

Bronson, FL
March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 18th day of March, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Amendment of Agenda: Chairman Robert Philpot amended the Agenda for good cause, stating that item **D) Employee Recommendation: Jennifer Anderson – Suspension/Termination** would be removed from the Agenda with the remaining items to be re-alphabetized in order. Chris Cowart moved to approve the amended Agenda with second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Early Warning System Presentation: Barb Rivers explained that the Early Warning System is used to alert school staff as to any students that are in danger of dropping out or not graduating on time due to factors such as absences, course failures, state test scores and behavior. She said using the Early Warning System in Performance Matters allows schools to use readily available data to quickly identify students earlier and to intervene. The Board thanked her for presenting the information.

Minutes: Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2014 Board Meeting with changes as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Personnel Changes / Recommendations:

1. Maria Garcia, Summit Academy ESOL Aide, **resignation** effective February 28, 2014.
2. Page Gandy, WHS Teacher, **resignation** effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
3. Eric Heerschap, WHS Teacher, **resignation** effective June 9, 2014, and transfer of sick leave upon his instructions.
4. Brenda J. Fulmer, BMHS Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
5. Ronald Russ, BMHS Teacher, **resignation for retirement**, effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
6. Mary Russ, WHS Teacher, **exiting DROP**, effective June 9, 2014 and payment for any unused sick leave.
7. Jennifer L. Anderson, CMHS Teacher, **resignation** effective March 14, 2014, and payment of any unused leave.
8. George L. Evans, Jr., District Bus Driver, **resignation** effective March 7, 2014, and payment of any unused leave.
9. Charlene D. Warren, BES Food Service Worker, **resignation** effective March 28, 2014, and payment of any unused leave.
10. Kelly Nguyen, CMHS Teacher, **resignation** effective June 9, 2014, and payment of any unused leave.
11. Phillip G. Buchyn, WHS Teacher, **resignation** effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.

12. Lisa Statham Posteraro, WES Teacher, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 30, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
13. Nancy Bowman, WES Teacher, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
14. Amanda Smith, District Office Receptionist, effective March 24, 2014, replacing Tanya Mercer.
15. Angela Jordan, District Secretary to Director of ESE/SS, effective April 1, 2014, replacing Susan Pasti.

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

1. Rebecca Childs, JBES Teacher, *extend leave* as approved July 16, 2013 to include the 2014-2015 SY.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Marcy Young, District Section 504 Coordinator, March 6 (pm) and 7, 2014, FL Communication Plan Training, St. Augustine, expenses paid from IDEA project #40230F2014.
2. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE / Student Services, April 8 – 12, 2014, National Counsel for Exceptional Students Conference, Philadelphia, Pa, expenses directly reimbursed from CASE, no cost to Board.
3. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS) paid by LATS project #40290F2014:
April 1(pm) - 3(pm), 2014, AT Work Group, New Smyrna Beach
April 7(pm) – 9(pm), 2014, R-LATS duties Flagler County - Palm Coast and Bunnell
April 29 – May 2(pm), 2014, R-LATS Work Group, St. Augustine
4. Robert B. Clemons, Finance Director, March 11(pm) and 12, 2014, Cost Report Workshop, Sarasota, expenses paid from project #17500.
5. Laura Storm, District ESE Teacher, March 6 (pm) and 7, 2014, FL Communication Plan Training, St. Augustine, expenses paid from IDEA project #40230F2014.
6. Jennifer Langston, CMHS Teacher, February 19 and 20, 2014, CMHS Girls State Basketball Playoffs Lakeland Center, sub only cost to Board.
7. Marcy Young, District Section 504 Coordinator, April 29 and 30, 2014, PreK ESE Contact Meeting, Orlando, expenses directly reimbursed from TATS (DOE), no cost to Board.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. Rebecca Mack, March 21 – 24, 2014, FBLA State Convention Orlando, chaperone Lori Gabel, 7 students 1 county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. Raquel Beauchamp, April 3 – 5, 2014, CMHS HOSA State Leadership Convention, Orlando, chaperone Mark Havelock, 13 students, 1 school bus, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
3. Dallas Locke, CMHS FFA Advisor, April 1 and 2, 2014, FFA State Officer Screening, Haines City, 1 student, private vehicle, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of February 2014
- b) Budget Amendments #8A and #8B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings distributed information regarding the "CareHere Health Center" and how well employees have responded to it. He said it is Legislative Week in Tallahassee and thanked all the Board Members who would be attending the FSBA "Day in the Legislature" conference on behalf of our schools and students. He reminded the Board it is Suwannee River Fair Week with many of our students having projects in the Fair. He said he has received a notice that the Dept. of Education has selected a new test to be administered to our students in the 2014-2015 school year replacing the FCAT. He said it is cheaper than the FCAT and was created by American Instructional Research "AIR" and has been field tested in Utah. He said he does have some concerns, especially that it will be administered next school year with little training for our teachers and administrators. He also said the new WMHS is in the Governor's, House and Senate Budgets so we are in good shape for it being funded. He invited the Board to visit the site of the new WMHS on April 2nd, stating that both the WMS and WHS faculties have been invited to tour the property on the Early Release Day. He said Board Architect Paul Stresing will have drawings of the new facility on display and light refreshments will be served.

Board Comments: Board Attorney David Delaney distributed information as a follow-up to question from the previous board meeting regarding the pledge of allegiance. Cameron Asbell asked if someone could do a follow-up presentation on the new fuel system and how it is working out. Superintendent Hastings said he plans on having that information for the Board during the summer, along with a report from the Maintenance Department. Rick Turner commented on student growth and how the DOE should be researching how to better measure it. Superintendent Hastings agreed, saying with FCAT, FCAT 2, the new test AIR and changing the cut scores, he does not believe we can have credibility in the results of standardized testing. Robert Philpot said he would like to see the District work on building up the leadership pool from within our own county.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board going into executive session and then on to CMHS for a visit.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert E. Philpot, Chairman