

**Bronson, Florida**  
**March 17, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009, with Chairman Frank Etheridge, Beth Davis, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

**Swearing in Ceremony:** New Board Member Cameron Asbell was sworn into office by Judge Joseph Smith, replacing Billy Morrison. Mr. Asbell will serve in his capacity for the rest of the term that ends November 15, 2010.

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

**Minutes:** Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Beth Davis, to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

**District Report**

**2009-2010 Official School Calendar:** Candy Dean presented the final voting results for the two Calendar choices that were created by the Calendar Committee for the 2009-2010 Official School Calendar, with Calendar A receiving 179 votes and Calendar B receiving 438 votes from employees district wide. Questions were raised by the Board about Calendar B, concerning mid-term exams being scheduled AFTER the Christmas Break and the Cedar Key Festival Day being deleted from the Calendar. A group of students from WHS Student Government attended the meeting and presented a written statement opposing Calendar B due to issues with mid-term exam scheduling. A motion was made by Paige Brookins, seconded by Beth Davis, to reconvene the Calendar Committee, allowing time for the committee to consider the issues presented by the Student Government, to re-consider adding the Cedar Key Festival Day to the calendar, and also allow the Board time to poll classroom teachers to gather input from them concerning Calendar A versus Calendar B in regard to mid-term exams before making a final decision at the April 7, 2009 Board Meeting. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Cameron Asbell casting a “no” vote because he thought the results would be the same, if the teachers voted again.

**WHS FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team Demonstration:** Carol Jones introduced the Sr. FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team from Williston High School which included Lott Bullock, Tyler Brooks, Arielle Claude, Kendra Claude and Victoria Sandlin. The Team actually demonstrated a mock meeting where they planned their annual FFA Banquet, using Robert’s Rules of Order. Mr. Hastings commended Mr. Philpot for his leadership and the team on a very well organized presentation, demonstrating how to efficiently make decisions and conduct business meetings in an orderly fashion. The Team will compete at the FFA State Convention in June.

**Administrative / Support Services** Bob Clemons requested permission to advertise a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Amended Notice of Tax for School Capital Outlay, funds to be used to purchase, lease-purchase or lease enterprise resource software. A motion was made by Rick Turner, seconded by Paige Brookins to approve the ad and public hearing, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

**Grievance Hearing:** In accordance with Step 3 of the grievance process, the Board heard arguments presented by Cindy Roach and George Bowen for the Levy County Education Association, Cheryl Beauchamp for the School Board of Levy County, and rebuttal by Ms. Roach. After discussion, Rick Turner moved to deny the grievance, and after a second by Beth Davis, the Board unanimously determined that grade level, Continuous Improvement Model (CIM) meetings held every Thursday at Bronson Elementary School are appropriate during teacher planning period, stating it is a time where teachers can plan collaboratively, an integral part of CIM.

**Item withdrawn from Agenda / Consent Agenda:** The Articulation Agreement with Central Florida Community College was withdrawn from the Agenda/Consent Agenda ( *g Instructional Services, item 1.*) pending document revisions.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Cameron Asbell, 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. Lori Prevatt, CES Guidance Counselor, effective June 8, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.

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

1. Mary Warner, C.E.S. Teacher, February 26 (1.0 hour) and 27 (7.5 hours), 2009.
2. Kristi Layton, C.E.S. Teacher, February 26 (2.0 hours) and 27 (7.5 hours), 2009.
3. Evelyn Cannon, C.K.S. Custodian, March 2 (8.0 hours), 2009.

**c) Family Medical Leave Requests:**

1. Kimberly Bishop, CES Teacher, May 8 – June 8, 2009.

**d) Military Leave Request:**

1. Cassandra Shepherd, C.M.S. Teacher, Weekend Battle Assembly, Department of the Army, March 6-8, 2009, Joseph W. Stilwell Sr. U.S. Army Reserve Center, Palatka, Florida.

**e) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Department of Education Federal Grants Technical Assistance Conference, April 28-30, 2009, Daytona Beach, FL, paid from District Title I project #4924012: Linda Durrance, Nancy Thornqvist and Anna G. Mikell
2. Freida Strickland, BES Teacher, April 21 and 22, 2009, Science Standard Setting Committee for Florida Alternative Assessment, Tampa, FL, paid by state's contractor – Measured Progress, no cost to Board.

**f) Student Trip Request:**

1. BMHS Athletics to Busch Gardens – Tampa, FL, March 27, 2009, chaperones Sherrie Schuler, Stacy Drummond, Phillip Knight, Gloria Petty, and Aaron Haldeman, 45 students, commercial carrier - BUS, all expenses charged internal account (Volleyball-Basketball-Cheerleading) Teacher Workday, no subs or any other cost to Board.
2. W.H.S. High Tech Class to FSU High Magnetics Field Lab / MOAS, February 21, 2009, chaperones Stephanie Schropp (High School / High Tech Coordinator) and Justina Wilkerson, 14 students, COMMERCIAL CARRIER - BUS, all expenses paid through HSHT Grant Center for Independent Living – no cost to Board.
3. W.H.S. FFA to “Ag on the Hill”, March 24 and 25, 2009, Advisors Chris Wilder and Amie Imler, 4 students, 1 county van, advisor's expenses charged to project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.
4. CMS and BMS Students to North East Florida Educational Consortium's Teen Summit, Elk's Youth Camp, Umatilla, FL, April 27 – 29, 2009, Chaperones Deputy Donna Roe (BMHS) and Carmela Semenetelli (CMS), 16 students, 1 regular school bus, paid by Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant project #13108 and NEFEC reimbursement.

**g) Instructional Services:**

1. Approval of the 2009-2010 Articulation Agreement between Levy County School Board and Central Florida Community College.

**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 SP#</u>	<u>Date</u>
BES	Rhonda Stephenson	ESOL Endorse. 241 (add)	02/24/09

**2) FINANCE:**

- a) Budget Amendments #11-A and #11-B (see supplemental minutes)
- b) Financial Statement as of February 28, 2009 (see supplemental minutes)

**Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations** Superintendent Hastings welcomed Cameron Asbell to the Board and thanked all Board Members for serving during this exceptionally hard financial times facing our district.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Frank Etheridge, Chairman