities be responsible to use tax payer money frugally and wisely, making every effort to do what's best educationally, not to waste money. He said at a recent gathering, someone said "You all waste so much money!". He asked why they thought that and they responded "in electricity". He said he told them we are actually the #1 District in the NEFEC Consortium to have the lowest power cost. He said the District has also reduced expenditures by 1.27 million dollars. The goal from the Finance Department at the beginning of the year was to reduce expenses by 1.5 million and he is proud of all the hard work by everyone to cut costs in all Departments across the District. He said it has been bad that we cannot award raises to our employees, but worse than that would be for employees to come to work and when they receive their paycheck – it bounces!

Board Comments: All Board members commented on the Teacher of the Year recognition and the hard that went in to having the event. They thanked Mr. Hastings, LCSF and Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union for honoring the teachers. Chris Cowart thanked SCSFCU for their very gracious donation of around 25,000.00 that helps fund the event tonight as well as classroom grants that support teachers through the school year. Paige Brookins reminded everyone that the Board Members would be in Tallahassee for "Day in the Legislature" March 20th and asked if anyone had a concern to let them know as they will be meeting with Legislators while there. She also asked if a public hearing on the combination of Chiefland Middle and Chiefland High Schools has been planned and Mr. Hastings said not at this time, but a meeting date would be set for later in the school year. Rick Turner asked why the Union had not yet held the vote for Contract Ratification. Carmen Ward, Union President responded that they had distributed the information to all members and the voting would be held March 13th. They wanted to give all employees a full week to read over the information.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Chairman