

**Bronson, FL**  
**August 3, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## **Regular Session**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021 at 6:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney Natasha Mickens 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.

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

**Welcome Visitors and Public Comments:** Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There was none.

**FFA Award Winners State Convention:** Superintendent Chris Cowart welcomed all the FFA students and families. He said Levy County was well represented at the National FFA Convention and congratulated everyone on these major accomplishments. Mr. Cowart said being involved in FFA is full of life lessons and very rewarding for the students, advisors, parents and families. He invited Marcia Smith, Kelby Barber, Matthew Dettloff and Dallas Locke to recognize the FFA award winners and the categories they placed:

**BMHS:** Emilee Munden, Shelby Strickland, Andrea Horton, Justin Strickland, Haley Springs and Madison Stewart.

**CMHS:** Ryleigh Locke, Savannah Bastow, Savannah Wade, Dana Hinkle, McKenzie Fisher, Arri Grant, Jolene Watkins, JR Hudson, Luke Watkins, Hannah Quincey, Kade Meeks, Hunter Sharp, Sam Mills, Mollee Beauchamp, Jake Kline, Regan Varnes,

**WMHS:** Savannah Jerrels, Grace Dola, Reagan Hancock, Annabelle Whitehurst, Tori Mills, Sarah Dykstra, Camille Thompson, Emily King, Lane Whitehurst, Layla Hobby and Carly Bellamy.

Superintendent Cowart thanked Annie Whitehurst, Executive Director of the Foundation, for providing decorations and food for the New Employee Orientation, as well as, the trainings all week.

**Public Hearing 2021-2022 Tentative Millage & Budget:** Kim Lake informed the Board that this meeting is the second and final hearing of the two required public hearings to be held concerning the millage and budget for the 2021-2022 school year. She said the purpose of the hearing is to adopt the final millage and budget and to provide the public the opportunity to offer input. She gave a PowerPoint presentation of the tentative budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. After further review and discussion of the finance information packets, the Board took the following action:

1. Brad Etheridge moved to approve the 2021-2022 Tentative Millage as advertised and to Adopt the 2021-2022 Tentative Millage Resolution #22-01, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried:

Required Local Effort	3.6270
Basic Discretionary (operating)	0.7480
Capital Outlay	<u>1.5000</u>
Total Millage	5.8750

The total millage reflects a positive change 5.32% of the current year's total proposed rate as a percent change of the rolled back rate as found on line 22 of the schools taxable value.

2. Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget as advertised and to Adopt the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget Resolution #22-02, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

**Review for Public Hearing to Adopt/Amend the Following School Board Policies:** Superintendent Chris Cowart said this is the second meeting to review School Board Policy 3.09 – A Moment of Silence, for changes. Neither the public nor the Board made any recommendations. Mr. Cowart said the policy will be adopted/amended at the August 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

**2021-2022 Small School District Council Consortium (SSDCC):** Superintendent Cowart asked the Board if they would like to renew the SSDCC for the 2021-2022 SY. Paige Brookins moved to approve renewing the SSDCC for the 2021-2022 SY, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 Board Meeting, second by Tammy Boyle, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion of the Agenda, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

## 1. GENERAL ITEMS:

### a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. ***Request*** approval of the ***revised*** job description for Reading Coach.
2. Jennifer Lynn Daube, Transportation Bus Driver, ***resignation***, effective May 27, 2021, original hire date March 16, 2016.
3. Marjorie Shay Carswell, WES 210-day Custodian, ***internal transfer*** to Head Custodian, ***effective*** July 20, 2021, ***vacancy***.
4. Desiree Draper, WMHS Teacher Aide, Title, ***internal transfer*** to 12-Month Secretary, ***effective*** July 26, 2021, ***vacancy*** and ***change*** in funding source, as follows:
 

<b>From:</b>	4210E 5100 0150 0091 40241 F2021	100%
<b>To:</b>	1000E 7300 0160 0091 11030	100%
5. Jeffery Tindale, BES Custodian, ***transfer*** to CES Head Custodian, ***effective*** July 26, 2021, ***vacancy***.
6. Frances Townsend, Transportation Bus Driver, ***entering DROP***, effective November 1, 2021, and ending October 31, 2026.
7. Dr. Nicole Thornton, BMHS Teacher, Lang. Arts, M/J, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date August 6, 2018.
8. Aimee Meringer, JBES Teacher, Second Grade, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.

9. India Rodgers, BES Teacher Aide, PK-ESE, **resignation**, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 7, 2018.
10. Joshua Fowlkes, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective May 28, 2021, and **payment** for any unused leave, original hire date August 5, 2020.
11. Ruby Modene Watson, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **retirement**, effective May 27, 2021, original hire date September 1, 1993.
12. Heather Nevius, CMHS Teacher, Health Occupation, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
13. Benjie Fry, WMHS Teacher, Math M/J, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
14. Jennifer Sacket, JBES Teacher, KG, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
15. Brandon Henry, CMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, **effective** August 2, 2021, **out-of-field**; certified in PE K-12, **vacancy**.
16. Nicole Schreiber, WES Teacher, Third Grade, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
17. Sonya Schmidt, BMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
18. Heather Leeper, BES Teacher, PE, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
19. Sarah Griffiths, District Secretary, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), **effective** July 26, 2021, **vacancy**.
20. Edwina G. Kirby, Transportation Bus Driver, **decrease** in hours due to route change, **from** 8.0 hours daily **to** 5.0 hours daily, **effective** August 9, 2021.
21. Linda E. Caroussos, Transportation Bus Driver, **increase** in hours due to rout change, **from** 5.75 hours daily **to** 8.0 hours daily, **effective** August 9, 2021.
22. Dorian Nelson, WMHS FNS Worker, **effective** July 12, 2021, **vacancy**.
23. Barbara Cunningham, WES FNS Worker, **resignation**, effective May 27, 2021, and **payment** for unused leave, original hire date August 14, 2014.
24. Moises Rodriguez, Transportation Bus Driver, **resignation**, effective May 27, 2021, and **payment** for unused leave, original hire date September 19, 2014.
25. Valerie Taylor, CKS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date December 2, 2014.
26. Valerie Taylor, District ESE/SS Teacher, Hospital Homebound, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
27. Jonathan Rambo, BMHS Teacher, Math, S/H, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.
28. Ronald Schofill, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date November 12, 2019.
29. Ronald Schofill, CMHS Teacher, ESE, **effective** August 2, 2021, **vacancy**.

30. Melissa Mizell, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 9, 2021, paid from Project #11020, *vacancy*.
31. Eric Peterson, WMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
32. Margaret Brinkman, YTS Media Clerk, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
33. Garin O'Steen, WES Teacher Aide, Elem., *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
34. Tamala Margerum, BMHS Teacher, Dean, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
35. Caitlyn Goree, YTS Teacher, Agriculture, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
36. Antwar Jelks, WMHS Teacher, Science, S/H, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
37. Jorge Gauvin Caraballo, CMHS Teacher, Music, S/H, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
38. Karen Titkemeyer, WMHS Teacher, ELA, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
39. Paul Lord, BES Custodian, *resignation*, effective July 29, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date July 23, 2014.

**b) Personal Leave Requests:**

1. Kathryn Duffield, Transportation Bus Driver, August 10, 2021 – January 3, 2022.

**c) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Teresa Pinder, ESE/SS District LATS Specialist, Back-to-School Training, August 3-5, 2021, Palatka, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40290 F2022.

**d) Administrative Services:**

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
  - i. 2021-2022 contract between the School Board of Levy County and Dell Graham, P.A., Board Attorney, David Delaney.
  - ii. 2021-2022 contract between the School Board of Levy County and the University of Florida Athletic Training and Service Agreement.
  - iii. 2021-2022 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County Food and Nutrition Services and Nature Coast Middle Charter School to provide breakfast, lunch, snacks and supper during the 2021-2022 school year.

**2. FINANCE:**

- a. Budget amendments #20-00038 20A & 20-00039 20B.
- b. Budget amendments #20-00040 21B FY 2020-2021.

**Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:** Superintendent Chris Cowart said there have been several trainings this week of Professional Development for New Employee Orientation, ESE/SS Welcome Back, Food and Nutrition Services, Transportation, Health Techs, Substitutes, AVID, IXL for Support Teachers, School Counselors, IEP Trainings, and Matrix Training, etc. He thanked the District Staff, Administrators and everyone

for assisting with these trainings, setting up, name badges, lunches and snacks. Mr. Cowart said it takes everyone to ensure these trainings are successful.

**Board Comments:** Ashley Clemenzi said there was a lot going on this week at Yankeetown School. She said she attended their staff meeting and they have several new teachers and staff. She said she is glad for the new school year and glad students are back in the classrooms.

Brad Etheridge said the summer flew by very quickly. He said even though he children have graduated he will continue to stay involved with the schools. Mr. Etheridge thanked the District, Maintenance, Transportation and everyone who worked all summer preparing for the 2021-2022 school year.

Tammy Boyle said she attended the CKS Welcome Back Breakfast and had a great time. She said they saw slide shows of summer events at the school and people's vacations/trips. She thanked everyone for preparing for the new school year.

Cameron Asbell said BMHS Golf Tournament is this weekend at the Chiefland Golf and Country Club and everyone is invited to attend or participate. He said he is glad the new school year has begun.

**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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Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman