

Bronson, FL
May 24, 2022
Executive Session
8:15 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 10th day of May at 5:30 p.m. with Board Chairman Ashley Clemenzi, Brad Etheridge, Tammy Boyle, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Paige Brookins was absent.

Expulsion Recommendations: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the Director of Personnel, Marla Hiers had given testimony about the investigation; the following actions were taken by the Board:

Student 22-36: (parents, student, sister and school administrator were present). After discussion from the Board members, parents, student, sister and school administrator Jeffery Webb, Brad Etheridge moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student beginning in August 2022 for the 2022-2023 SY and 2023-2024 SY, without educational services, second by Tammy Boyle, motion passed.

Regular Session
9:30 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 24th day of May at 9:00 a.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 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: Tammy Boyle moved to approve the agenda, second by Brad Etheridge, 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.

Superintendent Christopher Cowart said in a statement, “The School Board of Levy County believes the safety and security of students is paramount. Any allegations that are brought to School or District Staff are fully investigated and this allegation has been thoroughly investigated by our Human Resources Department. It was found to no merit, and this false accusation is an unfair claim against two people with spotless professional records.”

Migrant Education Program: Lisa Custer with the Migrant Education Program showed a PowerPoint presentation about the program within Levy County. They assist students with student registration for college and transporting students when needed. For the 2021-2022 school year, they served 140 students in Levy County. They assist with backpacks, school supplies and community donated household goods such as clothing and shoes. They are a liaison with all schools and assist farmers with health fairs and COVID vaccines to workers. The main office is located in Gainesville, but Lisa Custer is located at the Cedar Key School.

MOU Increasing Instructional Stipend Rates: Kim Lake, Director of Finance, reviewed the MOU with the Board and explained the proposed increase in daily stipend rates. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the MOU, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Award of Bids – Petroleum: Brandon Eastman, Coordinator of Purchasing, said he only received one bid for Petroleum products, which was United Fuels. After discussion, Brad Etheridge moved to award the bid to United Fuels, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried. Paige Brookins abstained from voting.

Approval of Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 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 Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Tamara Lutz, WES Teacher, Third Grade, *move to* WES Teacher, Math Coach, *effective* August 2, 2022, *vacancy* and *change in funding*, as follows:

From: 1000E 5100 0120 0231 11030 100%
To: 4450E 6400 0130 0231 40500 F2022 100%

2. Shania Hunter, WMHS Custodian, *dismissal during probation period*, effective May 9, 2022, original hire date September 21, 2021.
3. Ronald Schofill, CMHS, ESE, *resignation*, effective May 31, 2022, original hire date November 12, 2019.
4. Ronald Schofill, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 5, 2022, *vacancy*, paid from Project #11020 60% and #40230 F2022 40%.
5. Tra'Mishalania Holmes JBES Teacher, First Grade, *effective* August 2, 2022, *vacancy*.
6. Paige Pfent, JBES Teacher, First Grade, *effective* August 2, 2022, *vacancy*.
7. Wayne Weatherford, CES Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *position change* to CES Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 5, 2022 and *change in funding*, as follows:

From: 1000E 5100 0150 0241 11030 100%
To: 4210E 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2022 100%
8. Amy Anderson, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, *position change* to CES Teacher Aide, Other Basic, *effective* August 5, 2022 and *change in funding*, as follows:

From: 4210E 5200 0150 0241 40230 F2022 100%
To: 1000E 5100 0150 0241 11030 100%
9. Christy Jones, CES Teacher, ESE, *transfer* to CMHS Teacher, ESE, *effective* August 2, 2022, *vacancy*.
10. Harriett (Renee) Lehman, District Executive Secretary, ESE/SS, *effective* May 23, 2022, paid from Project #11030 10% and #40230 F2022 90%, *vacancy*.
11. Gregory Days, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* May 10, 2022, paid from Project #40230 F2022, *vacancy*.

12. Garin Osteen, WES Teacher Aide, Elem., **transfer** to JBES Teacher Aide, **effective** May 4, 2022, and **change in funding**, as follows, **vacancy**:

From:	1000E 5100 0150 0231 11030	100%
To:	4210E 5200 0150 0092 40230 F2022	100%
13. Mary Ann Crossman, Transportation Bus Driver, **exiting DROP early**, effective June 30, 2022, original hire date August 15, 1995.
14. Hakeem Hasan, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective May 27, 2022, original hire date April 13, 2022.
15. **Request** approval of the **new** job description for the CTE Career Specialist **and** position, paid from Project #40314 F2022, ESSER II CTE Dual Enrollment.
16. Amy Webber, JBES Assistant Principal, **transfer** to CES Principal, **effective** June 1, 2022, **vacancy**.
17. Barbara Rivers, BES Teacher, First Grade, **effective** August 2, 2022, **vacancy**.
18. Kelly Scott, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **effective** May 16, 2022, paid from Project #40230, **vacancy**.
19. Emily Dean, CMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, **resignation**, effective May 27, 2022 and **payment** for unused leave, original hire date August 3, 2020.
20. Lindsay Henry, CES Assistant Principal, **resignation**, effective May 12, 2022, original hire date August 24, 2021.
21. Meridith Stone, JBES Teacher, ESE, **resignation**, effective May 31, 2022, **payment** for unused leave, original hire date August 12, 2013.
22. Benjamin G. Hawkins, WMHS Assistant Principal, **resignation**, effective June 3, 2022, **payment** for unused vacation leave and transfer sick leave to Bradford County, original hire date April 23, 2018.
23. Dawn Carboni, CES Teacher, ESE, effective August 2, 2022, **vacancy**.
24. Stephanie Parks, CMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, **internal transfer** to Teacher, Math Coach, **effective** August 2, 2022, and **change in funding**, as follows:

From:	1000E 5100 0120 0051 11030	100%
To:	4450E 6400 0130 0051 40500 F2022	100%
25. Laura McBride, YTS Teacher, Math, M/J **internal transfer** to Teacher, Math Coach, **effective** August 2, 2022, and **change in funding**, as follows:

From:	1000E 5100 0120 0111 11030	100%
To:	4450E 6400 0130 0111 40500 F2022	100%
26. Dulce Diaz, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, M/J, **resignation**, effective May 6, 2022, original hire date October 7, 2021.
27. Yisel Urbina Baez, CES Custodian, **effective** May 31, 2022, paid from Project #11030, **vacancy**.

28. Patricia Gardner, BES FNS Worker, *effective* August 4, 2022, paid from Project #41000, *vacancy*.
29. Russell Holley, BMHS Teacher, PE, M/J, *resignation*, effective May 31, 2022, and *payment* for unused leave. Original hire date August 5, 2019.
30. Cecilie Smith, WES Teacher, Combination, Elementary, *transfer* to District Office, Teacher, District-Wide Mentor, *effective* August 2, 2022, and *change in funding*, as follows:

From: 1000E 5100 0120 0231 11030 100%
To: 4450E 6300 0130 9001 40501 F2022 100%

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. ESE Pre-K SPP/APR Indicator 7 Outcome A Summer Conference, June 28-29, 2022, Orlando, FL., no cost to Board, direct pay by PAEC, for the following:
 - Rebecca Childs, Coordinator, Pre-K/ESE/SS
 - Angela Johannsen, District Pre-K ESE Itinerant Teacher
2. Gary Masters, Director of Transportation, Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT) Conference, June 26-30, 2022, travel paid from Project #17800.
3. 31st Annual School bus Technicians Summer Workshop, June 13-15, 2022, Daytona Beach, FL., travel paid from Project #17800, for the following Transportation employees:
 - David Fisher, Marcus Glover, and Jarrod Hauser.
4. Florida Organization for Instructional Leadership (FOIL) Conference, May 23-24, 2022, Lake Mary, FL., travel paid from Project #18320, for the following:
 - Jaime Handlin, Director of Curriculum
 - Melissa Lewis, Director of Accountability
5. Dr, Rosalind Hall, Director, ESE/SS, Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) and NEFEC ISRD Summer Leadership Institute, June 6-9, 2022, hotel paid by CASE and ISRD, other travel paid from Project #40230 F2023.
6. Melissa Lewis, Director of Accountability/Testing, NEFEC Progress Monitoring Professional Development, July 13-14, 2022, Ponte Vedra, FL., travel paid from Project #14890 NEFEC.
7. FLDOE BEST Math Professional Learning Event, paid from Project #40220F2022, as follows:

June 7-9, 2022, Tallahassee, FL.

Michelle Ruiz, Curtis Gaus, Jennifer Bray, Cindy Putnam Amanda Boggs, Jonathan Rambo, Kelly Gore, Cheryl Allen, Jennifer Filmon, Stephanie Parks, Josh Slemp, Sherry Lindsey, Dorenda Westfall, Laura McBride

June 21-23, 2022, Kissimmee, FL.

Michelle Ruiz, Salinda Wiggins, Crystal Pelt, Megan Snyder, Bonnie Warren, Emily Hancock, Rikki Richardson, Jennifer Thomas, Pricilla Fugate, Tamara Lutz, Kathy Lawrence, Kearston Andrews, Teresa Mauldin, Kim Bishop, Hillary Cribbs, Patricia Coleman, April Priddy, Kaitlyn Bannon

c) Student Trip Requests:

1. **(Board approved 5.10.22)** FFA State Convention and Expo, June 13-17, 2022, State Convention Center, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #15322 FLFBR and #14890 INTRN, for the following schools, ***amend*** to add the following schools:

BMHS: Chaperones Kelby Barber, Ty Barber, 12 students, two county vans.

2. Safety Patrol Students to the Annual Safety Patrol Trip, June 6-10, 2022, Washington D.C, travel paid from Project #14920 INTRN:

BES: Chaperones Crystal Pelt, Cheryl Beauchamp, Jordan Taylor, Matthew Falls, Bette Uliano, Teresa Hurley, Tara Tucker, Christina Williams, Shanno Dules, Patrea Holder, Sarah Jewsey, Sahntrell Ross, 26 students, charter bus.

CKS: Chaperones Kearston Andrews, Debra Andrews, Jennifer McCain, Michelle McCain, Kelly Owens, seven students, charter bus.

CES: Chaperones Lena Weatherford, James Allen, Jennifer Watkins, Tara Cannon, Madison Cannon, Kayla Infinger, Suellen Florance, Kaihle Rix, Kristen Welch, 12 students, charter bus.

WES: Chaperones Pricilla Fugate, Analise Curry, Ana Becerra Nayera, Leslie Trinidad, Trish Whitehurst, Jackson Whitehurst, Adam Hayes, DeeAnn Hayes, Scarlett McGowan, Cecily Gleason, Yovanka Ceballos Leblanc, Amanda Stegall, Timothy Lindbert, Gregory Pyle, Leona Geiger, Justin Geiger, Billy Davis, Katrina Davis, Kenneth Cash, Kimberly Cash, Kellie Scott, Carah Tucker, Jodi Micheletti, Luann Love, Michael Reza, Pricilla Hiers, Analise Curry, 28 students, charter bus.

d) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:

- i. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Clyatt House Learning Center, LLC, paid from Project #13762.
- ii. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Community Rehab Associates, Inc., to provide therapy services as needed, paid from Project #11022.
- iii. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Levy County Department of Health, Levy County Health Department for the following:
 - Teen Parent Program, paid from Project #13762
 - RN Services for BES/BMHS \$20,000, paid from Project #40230 F2023
 - Levy County School Health Services \$39,000, paid from Project #17010
- iv. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., for Mental Health Counselors, paid from Project #11023.
- v. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and ProCare Therapy, d/b/a New Direction Solutions, LLC., for Behavioral Specialists, paid from Project #11020.
- vi. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Special Communications, LLC, for SLP, OT and PTs, paid from Project #11022.

- vii. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Kim Carpenter Herring, Mental Health Counselor, paid from Project #11023.
- viii. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and James Michael Husted, Ed.S., NCSP, Psychologist, paid from Project #11021.
- ix. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Matthew P. Lane, Ed. S., Psychologist, paid from Project #11021.
- x. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Emily Butcher-Shepard to provide Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), paid from Project #11022.
- xi. 2022-2023 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Presence Learning to provide Virtual SLP Services, paid from Project #11022.

2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Information and Financial Statements for April, 2022.
- b. Budget Amendments #21-00027 17B and #21-00028 17A.
- c. ***Request*** approval to ***extend*** the following Annual Bids through the 2022-2023 fiscal year, at the same rates and conditions as originally bid:

Bid No. 20-01 Various Categories of Furniture and Equipment
 20-02 Liquid Propane
 21-01 Pest Control
 21-02 Motor Oil

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Christopher Cowart said the graduations for CMHS, CKS and BMHS went very well and WMHS graduation will be Friday night, May 27. He said he can't say "thank you" enough to all the teachers, leaders and staff in the classrooms for all they do to ensure students' success. He said the accusations against two school administrators were thoroughly investigated, found to be false and cleared. He said we must hold students accountable. Mr. Cowart thanked Benjamin Hawkins for his time with WMHS and Levy County and wished him well as he goes to Bradford County as the new Principal of a middle school. He said Amy Webber will be Principal at CES and Marlene Wiggins will be Principal at BES. He said we all must embrace change and he is happy to celebrate events for students.

Board Comments: Cameron Asbell said the BMHS graduation was great. He said he appreciates all the efforts that go into the investigations of staff. He said we have to keep students safe, but held accountable for their actions.

Tammy Boyle said CKS graduation, awards ceremonies, banquets were all great. She said "thank you" to everyone that attended the events. She said today's executive session was one of the toughest that we have had. She said the local news stations and media need to be held accountable for running reports on TV before the final meeting and outcome is determined. They already did damage before the expulsion meeting was even held.

Paige Brookins said the graduations were exciting. She said it is wonderful to see the happy parents and students celebrating; also, knowing the families and students. She said she is happy about Amy Webber being the new Principal at CES. She said today's expulsion case was very difficult. She thanked Superintendent Cowart for supporting wonderful people with false accusations against them.

Brad Etheridge said the TV news stations should be ashamed of themselves. He said the WMHS graduation will be Friday night and everyone is excited for the celebration. He said he is glad it is the end of the school year.

Ashley Clemenzi said this has been a week of consequences and she is very disappointed with TV 20. She said the facts are abundantly clear that they are false and she is proud to be part of the Levy County School Board.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Ashley Clemenzi, Board Chairman