

**Bronson, FL**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**Executive Session**  
**4:20 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021 at 4:20 p.m. with Board Chairman Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

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

**Student 22-18:** (student, mother and interpreter were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and mother, Cameron Asbell 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. Student must provide confirmation of restitution for the stolen property and writer letters of apologies to the students he stole from before he can begin FOCUS, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

**Student 22-19:** (student and mother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and parent, 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, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

**Student 22-20:** (student and mother were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and mother, Paige Brookins 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. Student must have a clean drug test to enter FOCUS, and monthly drug tests at parents' expense, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

**Student 22-21:** (student and dad present). After discussion from the Board Members, student and dad, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 SY and 2022-2023 SY, with the opportunity to attend the CMHS FOCUS Center. Student must have a clean drug test to enter FOCUS, and monthly drug tests at parents' expense, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

**Student 22-22:** (student and mother were **not** present). After discussion from the Board Members and administrator, Cameron Asbell 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, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

**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 Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, Cameron Asbell 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.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Paige Brookins moved to approve the agenda, second by Tammy Boyle, 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. Annie Whitehurst, Executive Director of the Levy County Schools Foundation said Dorothy Purdue was a guest at yesterday's Foundation meeting and donated \$5,000 to the Foundation in support for our Levy County Educators. The Board thanked Annie for everything she does through the Foundation for Levy County Schools and teachers. Paige Brookins thanked Mrs. Whitehurst for nominating Superintendent Christopher Cowart for the Superintendent's Star Award at the FADSS/FSBA Convention. Superintendent Cowart thanked the Board members, Annie and the Foundation for the award and all they do for Levy County. He said Annie Whitehurst is the best director of all the School Foundations in Florida.

**CMHS Recognition:** Adam Gore, Coordinator of School Safety and Security, thanked the Board members and Levy County communities for their support during the football season. He thanked Tammy Boyle and Paige Brookins for their weekly support with food and dinners. He said the CMHS football team finished the season with 11 wins and 2 losses. He said they were in the playoffs of the final four for the districts and this was the first time for CMHS to be in the final four since 1998. He congratulated CMHS football players James Latson, Wade Gore, Jose De La Cruz, and Reese Emmons for a successful season and thanked them for a great season. He said Reese Emmons was not able to attend tonight due to a surprise visit from his brother who is home temporarily from the military.

**Redistricting – Final Reading and Resolution:** John Gilreath said tonight is the last meeting regarding the redistricting, final reading and Resolution 21-01. He said the Board voted for Option A1 at the November 9, 2021 Board meeting. He said tonight he recommends adopting the Resolution, Option A1 and flipping district numbers. After a brief discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to adopt the Redistricting Resolution 21-01, Option A1 Map and flipping district numbers 2 & 4 and 3 & 5, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried unanimously.

**GovDeals.com and School Dude Update:** William Stockman, Director of Maintenance gave an update on the SBLC Maintenance Department. He said we have 21 employees and they paint, pressure wash, install playgrounds, daily maintenance and repairs, maintain facilities, groundskeepers, install HVACs and maintain the systems, plumbing, electrical, etc. He shared a chart showing the square footage of each school, facilities and the district offices. He said he works closely with Brandon with the GovDeals.com and purchasing. He said Mac Huber is his Maintenance Foreman, lead HVAC Systems person and works with the School Dude Solutions system, which was approved in 2019. Mac said the School Dude System is an electronic cloud-based system to replace paper work orders. He said all schools are connected and can enter their problems on the work order. All work orders go directly to the person responsible for that area. Jobs can be monitored by the requester, the school/office and the Maintenance Office. Mac said they received approximately 4,000 work orders in one year. He said this system has really assisted the Maintenance Department is monitoring and completing work order requests.

**American Rescue Plan (ARP):** Superintendent Cowart gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) response summary. He gave an update on the ESSER III Survey. He said there were 509 responses and 74 comments. He said we received funding through ECF to purchase 1900 chromebooks, 500 laptops, 900 Kajeets and a minimum of three new interactive light boards for each school. He gave an overview of the benefits available to students in all areas, VPK-12, FOCUS, ESE, Distance Learning, etc. He gave an overview of the bus tracking system, MIS and Personnel systems, Canvas / Kami support for teachers and parents. Superintendent Cowart, Gerie Forde and Kim Lake gave an update on ESSER III and how it relates to COVID and the losses due to COVID. Mr. Cowart gave an overview about student and staff devices, connectivity, ESOL Technology Support, Assistive Technology Support, Pre-K and ESE Technology, Summer Bridge Summer School and after-school tutoring through 2024. John Lott said the new Halo Smart Sensor systems looks like a smoke alarm and will be installed in all the schools bathrooms. He said it will detect vaping, smoking, carbon dioxide, loud talking or yelling, etc., which will alert the administration to go to the area to investigate. Morgan Bennett talked about the Cyber Fortinet Security system. Kalee Wade said the employee health insurance costs increase was due to COVID. Superintendent Cowart said all employees would receive a \$1,000 bonus, except for the teachers who received their bonus this past summer. He said this is a payment due to COVID.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tammy Boyle moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Board meeting, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

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

## 1. GENERAL ITEMS:

### a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. **Request** approval of the **revised** job description for Coordinator, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). This position will be funded for 2.5 years under ARP/ESSER III, Project #40314 F2022.
2. **Request** approval for an OPS position for the 2021-2022 school year to assist in administering and proctoring Industry Certification Exams for the CTE Programs, paid from Project #15322.
3. Rhoda Cribbs, District ESE/SS Secretary to the Director, **resignation** effective December 17, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date September 10, 2018.
4. Tammie Wallace, District ESE/SS MIS Manager, **effective** November 29, 2021, paid from Project #11020, **vacancy**.
5. Ray Hock, CKS Teacher Aide, Elementary, **effective** November 29, 2021, **vacancy**.
6. Robin Garrison, BMHS Teacher, ESE, **retirement**, effective December 17, 2021, original hire date January 7, 2020.
7. Beverly B. Sanky, Transportation Bus Aide, **exiting DROP early**, effective January 31, 2022, original hire date August 12, 2019.
8. Kathy Polk, CKS Custodian, **exiting DROP early**, effective November 30, 2021, original hire date August 27, 1997.
9. Wayne Hopping, WES Custodian, **resignation**, effective November 5, 2021, original hire date August 4, 2021.
10. Terrie Delaere, CKS Teacher Aide, PK-Lead, **transfer** to YTS Teacher, ESE, **effective** November 1, 2021, and change in funding source, as follows:  
  
**From:** 1000E 5500 0150 0041 13720 100%  
**To:** 1000E 5200 0120 0111 11020 100%
11. Melissa McDilda, CES Teacher, School Counselor, **effective** November 1, 2021, **vacancy**.
12. Christine Stephenson, BMHS Teacher Aide, Other, **effective** November 9, 2021, **vacancy**.
13. Maura Thompson, JBES Teacher, KG, **transfer** to WES Teacher, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, **effective** November 22, 2021, **out-of-field** in Elementary Ed K-6.
14. **Request** to establish an ESE Paraprofessional Position at JBES, 7.5 hours daily to support students with disabilities, December 2021-May 27, 2022, paid from Project #40230 F2022.

15. **Request** approval of the **new** job description/unit for Staffing Specialist in the ESE Department, paid from Project #40230.
16. **Request** approval of the **revised** job description for Coordinator, Exceptional Student Education / Section 504, paid from Project #11030 – 10% and #40230 F2022 90%.
17. Savannah Mikell, OPS at various schools, **effective** December 4, 2021, hours **not to exceed** 30 total, paid from Project #15322.
18. Ruth Young, YTS Confidential Secretary, **effective** December 1, 2021, **vacancy**.
19. Cassidy Hodge, BES Teacher, First Grade, **effective** December 1, 2021, **vacancy**.
20. Deanna Kuhman, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective December 2, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 31, 2020.
21. Sandra S. Wise, WMHS 10-month Secretary, **retirement**, effective December 31, 2021, original hire date August 13, 1984.
22. Brandon Henry, CMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, **dismissal during probation period**, effective December 6, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
23. Mike Richardson, CMHS FNS Worker **transfer** to District FNS Messenger / Deliveryman, **effective** December 6, 2021, **vacancy**.
24. Jay Matthew Del Castillo, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **effective** December 6, 2021, paid from Project #40230, **vacancy**.
25. Elizabeth McWilliams, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective December 1, 2021, original hire date September 13, 2021.
26. Kimber Irizarry, BMHS Lab Manager, **resignation**, effective December 17, 2021, original hire date August 2, 2021.
27. Jennifer Harrington, District ESE/SS, Secretary to Director, **effective** December 6, 2021, paid from Project #11030 – 10% and #40230 – 90%, **vacancy**.
28. Charlotte Andrews, CES Teacher, Fourth Grade, **request to extend DROP through May 31, 2022**.
29. Ana Sotomayor, BES FNS Worker, **resignation**, effective December 17, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 5, 2020.
30. Hannah Wasson, CES Teacher Aide, Title I, **resignation**, effective December 17, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 22, 2016.
31. **Request** approval of the **new** job description for Teacher Aide, Internship, paid from Project #11030.
32. Margaret Spann, JBES FNS Worker, **exiting DROP**, effective January 31, 2022, original hire date February 12, 2007.
33. Cheryl Shelton, Transportation, Chiefland Bus Aide, **effective** December 9, 2021, **vacancy**.

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

1. Ann Bowen, Transportation Bus Driver, November 4, 2021 - March 31, 2022.
2. Cecilie Smith, WES Teacher, Combination, May 2-31, 2022.
3. **(Board approved 2.9.21)** Vivian Beckham Webster, WES Teacher, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2021-2022 School Year, *amend* dates to August 2, 2021- January 3, 2022.
4. Sheila Crawford, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, December 3-17, 2021.

**c) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Jessica Crosby, CKS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, December 6, 2021 – March 18, 2022.
2. Cecilie Smith, WES Teacher, Combination, January 26, 22 – April 29, 2022.
3. **(Board approved 10.29.21)** Melody Irizarry, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts, S/H, October 18 – November 29, 2021, *amend* return date to November 26, 2021.
4. Jeanna Barrand, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, December 3-13, 2021.

**d) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director, ESE/SS, DOE Student Services and Administrators' Management Meetings, December 12-16, 2021, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #40230 F2021.
2. Matthew Dettloff, CMHS Teacher, CTE, 2021 ACTE/NAAE National Convention, November 29 - December 4, 2021, New Orleans, LA., sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #40201 F2022.
3. 2021-2022 FACA Clinic, December 9-11, 2021, Daytona Beach, FL., sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #14890 Athletics, for the following:
  - Steven M. Bullock, WMHS Teacher, ESE
4. Kalee Wade, Coordinator, Employment Services, NEFEC Quarterly Risk Management Conference, December 2-3, 2021, Vilano Beach, FL., travel paid from Project #17731.
5. Tanya Taylor, WMHS Teacher, Vocational, Business, Future of Education Technology (FETC) Technology Conference, January 25-28, 2022, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #15322.
6. Kimberly McLean, District Teacher, ESE/SS, Visual Impaired, 2022 Florida Braille Challenge, January 20-21, 2022, Tampa, FL., travel paid from Project #40230 F2022.
7. Leah Myrick, CMHS Teacher, Health Occupation, Student HOSA Clinicals Supervision, December 20-21, 2021, Oak Hammock at the University of Florida Nursing Home, travel paid from Project #15322.

**e) Student Trip Requests:**

1. FFA students to the State Vegetable Judging and Tool ID Competition, December 1-2, 2021, Haines City, FL., chaperones Kelby Barber, Ty Barber, eight students, two county vehicles, travel paid from Project #15300.

**f) Administrative Services:**

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

1. 2021-2022 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County FNS and the US Food, Inc., for an emergency contract for extension of service.
2. 2021-2022 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Ancient City Tours to provide the WES students a tour of the St. Augustine Lighthouse, Colonial Health Care Facility, Fort Tour, and the Fountain of Youth, travel paid from the WES Internal Accounts.
3. 2021-2022 MOU between the School Board of Levy County and the Florida Department of Education to implement the Civic Literacy Excellence Initiative, paid from Project ESSER II.
4. 2021-2022 Mentoring Contract between the School Board of Levy County and the Levy County Prevention Coalition, to provide mentoring services to students and provide evaluation reports as needed by SBLC, paid from Project #40260 F2022, Title IV.

**g) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Requests:**

1. Antonio Terrell, JBES Custodian, November 29 – December 6, 2021 (6 days).

**2. FINANCE:**

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Information and Financial Statements for November 2021.
- b. Budget Amendments #21-00008 5A and #21-00007 5B.
- c. Change Order #4 from Parrish McCall for the new CMHS Design Build Construction Project.
- d. General Fund Budget Summary Information and Financial Statements for October 2021.
- e. Request permission to declare the following items as surplus property, and to dispose of in the best interest of the Board:

<b>Property to be removed from Inventory 12/3/2021</b>				
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Property Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Chiefland Middle High				
Chiefland Middle High	C-12536	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12558	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12559	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12560	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12561	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12562	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12563	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12565	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12566	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41

Chiefland Middle High	C-12567	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12571	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12573	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12574	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12575	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12576	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12577	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12578	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12580	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12581	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12582	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12584	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
Chiefland Middle High	C-12585	Dell Computer	4/16/2008	\$1,178.41
				<b>\$25,925.02</b>

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Christopher Cowart said Santa came early. He said we are in the Governor's Budget to receive additional funding to complete the CMHS project. He thanked his staff for preparing for the Board meetings, manifestations, driving buses, paying employees, paying monthly bills, and all they do. He said he appreciates everyone and thanks everyone for nominating him for the Superintendent Star's Award at the FADSS/FSBA Conference. He congratulated all the 2023 TOYS, 2022 SREYS, VOYS, the District TOY, Jenny Adkins, District SREY Laura Masicotte and District VOYS Justin and Theresa Hardy.

**Board Comments:** Cameron Asbell thanked Superintendent Cowart for dressing up as Santa Claus for the students. He apologized for missing the conference. He said it was his wife's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and they had a big celebration. He said BMHS had their band recital and Christmas play on December 7 and everyone had a great time being together. He said this is a very important time of the year as we celebrate Jesus. Mr. Asbell said the schools have programs to send food home with children while we are closed for two weeks. He said we all are very blessed and continue to pass the blessings on to others.

Tammy Boyle apologized for what happened at the last meeting and giving everyone a scare. She thanked everyone for their assistance, prayers and concerns. She said CKS had their 12 days of Christmas program and the students had a good time. She said Santa visited Cedar Key and basketball is still going on. Mrs. Boyle said she enjoyed the FSBA Joint Conference. She said they had some great training sessions. She suggested possibly considering a Junior School Board member. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Paige Brookins said it was great to acknowledge the CMHS football players and congratulations to the team. She said the new CMHS is progressing very well and the Topping Out celebration was great! Mrs. Brookins said she is very proud of Superintendent Cowart for receiving the Star Superintendent Award. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Brad Etheridge said he is proud to serve as a judge for the FFA sub districts competition. He congratulated the CMHS football team and said they did very well. He said he went to his last FSBA Joint Conference and had a good time. He congratulated Superintendent Cowart for receiving the Star Award and for being very professional.

Ashley Clemenzi said safety and education are number one for our kids and COVID is number two. She said the expulsion hearings are very concerning, because of where our kids are going and everything they are getting involved in. She said she appreciates our teachers and everything they do to assist the students. She said the YTS Christmas Program is December 15 and the parade is December 18.

**Adjournment:** 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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Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

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Ashley Clemenzi, Board Chairman