

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020
2:30 PM - DISTRICT OFFICE
480 MARSHBURN ROAD, BRONSON, FLORIDA.**

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 1001.41 and 1001.42 and School Board of Levy County Policy 2.05 (1)(b), a meeting will be held as noted above to address the following matters:

**AGENDA
July 29, 2020
2:30 p.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 29th day of July 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with Board Chairman Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, and Brad Etheridge present. Superintendent Jeffery R. Edison and Board Attorney Natasha Mickens attended virtually.

1. Email all public comments received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting will be provided to Board members in advance of the meeting and shall be posted on the School Board's website along with the minutes of the meeting.
2. Public comments can also be delivered in writing to the District office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, Florida.
3. The public may also view this meeting through the following live stream:
<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/0976c31f-52ca-4c5b-943e-3de294cd5c59?authuser=0>

Adoption of Agenda: Cameron Asbell moved to approve the agenda, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Chairman Paige Brookins welcomed everyone to the meeting whether in person or virtually and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Board member Chris Cowart said he would like to respond to the false accusations filed against him by Jerry Lawrence. He said Jerry Lawrence filed a complaint with the Florida Commission on Ethics claiming that Mr. Cowart was living in the district for which he was elected as board member.

Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar: Superintendent Jeff Edison said the District Instructional Team, Payroll, Accounts Payables, and school administrators have been working diligently on revising the 2020-2021 Levy School Calendar to allow more time for training and preparation for the start of school, but also not interfere with Payroll dates. He said keeping our current payroll schedule is very important and necessary; especially, since teachers and staff have been off for two months. Mr. Edison said the District has worked closely with the LCEA and they agree to delay the start of school to August 17, 2020 instead of August 10, 2020. The extra five days will allow time for more training with the new Canvas online instructional software system, cleaning, setting up classrooms for social distancing, etc. Marla Hiers said the teachers requested the extra days. Melody Carson, LCEA President, said the teachers need the extra week for training. Cheryl Beauchamp, BES Principal, said the Administrators and Principals appreciate the extra time to learn, prepare and train. Options 1, 2, and 3 for school choices were discussed again, as well as options for seniors. Cheryl Beauchamp said for option 2, the weekly meeting with the teacher can be in person, virtual or zoom meeting. Morgan said only 78.12% of the parents have responded to the survey as to the choice for their children. Questions about Canvas training, classroom setups, blended, and virtual classes were discussed. After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Superintendent Comments: Superintendent Edison said the entire district is paddling very hard right now trying to prepare for the opening of schools on August 17. He said there have been several different meetings at the same time and we are planning for the unknowns. He said the contacts for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) are John Lott, who is in the hospital and recovering, Gary Masters, Breezy Stockman and himself. The difference between Canvas and Edgenuity was explained. He said Edgenuity is available in all three options for education. Mr. Edison said the District is also working

on scheduling a “What if” meeting.

Board Comments: Ashley Clemenzi said it is important that we all show each other grace and patience during this strenuous time. She said she appreciates the District and Levy County for working diligently on getting extra time for the teachers to plan, train and prepare for school opening. She said they need extra time for training, but they also need a paycheck. Brad Etheridge said he appreciates the District and teachers working together for the best of the students and education. He said education is an essential business. Cameron Asbell asked for someone from the Levy County Health Department to give an update on the COVID situation and be available for questions and answers and the next Board meeting. He said he has been accused of not being appreciative of School Board of Levy County employees and even called a bully. He said Levy County has “great” people and he appreciates every single employee of the School Board of Levy County! Mr. Asbell said he has always been for delaying the start of school and he approves of the 17th. He said students are not always ready for the first day of school no matter which day it begins. He said he has three children attending the brick and mortar option 1 on August 17 and he feels assured that Levy County Schools will do everything possible to ensure the safety of the kids and teachers. Chris Cowart thanked everyone for their hard work on the trainings, developing Options 1, 2, 3 and Canvas curriculum training. He thanked Kalee Wade and Melissa Lewis for the flow charts for people to follow in case they have a sick student in their room. He asked Gary Masters for an update as to the plans for transportation on the buses. Paige Brookins said she agrees with all the Board members comments and appreciates all the hard work that has gone in to the planning, training, preparing and purchasing equipment for sanitizing and cleaning. She said John Lott is in her thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Board Chairman