

Bronson, Florida
February 17, 2009
8:45 a.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 17th day of February, 2009, with Chairman Frank Etheridge, Beth Davis, Paige Brookins, and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present. Board Member Rick Turner arrived late from the Value Adjustment Board meeting.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board met in Executive Session to re-hear testimony from student and the guardian, and receive testimony from the Assistant Principal and the Administrative Assistant as to the student's statement on the day of the incident regarding recommendation for expulsion. After testimony was given, the following action was taken by the Board.

Student 09-15 (student and parent/guardian, grandmother and brother present): A motion was made by Paige Brookins, seconded by Beth Davis, to accept 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 in Hilltop Alternative School, pending a negative drug test result. While enrolled at Hilltop Alternative School, student must test negatively for drugs every 30 days at his own expense, or enrollment will be terminated. 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 February 3, 2009, meeting with corrections as noted by Paige Brookins. Motion carried.

Proposal for Whiddon Avenue, Cedar Key: Superintendent Hastings introduced Greg Lang, Consultant for the City of Cedar Key, and Virgil Sandlin, Cedar Key Chief of Police. Mr. Lang presented information regarding the renovation of Whiddon Avenue due to water main reconstruction by the city. The proposal included 2 different versions of change – Alternative A and Alternative B, describing how each would impact Cedar Key School. Mr. Lang told the Board there would be no action required by them today, the presentation being informational only. (see supplemental minutes)

Public Hearing – School Board Policies: Jeff Edison reviewed with the Board the proposed School Board Policy changes to 1.01 “District Mission Statement”; 2.09 “School Improvement and Educational Accountability”; 5.11 “Expulsion of Students”; 5.38 “Bullying and Harassment”; 6.07 “Contracts: Instruction and Administrative Personnel”; 6.23 “Personal and Family Medical Leave”; 7.23 “Anti-Fraud”; 9.11 “Transporting Students in Private Vehicles for Educational Field Trips or School-Sponsored or School-Related Events”. After discussion and public input, a motion was made by Rick Turner, seconded by Beth Davis, to approve the changes as proposed, with the following exceptions.

1. Revise Policy 1.01 “District Mission Statement” to read as follows: “The School District of Levy County is committed to providing meaningful educational opportunities for all students that empower them to develop to their fullest potential in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning”.
2. Pull policy 6.07 “Contracts: Instruction and Administrative Personnel” for further revision, with changes presented at the March 3, 2009 Board Meeting for approval.

Motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Consent Agenda: Motion by Beth Davis, seconded by Rick Turner, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1) GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Illness in Line of Duty Requests:

1. Carmela Sementelli, C.M.S. Teacher Aide, February 18, 2009 (4.5 hours).
2. Kathryn Will, Bus Driver and C.K.S. ESE Aide, February 6 (Bus 3.62 hours / Aide 6.0 hours) February 9-12 (bus 7.25 / Aide 6.0 hours per day), 2009.
3. Cheryl Moore, Bus Driver, January 30, February 2 – 6, and February 9 – 12, 2009, 6.75 hours per day.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist, for the following, paid from LATS project #492902, no cost to Board:

February 27 and 28, 2009	Weekend with the Experts for OT / PT Orlando, Florida
March 3 – 5, 2009	R-LATS duties for Flagler and Bradford Counties East Palatka, Palm Coast and Starke, Florida
March 10(pm) and 11, 2009	International Pediatric Seating Symposium Orlando, Florida
2. NIKE Football Coach’s Clinic, February 27 – March 1, 2009, Orlando, sub only cost to Board: Derek Chipoletti and Dietrick Stewart.
3. Raymond Douyard, W.H.S. Teacher, March 6 and 7, 2009, Judge JROTC Drill Meet, Lakeland, FL, no cost to Board.

c) 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>	<u>Date</u>
CKS	Mark S. Jackson	HS Softball	460 (delete)	02/01/09
	James R. Lawrence	HS Softball	460 (add)	02/02/09
CES	Robin Drummond	Curriculum Facilitator	215 (delete)	02/13/09
	Jamie Leier	Curriculum Facilitator	215 (add)	02/16/09

2. BHS students Lesly Urbina and Arelys Santiago, student tutor/teacher assistants through the Levy County English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, up to 6 hours each per week, effective February 20 thru June 1, 2009, paid from project #492907. Students will work on school campuses as needed with elementary school English language learners.
 3. Carol Wilson, C.M.S. Food Service Worker, 3.0 hours per day, *terminate* effective February 6, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.
 4. Establish OPS (Other Personnel Services) position for the purpose of hiring persons on a temporary basis for a specific purpose and for a limited time period. (see supplemental minutes)
- d) Family Medical Leave Requests:
1. Cheryl Moore, Bus Driver, February 13 – 17, 2009, 6.75 hours per day, to run concurrent with Worker's Comp. Leave, per contract.
 2. Myrna Feliciano, B.E.S. Food Service Worker, February 6 – 24, 2009, 7.0 hour per day.
- e) Student Trip Requests:
1. C.E.S. ELP Field Trip, February 27, 2009, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, FL, paid from ELP Internal Fund and Target® Field Trip Grant, no cost to Board: Caryn Ruano, chaperones Kari Wasson, Bertha Allen, Deborah Hudson, Rebecca Pitts and Shirley Miller, 41 students, commercial carrier – Charter Bus.
 2. Chris Wilder and Robert Philpot, W.H.S. FFA Advisors, February 19 (pm) and 20, 2009, Livestock Judging Competition, Chipley, FL, 7 students, 2 private vehicles, advisors' expenses paid from project #15300, all other expense internal account.
 3. Cheryl Morrison, W.H.S. 3-D Steppers Advisor, February 27, 2009, Step Team Competition, Dunedin High School, Dunedin, FL, 4 students, 1 private vehicle, all expense paid internal account, no cost to Board.

2) FINANCE:

- a) Budget Amendments #9-A and #9-B (available at meeting)
- b) Financial Report as of January 31, 2009 (available at meeting)
- c) Amendment of Instructional and ESP Salary Schedules to allow payment to the following personnel for:

B.E.S. After School Remediation Program, beginning February 18 through April 8, 2009, personnel paid hourly rate of pay from Title I Funds project #492401:

NOT TO EXCEED 17 HOURS TOTAL EACH:

Rhonda Stephenson	Michelle Knapp
Julie Nguyen	Margaret Perryman
Dave Wells	Carolyn Lewis
Caryl Carlisle	Amy Langoworthy (sub)

TRANSPORTATION: (1 bus) round trip of 50 miles twice a week

W.E.S. Before and After School Tutoring Program, through March 5, 2009, paid hourly rate of pay up to 2 hours each per week from Title I Funds project #492401:

Carol Glass	Nancy Priest	Steve Van Awienen	Hillary Cribbs
Dolors Gaitanis	Kathy Brewington	Tina Roberts	Marilyn Waters
Nancy Bowman	Ana Armbrister	Lita Halchak	Leanne Kriser
Barbara Rivers	Sherry Scott	Teresa Dixon	Joelene Vining
Tara Washburn	Mrs. Ana Armbrister		

Y.T.S. After School Tutoring, beginning February 24, 2009, paid hourly rate of pay up to 2 hours per week, from Title I Funds project #492401: Melody Carson

d) **Change Orders to MM Parrish Contract for JBES & CES Construction Projects:**

Change Order #1 – Joyce Bullock Elementary School, in the amount of \$380,335.54, to reduce the GMP from \$1,792,770.00 to \$1,412,434.46, for Direct Purchase PO's (per direct purchase summary).

Change Order #1 – Chiefland Elementary School, in the amount of \$394,168.80, to reduce the GMP from \$1,794,900.00 to \$1,400,731.20, for Direct Purchase PO's (per direct purchase summary).

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations Mr. Hastings thanked the Board and the School Board staff for the hard work on the Superintendent's Gala. He said the success of the GALA indicates the importance the communities of Levy County place on education.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned and visited Bronson High School.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Frank Etheridge, Chairman