

Bronson, Florida
December 2, 2008
6:15 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 2nd day of December, 2008, with Chairman Paige Brookins, Frank Etheridge, Beth Davis, Rick Turner, and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present. Board Member Billy Morrison was absent.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board met in Executive Session to receive information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After testimony was given by the Principal and/or Designee and parents, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 09-07** (student, legal guardian, guardian ad litem, and DCF Representative present): Motion by Rick Turner, seconded by Beth Davis, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 09-08** (student and parent absent): Due to incorrect information in the parent / guardian notification letter regarding the time of the hearing, recommendation was made by the Superintendent to continue the expulsion hearing until the December 16, 2008 meeting and to temporarily place student at the Hilltop Alternative School until then. Motion made by Beth Davis, seconded by Rick Turner, to approve the recommendation by the Superintendent and to include in the parent notification letter that the student and parent/guardian must be present for alternative placement at Hilltop School to be considered by the Board. Motion carried.
- 3) **Student 09-06** (student and parent absent): At the request of the parent due to student being incarcerated and unable to attend meeting, recommendation was made by the Superintendent to continue the expulsion hearing until the December 16, 2008 meeting. Motion made by Beth Davis, seconded by Paige Brookins, to approve the recommendation by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

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

Minutes: Motion by Beth Davis, seconded by Rick Turner, to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

District Report: Carol Jones recognized the “Red Ribbon” Winners from each school. Mr. Hastings presented each one with a trophy for their accomplishment.

Sergeant Raymond Douyard, W.H.S. ROTC advisor, recognized members of the District Maintenance crew who helped prepare the classroom where his students meet, presenting plaques to Jody Wilkerson, Larry Martin, James Neal and Ronnie Wood. He thanked them for their continued support throughout the year.

Administrative & Support Services: Jeff Davis reported that both the C.E.S. and J.B.E.S. projects were well underway and ahead of schedule.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Rick Turner, seconded by Beth Davis, to approve the following

items on the consent agenda, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent.
Motion carried.

1) GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Resignations:

1. Terry Y. Perry, W.M.S. ESE Teacher, *EXTEND DROP* through June 8, 2009.
2. Sammie L. White, W.E.S. Head Custodian, *EXIT DROP* December 31, 2008, and payment for any unused leave.
3. Kathy Q. Ward, C.H.S. Media Clerk, for retirement, effective December 31, 2008, and payment for any unused leave.
4. Maurice Mitchell, B.H.S. ISS Aide, effective November 24, 2008, and payment for any unused leave.

b) Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty Leave Requests:

1. Vickie Hicks, C.E.S. Teacher, November 13, (3.5 hours), November 18 – December 3 (7.5 hours per day) and December 4 (4.0), 2008.
2. Margaret Mills, Y.T.S. Cafeteria Worker, November 19, 2008 (7.5 hours).
3. Kelly Bass, W.M.S. Teacher, December 4, 2008 (30 minutes).

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Myrna Feliciano, B.E.S. Cafeteria Worker, November 17 – December 19, 2008, 7.0 hours per day.
2. Jeremy Ahlgren, W.H.S. Teacher, January 13 – April 9, 2009.
3. Barbara Hoyt, W.E.S. Teacher, January 14 – April 9, 2009.
4. Aimee Watkins, W.E.S. Teacher, January 6 – February 27, 2009.

d) Personal Leave in Excess of (6) Days:

1. Jeremy Ahlgren, W.H.S. Teacher, April 10 – June 8, 2009.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist, December 9 – 12, 2008, RLATS Training, Palatka, FL (9-11) and Lake City (12), paid from LATS Project #492902.

2. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist, December 2 and 3, 2008, RLATS duties, Palm Coast, FL paid from LATS Project #492902.
3. Justina Wilkerson, W.H.S. Guidance Counselor, January 12 – 16, 2009, Dept. of Ed. Drop-Out Prevention Conference, Clearwater, FL, registration paid from project #1906 and hotel, travel, meals paid from SEDNET Project #149005.
4. Florida Education Technology Conference, January 21 – 24, 2009, Orlando, FL, paid from project #1906: Lisa Baxter, Charlotte Andrews and Sherry Beauchamp, CES Teachers.
5. John C. Wilder, W.H.S. Ag Teacher, Oct. 9-12, 2008, Attend ACTE Conf., Daytona Beach, FL **and** Dec. 2-6, 2008, Attend NAAE Convention, Charlotte, NC (hotel and registration and airfare to NC paid by FACTE; other expenses paid from project 15300): **AMEND to add** December 1, 2008.
6. Sandra Roberts, C.E.S. Teacher, November 5(pm) – 7, 2008, Language Reading Connection Conference, Tallahassee, FL, paid from project #492302.
7. Cheryl Beauchamp, B.E.S. Principal, December 3 (pm) – 5, 2008, Principal's PROMISE Project (New Math and Science Standards), Tallahassee, FL, no cost to Board.

f) Instructional Services

1. Coaching Endorsement to be included in the Master In-Service Plan, previously Board approved on September 2, 2008.
2. Agreement #733-09-002 with NEFEC to provide professional development to implement requirements of Differentiated Accountability Correct I and Correct II as required by State Guidance Differentiated Accountability Model for schools not making Adequate Yearly Progress, paid from Title I/School Improvement 1003(g) funds, project #492404.

g) Administrative / Support Services

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:
 - a. Interlocal Agreement between Levy County, Gilchrist County, the Levy County School Board, and the City of Fanning Springs to establish a uniform procedure for collecting and disbursing of Educational System Impact Fees.

h) Recommendations

1. Payment of Supplements to the following personnel for supplemental activities

during the 2008-2009 school year.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENT</u>	<u>SP#</u>	Date
CMS	Margaret Gardner	3 yr. Degree Instructional ESP	220 (delete)	11/14/08
WES	Carol Glass	Reading Endorsement	411 (add)	11/17/08
WHS	James A. Baker, Jr.	Athletic Director	130 (delete)	11/01/08
	James A. Baker, Jr.	Athletic Dir. (1/2)	130 (add)	11/02/08
	Dietrich Stewart	Athletic Dir. (1/2)	130 (add)	11/02/08
	Kimberly Nivala	JV Girls Basketball	162 (add)	08/11/08
	Clifton Harrell	Asst. Varsity Football	291 (add)	08/11/08

2. Cancellation of the January 6, 2009 Board Meeting due to schools and county offices being closed for Christmas Break from December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009 and permission to advertise cancellation in local newspapers.

2) FINANCE:

- a) Budget Amendments #5-A and #5-B
- b) Amendment of Instructional and ESP Salary Schedules to allow payment to the following personnel for:

Provide Hospital/Homebound instruction (1-5 hours per week per student as needed) during the 2008-2009 school year, effective August 18, 2008, paid hourly rate of pay, plus travel, from projects 1102 and 1103: Marcia Baughn and Freida C. Strickland

W.M.S. After School 21st Century Program, paid hourly rate of pay up to 10 hours per week during the 2008-2009 School Year, from project #492903, **amend to add:** Kathryn West

Facilitate the **B.E.S. Family Literacy Night** during the 2008-2009 School Year, paid hourly rate of pay not to exceed 18 hours each, paid from SAI funds Project #1103741: Margaret Perryman and Hang Thanh Nguyen

- b) Authorization to remove Sabrina Brookins and Clifton V. Norris as signers on the School Board of Levy County account at Perkins State Bank and that Robert O. Hastings, Superintendent and G. Frank Etheridge, Board Chairman, will be added as signers, that there will be two signatures required and also that facsimiles will be used by both. This action is retroactive to the November 18, 2008 Board Meeting / Swearing-In Ceremony.

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations Mr. Hastings informed the Board that the budget crisis was becoming a large concern, calling on Bob Clemons to expound on the current condition. Mr. Clemons presented a power point which included graphs that charted the shrinking fund balance

anticipated by the budget shortfall from the State. He said in the current financial climate, it would be harder to borrow money than it has been in the past, and recommended cutting 50 employees at the end of this school year to be able to open the new school year with a fund balance that could meet payroll and expense obligations. Mr. Hastings agreed, saying he would form a committee to review avenues for cutting expenses, but emphasized the focus would remain on how to do so without adversely affecting classrooms and student performance.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Frank Etheridge, Chairman