

Bronson, Florida
May 5, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 5th day of May, 2009, with Chairman Frank Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Beth Davis, Rick Turner, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

Minutes: Motion by Paige Brookins, seconded by Beth Davis, to approve the corrected minutes of April 7, 2009 and the April 21, 2009 minutes as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Concerned Citizen: Marcia Baughn came before the Board as a concerned citizen regarding what she considers to be unfair treatment of 4th Year Waiver Teachers by the School Board. She distributed copies of Florida Statute to the Board regarding her concern. A student also came forward to read a letter in support of her teacher Ms. Patricia Knecht.

Item withdrawn from Agenda / Consent Agenda: Paige Brookins requested that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board 45 Agreement (GASB 45) be withdrawn from the Agenda/Consent Agenda, (**2 FINANCE, item b., attachment #1.**) .

Consent Agenda: Motion by Paige Brookins, 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) Employment Status Changes:

1. Reginald Williams, W.H.S. Assistant Principal, **exiting from DROP** effective June 30, 2009, as per agreement of letter dated April 7, 2009.
2. Velda Simmons, W.M.S. Media Clerk, **resignation**, effective May 8, 2009.
3. Dorothy L. Daniel, B.H.S. Teacher's Aide, **retirement**, effective June 5, 2009.
4. Glyn N. Holmes, District Maintenance Foreman, **participate in DROP**, beginning May 1, 2009 and terminating on April 30, 2014.
5. Jennifer Whitener, J.B.E.S. Teacher, **retirement**, effective June 30, 2009, and payment for any unused leave.
6. Jeromi A. Birtikidis, B.H.S. Teacher, **resignation**, effective June 8, 2009.

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

1. Lydia Bridges, W.M.S. Teacher, April 23 (1.75 hours), 2009.
2. Carmella Sementelli, C.M.S. Aide, April 24 (4.5 hours), 2009.

c) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Kathryn Will, Bus Driver, April 20 through May 6, 2009, to run concurrent with Extended Worker's Comp. Leave.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Rosalind Hall, District ESE/SS Director, May 11 and 12, 2009, Dept. of Ed. Advisory Committee for Instruction and Alternate Assessment, Tallahassee, FL, all expenses paid by DOE, no cost to Board.
2. Cheryl S. Beauchamp, B.E.S. Principal, April 22 (pm) – 24, 2009, Dept. of Education Principal's PROMISE Project, Melbourne, FL, all expenses paid by DOE, no cost to Board.
3. Phyllis Rutter, District Payroll Clerk, May 13 (pm) and 14, 2009, Florida Retirement System Conference, Tallahassee, FL, paid from project #17500.
4. Robert Turnipseed, CMS Principal, Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) Training, *AMEND* to April 13 (pm) -17, 2009, Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, paid from project #149036.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. Justina P. Wilkerson, W.H.S. Guidance Counselor, Stephanie Schropp, High School/High Tech Director, April 23, 2009, High School/High Tech visit University North Florida, Jacksonville, 9 students, commercial carrier – bus, all expenses paid through HS/HT grants from Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida, no cost to Board.
2. Francisco Velez and Raymond Douyard, W.H.S. JROTC, June 14 through 20, 2009, JROTC Summer Camp, Camp Shands, Hawthorne, FL, 20 students, female chaperones are on duty at the camp, 1 school bus, expenses paid from internal account.

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

1. Barbara Hoyt, W.E.S. Teacher, *AMEND* to end June 4, 2009.

g) Instructional Services:

1. Purchase Services Agreements with Special Communications, LLC, for Speech Language Pathology Services beginning May 4 through June 4, 2009.

h) Recommendations:

1. Increase Title I Secretary from Secretary, 10 Month to Secretary, 12 Month position.

2) **FINANCE:**

- a) Budget Amendments #14-A and #14-B (available at meeting)
- b) Renewal of Sports/Activities Insurance and Voluntary Student Insurance with D.W. Davis Insurance for 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment #2)
- c) Bid Requests:

- 1. Permission to extend the following annual bids for the 2009-2010 school year at the same rates and conditions as originally bid.

Bid No.	07 – 01	Petroleum Products
	07 – 04	Covered Walkways
	07 – 07	Various Categories of Furn/Equip
	08 – 01	Milk Products
	08 – 03	Liquid Propane

- 2. Call for bids for the following annual items/services for 2009-2010 and one re-roofing project at Bronson Elementary, with bids being awarded at the June 2, 2009 Board meeting:

- aa. Bread Products
- bb. Dishwashing Compounds
- cc. Motor Oil
- dd. Ceiling Tile and Grid
- ee. Vinyl Floor Tile
- ff. Pest Control
- gg. Re-Roof Building 6 (Admin.Bldg.) @ B.E.S.

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

Teach Family Literacy Class, St. Johns Catholic Church in Chiefland, up to 10 hours per week, beginning May 15 through June 30, 2009, paid from Title III ESOL Family Literacy Program, project #492907: Ivonne Diaz

Assist Teacher and Student Teachers in the Family Literacy Classes at St. Johns Catholic Church and First Baptist Church, Chiefland, up to 20 hours per week, beginning May 1 through June 30, 2009, paid from Title III ESOL Family Literacy Program, project #492907: Maria Herrera, BES Aide

Preparation and Assistance with the CMS Regional Teacher Inquiry Showcase and Leadership Conference, May 2, 2009, paid regular rate of pay from project #148906:

Ronnie Bartley, Head Custodian	10 hours
Gregory Durden, Custodian	4 hours

Item withdrawn from Agenda / Consent Agenda: After a review by Bob Clemons of what the GASB 45 Consulting Services Agreement involves and discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Paige Brookins, seconded by Cameron Asbell to table the GASB 45 Consulting Services Agreement until such time as Bob Clemons can gather information from other counties in the state as to their policy regarding the GASB 45. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings distributed for the Board's information the FCAT Writing Scores for the District. He reviewed highlights from each school and commended the hard work done by the teachers, students, school principals and staff as well as district office personnel.

Mr. Hastings also requested that the Board approve the suspension with pay of Mark Roberts, B.E.S. Teacher, from April 24 through May 5, 2009. Rick Turner made the motion to confirm the action by the Superintendent with a second by Beth Davis, motion carried.

Mr. Hastings informed the Board that the Florida Dept. of Education in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control has determined the Swine Flu to be no more hazardous than the regular strain of influenza. The CDC suggests keeping students / personnel who exhibit flu-like symptoms home and away from the general school population, but that closing schools if a case were to be reported would be unnecessary. Mr. Hastings said the information from the DOE and CDC was informational only, not a directive, and that the School Board would remain in close contact with the Health Department and would take action as deemed necessary if a case of swine flu were reported at a Levy county school.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Frank Etheridge, Chairman