

Bronson, FL
November 28, 2017
9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 28th day of November, 2017 at 8:40 a.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, and Board Attorney David Delaney, present.

Expulsion Hearings: The Board heard information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator Jim Smith had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 18-04 (guardian and student were present): After discussion from the Board Members, Brad Etheridge moved with second by Rick Turner to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2017-2018 SY and 2018-2019 SY, without educational services. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

9:00 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 28th day of November, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Board Re-Organization: Superintendent Jeffery R. Edison presided during the re-organization of the Board.

Appointment of Chairman: Superintendent Edison called for nominations for Board Chairman. Rick Turner nominated Cameron Asbell. Brad Etheridge moved for nominations to cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Cameron Asbell as Board Chairman. Cameron Asbell thanked Mr. Cowart for doing a great job as the previous Board Chairman with all Board Members agreeing.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman: Superintendent Edison called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairman. Paige Brookins nominated Brad Etheridge. Rick Turner moved for nominations to cease. The Superintendent called for the vote with the Board unanimously voting for Brad Etheridge as Vice-Chair.

Regular Meeting Dates: Motion by Paige Brookins, to set the regular meeting dates of the School Board of Levy County for the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Tuesdays of the month, with the times remaining the same – the first Board Meeting of the month at 6:00 p.m., and the second Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the Administrative Offices, Bronson, Florida, second by Cameron Asbell. The Superintendent called for the vote, motion carried.

Cameron Asbell then assumed the Chairman position and presided during the remainder of the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: Chris Cowart moved to approve the agenda, second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience who would like to address the Board. There were none.

Charter School Audits 2016-2017: Kim Lake reviewed the 2016-2017 audits for the Whispering Winds Charter School Project and Nature Coast Charter School with the Board. She highlighted the going concern in the Auditors report for Whispering Winds.

Recommendations for Contractor Services, CKS Gym HVAC: John Lott informed the Board we received one RFP for the contractor services for the HVAC for the CKS. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve Ausley Construction for construction services of the CKS HVAC, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Florida Safe Schools Assessment Report (FSSAT): John Lott shared the report with the Board and said plans and procedures are in place to ensure all facilities are safe for employees, students, playgrounds, gyms, and any surrounding buildings. Mr. Lott said they plan to enhance perimeter fencing for all campuses to improve safety. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the FSSAT Report, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Request for Public Hearing to Adopt/Amend the Following School Board Policy:

7.01 – School Budget System: John Lott reminded the Board that this is the meeting advertised to adopt/amend the School Board Policy. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve School Board Policy 7.01 – School Budget System, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled until the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Lindsey Holt, TSA, SLP (Speech, Language, Pathology), *resignation*, effective November 10, 2017, original hire date August 26, 2015.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Catherine Sturgill, WMHS Teacher, Soc. Studies, S/H, Board of Governors' Meeting for the National Junior Classical League, January 12-15, 2018, Atlanta, GA., all travel paid by The American Classical League, no cost to Board.
2. Mid-Winter Florida Association of Agriculture Educators, (FAAE) Conference, January 4-7, 2018, Haines City, travel expenses paid from Project #15322, for the following Voc. Agricultural Teachers:

WMHS: John C. Wilder, Teacher, Shelby Rodgers and Natalie Couey

3. Kimberley Beth McLean, District Teacher, Visually Impaired (VI), Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) Conference, January 31-February 3, 2018, hotel and travel paid by ATIA, meals only travel expense paid from Project #40230 F2018.
4. Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) Baseball Clinic, November 30 – December 1, 2017, Daytona Beach, FL., all travel expenses paid from Internal Funds, subs only cost to Board paid from Project #11038, for the following:

CMHS: George J. Wasson, Teacher, Math M/J
Brent Slaughter, Teacher, Math, M/J
Kyle Parnell, Teacher, PE, M/J

5. Charles Watson, WES Lab Manager, Future of Education Technology (FETC) Conference, January 25-26, 2018, Orlando, FL., employee paying for all travel expenses, no cost to Board.

6. John R. Lott, Jr., District Assistant Superintendent, North Florida Blended and On-Line Learning Day, December 6-7, 2017, Tallahassee, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #18320.

c) Personal Leave Requests (in Excess of 6 days):

1. Stephanie Anderson, BES Teacher, 1st Grade, November 2-17, 2017.

d) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Originally Board Approved 11/14/2017)** - Amy Boyd, District Transportation, Bus Driver, November 7-17, 2017, *amend* ending date through December 13, 2017.
2. **(Originally Board Approved 10/24/2017)** - Angela Sprawling, CMHS Teacher Aide, October 13, 2017 through November 3, 2017, *amend* ending date through December 1, 2017.
3. Meredee Plunkett, District Occupational Therapist (OT), November 10, 2017 through December 15, 2017.

e) Illness-in-Line-of-Duty Requests:

1. Christy Jones, CES Teacher, ESE, November 14, 2017, 4 hours.
2. Carlton Wilcox, JBES Custodian, November 17, 2017.
3. George Douglas, District Maintenance, November 17-20, 2017.

f) Student Trip Requests:

1. WMHS FFA, FFA on the Hill, January 29-30, 2018, Chaperone John C. Wilder, six (6) students, county van, travel expenses paid from Internal Account, no cost to Board.

g) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and / or Agreements:
 - i. 2017-2018 Agreement with Clyatt House Learning Center, LLC., for daycare services. (Attachment)

2. FINANCE:

1. Budget Amendment 8-B #17-00010.

Board Comments: Chris Cowart thanked the Board for supporting the cake and pie auctions and FFA. Paige Brookins thanked Chris Cowart for doing a good job as Chairman of the Board. She said she's looking forward to the meeting in Tallahassee. Brad Etheridge said the Master Board Training was very good and he enjoys being a Board Member in Levy County. Chairman Cameron Asbell informed everyone about the Bronson Distinguished Alumni Ceremony at BMHS on December 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell adjourned from the regular Board Meeting to meet for the Levy County Facilities Finance Authority, Inc. – Appointment of Officers.

Levy County Facilities Finance Authority, Inc. – Appointment of Officers (President): Chairman Cameron Asbell passed the gavel to the Superintendent. Superintendent Edison called for nominations for President of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc., for the 2017-2018 SY. Rick Turner nominated Cameron Asbell as President. After no other nominations, the Superintendent called for nominations to cease. The Board voted unanimously to elect Board Chairman Cameron Asbell as President of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc.

Continued: Appointment of Officers (Secretary): Superintendent Edison passed the gavel to Chairman Cameron Asbell. Chairman Asbell called for nominations for Secretary of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc., for the 2017-2018 SY. Chris Cowart nominated Superintendent Jeffery R. Edison as Secretary. After no other nominations, the Chairman called for nominations to cease. The Board voted unanimously to elect Superintendent Edison as Secretary of the Levy County Finance Authority, Inc.

Adjournment: After elections, Chairman Asbell adjourned the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board going into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman