

Bronson, Florida
October 16, 2012
8:20 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 16th day of October 2012 at 8:20 a.m. with Chairman Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Beth Davis, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster 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 13-04** (student and grandparents absent): Jeff Edison informed the Board that the Grandparent who is the legal guardian of the student, said the student was scheduled to be in court in Gilchrist County and would be unable to attend the expulsion hearing, but to proceed with the hearing. He did not request a continuance. After hearing testimony about the student from Robert Turnipseed, Hilltop Alternative School Principal, Rick Turner moved with second by Beth Davis to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY, and because of the student's age, to provide the opportunity for the student to come back before the Board during the Summer of 2013 to give an update of what he has done since being expelled and where he is academically and behaviorally; and to petition the Board to re-enroll at Hilltop for the 2013-2014 SY. Motion carried with Paige Brookins, Rick Turner and Beth Davis voting yes, and with Robert Philpot and Cameron Asbell voting no.
- 2) **Student 13-05** (student and parent present): Cameron Asbell 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

The Board then met in regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board.

Update – Fuel Management System Steve Tyson informed the Board that the new Fuel Management System has been purchased and will be installed at all 5 stations in the County. He said using the key cards will help to secure all pumps and the system will make reporting more accurate and efficient. He also said that drivers will be able to fuel up after hours when they return from trips. He thanked the Board for their support in allowing the purchase of the system.

Out-Going Board Member Recognition Superintendent Hastings recognized Beth Davis as the out-going Board Member with an engraved pen and pencil set. He thanked her for the 12 years of service she has given the county as a Board Member, and the other Board Members made comments about Mrs. Davis also, wishing her well in future endeavors.

Minutes: Robert Philpot moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2012 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster asked that the request under 2. Finance: d) "Permission to declare a portable at CMS as surplus, and permission to donate the portable to the Levy County Dept. of Public Safety" be pulled from the Consent Agenda, stating that a resolution would be needed for the Board to take that action. Rick Turner made a motion to remove the item from the Consent Agenda with second by Robert Philpot, motion carried. Cameron Asbell made a motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent with second by Beth Davis, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. L. Crusselle Woodward, YTS Teacher Aide, *resignation for retirement*, effective November 12, 2012.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. College Board AP Workshop, October 21 and 22, 2012, Tallahassee, paid from project #43247F2013: Emily Chaconas, Bobbie Gowland, Eric Heerschap
2. Pamela Thompson and Laura Storm, District ESE Teachers, November 7 (pm) and 8, 2012, State DHH/VI Contact Meeting, Lake Mary, paid from project #40230F2013.
3. Learning Focused Conference, November 7 – 9, 2012, Tampa, paid from project #40241F2013: Jaime Handlin, Devyn Chorvat, Debra O’Steen, Rebecca Childs, Susan Liles, Heather Sims
4. Anna Kroll, November 5 – 9, 2012, Florida School Finance Officers Association, Davenport, paid from project #17500.
5. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2013:
October 24, 2012 RLATS Duties Alachua County - Gainesville
October 24(pm) – 27, 2012, CEC State Conference - Jupiter
6. Dr. Rosalind Hall and Janet Neal, District ESE Personnel, November 8 and 9, 2012, Medicaid Conference, St. Augustine, paid from project #IDEA 40230F2013.
7. Dr. Rosalind Hall, District ESE / SES Director, October 30 – November 4, 2012, National Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Conference, Scottsdale AZ, all expenses paid by CASE.
8. Gayle Gatton, YTS Media Clerk, October 12 – 15, 2012, Professional Development Conference for MEDIA, Columbus MS, no cost to Board.
9. AVID Center Path Training, October 31(pm) – November 2, 2012, St. Augustine, paid from project #14897: Patrick Wnek, Debra Weeks, Pam Plemmons, Elizabeth Horner, Amy Lowyns, Jennifer Dola, and Adrienne Provost
10. Marla Hiers and Melissa Lewis, WES Administrators, November 7 – 9, 2012, Max Thompson Learning focused Conference, Tampa, paid from project #43401 01013.
11. Nancy Alstodt, JBES Teacher, November 12 and 13, 2012, Communication Strategies for COP’s Conference, Orlando, DOE pays all costs, sub not needed – no cost to Board.

c) Instructional Services:

a. Contracts and/or Agreements

1. Approval of the 2012-2013 School Improvement Plans

d) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Evelyn Cannon, CKS Head Custodian, October 1 through 18, 2012.

2. Robin Hardee, CES Teacher, October 6 through 31, 2012, running concurrent with extended worker's comp leave as per the contract.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. Dennis Voyles, CKS FFA Advisor, October 17, 18 and 19, 2012, World Food Prize International, Des Moines, Iowa, 2 students, commercial carrier – AIRLINE, travel / lodging expenses paid by World Food International, substitute only cost to Board.
2. Sunbelt AG EXPO, Moultrie, Georgia, October 17, 2012, Advisor's substitutes paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account:

BMHS and CKS: Marcia Smith, Jennifer Bray, *amend to* Kim Bishop for CKS, 56 students commercial carrier – BUS

f) Recommendations:

1. Establish an Instructional OPS Position at CHS for the 2012-2013 SY, effective October 17, 2012 through April 5, 2013, not to exceed 10 hours per week with a total of 210 hours as indicated by timecards and paid from project #40270F2013 and #43401 00313.
2. Megan R. DeRobertis, BES Teacher, effective October 8, 2012, replacing Kathryn James.
3. Justin W. Underwood, CES Custodian, effective October 12, 2012, replacing Debbie D Williams.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of September 2012
- b) Budget Amendments #1A and #1B (as of October 2, 2012 Board Meeting)
- c) Budget Amendments #2A and #2B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings asked Dr. Wnek to present information to the Board regarding the Professional Development Day on October 23rd and the AVID conference he attended recently. Candy Dean added that the Dept. of Education Audit Team is reviewing the District's Professional Development offering by randomly selecting 5 teachers who will share their opinion about the PD Days, whether they have been successful or not. They will also meet one-on-one with a representative for District Level, Teacher Level and School Level input. Next, Superintendent Hastings reminded the board that they would rank the applicants for School Board Attorney, selecting the top 3 firms to be interviewed. After paper voting, the top 3 selected were Norm Fugate Attorney at Law, Ronald Stevens Attorney at Law and Dell Graham Law Firm. Mr. Hastings said he would notify the firms and have his secretary schedule the appointments in the next couple of weeks, notifying the Board at that time. (see supplemental minutes)

Board Comments: All the Board Members stressed the importance of voting in the upcoming election. Robert Philpot reminded everyone the National FFA convention would be taking place next week and commended the District for the Professional Development Days to help teachers have the skills they need to do their best in the classroom. Paige Brookins said she would be attending the legislation delegation and would bring information back to share. Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster reminded the Value Adjustment Board members that the VAB will meet next week. She also informed the Board that on Thursday afternoon, Dr. Hall informed her of a DOAH hearing to be filed. She said with the holidays coming up, the proceedings could last until after the new year and she would not be available to represent the Board. She requested that the Board hire Andrew Thomas to represent them in the DOAH hearing. Cameron Asbell made the motion to hire Andrew Thomas for the DOAH Hearing, second by Beth Davis, motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

APPROVED:

Paige Brookins, Chairman