

Bronson, Florida
April 7, 2009
5:45 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 7th day of April, with Chairman Frank Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Beth Davis, Rick Turner, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

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

- 1) **Student 09-24** – (student and parent present): Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Rick Turner, 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, the student pay 50% restitution of the amount of merchandise taken from the school, which is \$750.00, and then be allowed to attend Hilltop Alternative, upon completion of the restitution payment. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 09-23** – (student and parent/guardian present): Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Cameron Asbell, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to allow the 10 days OSS be sufficient and required the student to write letters of apology to Chiefland Middle School and the Board. After discussion, Rick Turner said he was concerned with the Superintendent's recommendation and voted no to the recommendation. The Board voted 4-1. Motion carried.
- 3) **Student 09-22** – (student and parent/guardian present) – Motion by Rick Turner, seconded by Paige Brookins, 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, be allowed to attend Hilltop Alternative. Motion carried.
- 4) **Student 09-21** – (student and parent/guardian absent) – Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Cameron Asbell, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student permanently from Levy County schools. Motion carried.
- 5) **Student 09-20** – (student and parent/guardian present) – Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Cameron Asbell, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, and be allowed to attend Hilltop Alternative. Paige Brookins recommended that after the student completes the first semester of 2009-2010 at Hilltop, that he be allowed to appear before the Board to apply for re-entry into Chiefland Middle School. Motion carried.
- 6) **Student 09-19** – (student and parent/guardian absent) – Motion by Beth Davis, seconded by Rick Turner to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student completely from Levy County Schools. Motion carried.

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 17, 2009 meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Presentation – Goethe State Forest: Bobby Cahal of Goethe State Forest presented a check to the Superintendent in the amount of \$75,909.86, representing the School Board's portion of a recent timber sell by the State.

Public Hearing – Amended Use of Property Tax for Capital Outlay: Motion by Rick Turner, seconded by Paige Brookins, to approve the amended use of property tax for school capital outlay to purchase software applications that are classified as capital assets in accordance with definitions of the

Governmental Accounting Standards Board, have a useful life of at least 5 years, and are used to support district-wide administration or state-mandated reporting requirements. Motion carried.

District Report

Recognition of SBLC 2009 District Spelling Bee Champion: Linda Durrance presented a plaque to Ricky Roe, Levy County District Spelling Bee Winner.

New Construction Projects Update: Ted Alexander gave an update and PowerPoint presentation of the construction projects at JBES and CES. He said the buildings are nearing completion and construction will continue during Spring Break, with the anticipated completion date for JBES of June 1, 2009 and CES, the end of June, 2009.

Calendar Committee Report: Candy Dean presented the changes recommended by the Calendar Committee for the 2009-2010 Official School Calendar and proposed approving Calendar B, with changes. She said the changes will allow exams to be given prior to Christmas Break, and the exam days will not be Early Release days, except for the final day. She said in order to accomplish the exam schedule in Calendar B, School Board Policy 4.05 and the Comprehensive Student Progression Plan (CSPP) need to be revised. Cedar Key Festival Day was discussed. Paige Brookins recommended revising School Board Policy 4.05 during the summer when the revisions are made for the 2009-2010 school year. Paige Brookins and the Board thanked everyone on the Calendar Committee, students and employees for their diligent work on the calendar. After discussion about the flexibility in the exam schedule, a motion was made by Paige Brookins, seconded by Beth Davis to approve Calendar B, with changes. Motion carried.

Non-Agenda Item - Teachers Exiting Extended Drop: Representatives from the Levy County Education Association, Teachers, students and the general public asked to address the Board in regard to long-time teachers exiting the Extended Drop Program. The Board allowed all interested parties to speak, with no action being taken.

Item withdrawn from Agenda / Consent Agenda: The Governmental Accounting Standards Board 45 Agreement (GASB 45) was withdrawn from the Agenda/Consent Agenda, **2) FINANCE**, (*item c.*), pending contract language clarification.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Beth Davis, seconded by Paige Brookins, 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. Nancy Thornqvist, District TSA, Title I, effective April 30, 2009 and payment for any unused leave.
2. Edward Beaulieu, B.E.S. Custodian, for retirement, effective June 9, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.
3. Patricia Jett, C.K.S. Media Specialist, effective June 8, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.

4. Patricia Lawrence, C.K.S. Teacher, effective June 8, 2009.
5. Earl Rogers, C.E.S. Custodian, for retirement, effective July 30, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.
6. Roxanne Stone, J.B.E.S. Teacher, effective June 8, 2009.
7. Jeremy Ahlgren, W.H.S. Teacher, effective June 8, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.
8. Sue Wilson, B.E.S. Teacher, exiting EXTENDED DROP, effective June 8, 2009.
9. Gary Clark, B.H.S. Guidance Counselor, exiting EXTENDED DROP, effective June 24, 2009.
10. Emily Lockwood, B.E.S. Teacher, effective June 8, 2009.
11. Marcia Baughn, District Hospital/Homebound Teacher, for participation in the DROP Program, beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2014.
12. Christie Reed, C.E.S. Teacher Aide, effective June 5, 2009 and payment for any unused leave.
13. Donald Stewart, C.H.S. Teacher, exiting EXTENDED DROP, effective June 8, 2009.
14. Charmaine A. Trudel-Whitman, C.K.S. Teacher, for retirement, effective June 8, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.
15. Robert E. Philpot, W.H.S. Ag Teacher, exiting EXTENDED DROP, effective June 30, 2009.
16. Erica J. Kramer, J.B.E.S Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 8, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.

b) Illness in Line of Duty Requests:

1. Kathryn Will, C.K.S. ESE Aide position, March 17 (6.0 hours), 2009.
2. Evelyn Cannon, C.K.S. Custodian, March 16 (4.0 hrs.), 18 (3.0 hrs.), 23 (8.0 hrs.) and 25 (3.0 hrs.), 2009.
3. Shirley Goins, Bus Driver position, March 19 (2.75 hrs.) through April 3, 2009 (5.50 hrs. per day) and April 6 (2.75 hrs.), 2009.
4. Carmela Sementelli, C.M.S. Teacher Aide, March 26 (4.5 hrs), 2009.
5. Kristine Nichols, C.E.S. Custodian, March 19 and 20, 2009 (8.0 hrs. per day).
6. Lydia Bridges, W.M.S. Teacher, March 20 (2.5 hours) and April 6 (3.0 hours)

2009.

7. Elizabeth Brown, W.M.S. Custodian, March 27 (2.0 hours), 2009.
8. Tracy L. Haley, Bus Driver position, April 2 (3.5 hours), 2009.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Kathryn Will, Bus Driver position, March 18 – April 17, 2009, to run concurrent with Extended Worker’s Comp., per contract.
2. Karen Brower, Bus Driver, April 20 – June 4, 2009.
3. Shirley Goins, Bus Driver position, April 6 (pm), to run concurrent with Extended Worker’s Comp., per contract.

d) Military Leave Request:

1. Cassandra Shepherd, C.M.S. Teacher, April 6 – 10, 2009, Military Active Training Duty, Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist, for the following, reimbursed by LATS project #492902:

April 7 and 8, 2009	R-LATS duties for Flagler and Bradford Counties San Mateo, Palm Coast and Bunnell, Florida
May 6 – 8, 2009	R-LATS duties for Flagler and Bradford Counties San Mateo, Palm Coast, Bunnell and Starke, Florida
April 22 – 25, 2009	American Occupational Therapy Association 89 th Annual Conference and Expo – Houston, TX All expenses paid by Teresa Pinder, no cost to Board.
2. Freida Strickland, B.E.S. Teacher, April 19th (pm) and 20, 2009, Florida Alternate Assessment Science Content Area, Tampa, FL, all expenses paid by state contractor Measured Progress, including reimbursement for substitute, if required.
3. Freida Strickland, B.E.S. Teacher, April 23, 2009, Florida Alternate Assessment Administration Rating and Video Scoring Study, Tampa, FL, all expenses paid by state contractor Measured Progress, including reimbursement for substitute, if required.
4. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director Exceptional Student Education / Student Services, April 21 (pm) – 23, 2009, DOE Transition State Performance and Visions Conference, Tampa, FL, expenses paid by Dept. of Ed. and Project Connect

#492908, no cost to Board.

- 2009 Florida School Nutrition Association Conference, Orlando, FL, Betty Barber paid from project #410, all others are no cost to Board.

April 29 – May 3, 2009: Betty Barber – District, Marianne Sedor – YTS, Helen M. Watson – WHS, Marilyn K. Maxwell – CES

May 1-3, 2009: Nancy Pelham and Cheryl Allen – CKS

f) Student Trip Requests:

- GRAD BASH, Disney / Universal Studios, Orlando, May 1 and 2, 2009, the following sponsors and chaperones, all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board:

C.K.S. Patricia Jett, Deanne Watson, Sue Penney, Ken Maddox, Karen Maddox and SRO Runnels, 38 students, commercial carrier – 1 bus

C.H.S. Jan O’Neill, sponsor and # of chaperones per Board Policy (list must be submitted to district before trip date), 100 students, commercial carrier – 2 buses

W.H.S. Karen Warren, John Lott, Grant Sandlin, Amy Lowyns, Bob Lowyns, Lori Lott, Ken Tahfs, Curt Warren, Raymond Douyard and Renalta Douyard, 100 students, 2 school buses

- Future Business Leaders of America, State Competition, Orlando, FL, sponsor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account:

C.H.S. Rebecca F. Mack Zimmerman, 6 students, county van April 13 – 15, 2009

W.H.S. Kimberly Nivala and Norma Paeth 5 students, county van April 13(pm) – 16, 2009

- Francisco Velez, W.H.S. JROTC, May 1 – 3, 2009, National Drill Championship, Daytona Beach, FL, chaperone Yvette Velez, 4 students, county van, expenses paid internal account.
- Robert Patterson, W.H.S. Softball Coach and chaperones Davis Hunn, Kim Milton, Cris Rawls and Lars Acree, Softball Tournament, Kissimmee, FL, April 2 – 4, 2009, 13 students, private vehicles, no cost to Board.
- Jennie Lynn Hudson-Lane, C.K.S. Guidance Counselor, April 8, 2009, Educational Talent Search Campus Tour, Central Florida Community College, Ocala, FL, 25 students, riding with B.H.S., Commercial Carrier – BUS (1), expenses paid from Talent Search, no cost to Board.

g) 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>
BHS	Judith K. Cooksey	MS Softball	462 (add)	08/11/08
WES	Lita Halchak	ESOL End.	241 (add)	02/18/09
HAS	Rebecca Kolozsy	AA Deg Instr. ESP	221 (add)	09/29/08

2. One-time payment to the following 2009-2010 School Teachers of the Year (TOY) and Educational Staff Professionals of the Year (ESPY):

TOY – SP#436: Rhonda Stephenson – BES, Jennifer Bray – BHS, Janeice Smith – CKS, Robin Hardee – CES, Mary Phillips – CMS, Christina Smith – CHS, Garry Harris – Hilltop, Susan Bastak – JBES, Ana L. Armbrister – WES, Marcy Young – WMS, Alvin Johnson – WHS, Gayle Gatton – YTS

ESPY – SP#435: Deanna Scharnagl – BES, Kim Gonthier – BHS, Yvonne Rogers – CKS, Renee Tindale – CES, Shirley Goins – CMS, Rebecca Tyson – CHS, Kathleen Walker – Hilltop, Rebecca Savon – JBES, Virginia Craig – WES, Harriet James – WMS, Delia Hillary – WHS, Andree Robinson – YTS, McSween Huber – District, Lisa Pogue – Bus

h) Personal Leave in Excess of 6 Days:

1. Billie Hethcoat, B.E.S. Food Service Worker, March 3 – 13, 2009.

2) FINANCE:

- a) Budget Amendments #12-A and #12-B (available at meeting)
- b) Permission to trade in vehicle listed below, with the trade-in allowance being \$1500.00:

<u>Property #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Acquisition Amount</u>
C-11042	1999 Ford Crown Victoria	May 2003	\$5,051.85

- c) Amendment of Instructional and ESP Salary Schedules to allow payment to the following personnel for:

CMS After School Tutoring, beginning January 2009 and ending May 2009, paid regular rate of pay up to 5 hours each per week, from project #492405 and **AMEND to add project #492404** (same personnel as previously approved at January 20, 2009 Board Meeting).

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:

Kathryn West, effective March 31, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Melody Irizarry, effective March 31, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Patti Mikell, effective April 1, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Janelle Alexander, effective April 1, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Kristi Layton, effective April 1, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Celeste Aracena, effective April 1, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Georgia White, effective April 1, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
April Fleetwood (Phillips), April 1, 2009, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Lisa Posteraro, effective April 1, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Laura Byrd, effective April 1, through the remainder of SY 2008-09
Rachel Almeida, effective April 1, through the remainder of SY 2008-09

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations:

Superintendent Hastings thanked everyone for the input at tonight's Board Meeting. He said he has deep regards for all the teachers, their jobs, the students and the students' education. Mr. Hastings said it is our obligation to present a balanced budget and stay within the budget, and that it is being reviewed in all areas.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Frank Etheridge, Chairman