

Bronson, FL
May 7, 2013
5:00 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 7th day of May, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. with Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, and Chris Cowart. Susan Seigle, Partner of Board Attorney David Delaney, attended in his absence. Vice-Chairman Robert Philpot presided over the meeting in the absence of Board Chair Cameron Asbell.

Expulsion Hearing: The Board heard information regarding recommendations for expulsion. After the School Administrator, students and parents were sworn in by the Court Reporter and had given testimony, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 13-21** (student and parent present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School beginning the 2013-2014 School Year on August 19, 2013. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 13-22** (student and parent present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School beginning the 2013-2014 SY on August 19, 2013. Motion carried.
- 3) **Student 13-23** (student and parent present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2012-2013 SY and the 2013-2014 SY.

6:00 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION

Chiefland Middle and High Schools' designation as "Combination School" beginning 07/01/13: Jeff Edison requested Board Approval for the merger of CMS and CHS into one combination school. He presented information to support the action on the academic level citing more electives and accountability. He said the DOE is now requiring more rigor at the lower levels and the merger would accomplish that allowing for Algebra 1 offerings as well as Industry Certifications. He said the combination school would also benefit from the FCAT factor in the School Grade at 70% FCAT Scores and 30% High School Components. On the athletic level, he said the merger would remove the participation and recruiting barrier, allowing those Middle School students who need to participate at JV or V level the opportunity. Superintendent Hastings said meetings with both schools' faculties and staffs have taken place as well as information in the newspaper for the community. He said there will only be minor change to either facility. He said with Chiefland schools down 150 students over the last few years, the cost savings of the merger will be substantial. He also said no one would lose their job over the merger. Mr. Edison said the combination school would have the CHS School Number – 0051. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the merger of Chiefland Middle and Chiefland High Schools as the combination school – Chiefland Middle High School (CMHS), beginning July 1, 2013, with second by Rick Turner, motion carried.

Request to name a facility: Superintendent Hastings introduced David Wilson to the Board. Mr. Wilson told the board he would like to honor retiring WMS Teacher John Ellis by having a building on the school campus named after him. He said he is aware of School Board Policy 11.07 – Naming of Facilities and how it outlines the procedure for naming facilities, but he disagrees with parenthesis (3) which states waiting 10 years after a person no longer works for SBLC before being able to name a facility after that person. He said that is too long a period of time and would like for the Board to consider revising the policy. Mr. Hastings thanked Mr. Wilson for coming and told him that all Board Policies are reviewed during the summer and that his request to revise the policy would be considered at that time.

SWAT – Tobacco Free Policy Update Carol Jones Dubois introduced Kristina Zachary of QuitDoc to the Board. Ms. Zachary reminded the Board that through the Levy County Health Department last year, SWAT Teams from Levy County Schools had worked to change School Board Policy 8.19 – Tobacco Use in District Facilities. She then introduced

SWAT students Jacob Edison, Ansley Pentz and Emily Manis who reviewed components for a “Model Comprehensive Tobacco Free School Policy in Florida” with the Board. The students reported that while the Levy County School Board Policy excels in some of the components, there were still some that they thought should be added to the policy which would result in a stronger stance and would also include adults. Board Vice-Chair Robert Philpot thanked the students for making their presentation and told them the policy would be reviewed during the summer with other Board policies and their requested changes would be considered at that time.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers: Carol Jones Dubois informed the Board that Chris Wilder was selected by the FL DOE to serve on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Committee for the State. She introduced Mr. Wilder to share information concerning PARCC with the Board. Mr. Wilder shared a power point presentation which described the entity and how it works. He shared the timeline for PARCC implementation thru 2015. He said after attending conferences in Chicago, he feels like Levy is on track, but that there will be questions as PARCC is implemented in the schools. Mrs. Dubois said there will be Professional Development Days for teachers in our District for training as well as sending some teachers to attend “Train the Trainer” type workshops and then have them come back to their schools to train teachers there. The Board thanked Mrs. Dubois and Mr. Wilder for the information.

Benefits Update / Affordable Healthcare Act: Donna Turner reminded the Board that the Affordable Healthcare Act would be enacted January 1, 2014. She said she has been meeting with the Board’s Consultant / Third Party Administration Services providers Don and James Crook of Combined Benefits Group to learn how the AHA will affect the School Board and employees. She said she asked them to enlighten the Board regarding AHA and introduced James Crook who shared a very informative power point presentation with the Board. After discussion, Mr. Crook assured the Board that his company will be considering different scenarios and situations that may arise because of the AHA and will be working with Mrs. Turner to present solutions for compliance with the Act on the Board’s behalf.

Minutes: Rick Turner moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 Board Meeting, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Paige Brookins moved with second by Rick Turner, to approve the following items on the consent agenda with changes as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes:

1. Bridgett Renaud, BES Custodian, *resignation*, effective April 23, 2013.
2. Daniel D. Faircloth, CKS Principal, *resignation for retirement*, effective June 28, 2013.
3. Joan Miller, Bus Driver, *route change* to Summit Route and *increase hours* worked from 6.5 hours per day to 8.0 hours per day, effective April 22, 2013.
4. Melisa Cook, BMHS Teacher Aide, *resignation, amend to* effective May 15, 2013.

b) Family Medical Leave Request:

1. Dolly G. Burke, WMS Food Service Worker, April 16 through April 19, 2013.
2. Susan Pasti, District ESE Secretary, May 1 through 31, 2013.

c) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days Requests

1. Martha K. Hudson, Cedar Key School Teacher, August 15 through December 13, 2013.
2. Tracy Kirby, WES Teacher, for the 2013-2014 School Year.

3. Yvette Velez, WES ESE Teacher Aide, August 19 through November 8, 2013.
4. Lynne Nofi, WES Teacher, May 8 through June 6, 2013.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Rebecca Kolozsy, WMS Teacher, April 30 – May 1, 2013, EBD Contacts Meeting and Trauma Informed Care Training, Orlando, travel paid from SEDNET project #40234F2013 and sub from project #40233F2013.
2. Linda Durrance, District Director Title Programs, May 14 and 15, 2013, Exceeding Expectations – ECTAC, Tampa, paid from project #42412F2013.
3. Carol Jones, District Coordinator of Career Pathways / Literacy, May 14 – 16, 2013, State CTE Advisory and Director’s Meeting, Tampa, paid from project #40202F2013.
4. FL Educational Negotiators Conference (FEN), May 14 – 17, 2013, Tampa, Candace Dean, District Personnel Director (paid from project #17200) Patrick Wnek, District Director of Curriculum (paid from project #163002), and Anna Kroll, District Finance Officer (paid from project #17500).
5. Diana Rouse, District ESE Secretary, May 16(pm) and 17, 2013, Personnel Activity Reporting System, Tallahassee, paid from project #40230F2013.
6. Paige Halberstadt and Susan Pasti, District ESE Department, May 21 and 22, 2013, Statewide Matrix Online Module Training of Facilitators, Orlando, paid from project #14936 (FDLRS reimbursement).
7. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), paid by LATS project #40290F2013:
 May 13 – 15, 2013, R-LATS Duties Flagler County – Palm Coast and Bunnell
 May 16 – 17, 2013, AT/UDL – Making It Work Conference – Orlando
 May 20 – 22, 2013, R-LATS Meeting – St. Augustine
8. Dr. Patrick Wnek, District Director of Curriculum, May 6 and 7, 2013, North Carolina General Assembly College Board Partnership Presentation , Raleigh NC, all expenses paid by College Board reimbursement project #14894.
9. Kathryn Lawrence, District Director of School Turnaround, June 2(pm) – 4, 2013, FL DOE PERT Standard Setting Committee Meeting, Tallahassee, direct reimbursement no cost to Board.
10. Barbara Rivers, District Coordinator, Data and Assessment, May 15 and 16, 2013, FOIL Conference, Lake Mary, expenses paid from project #43401 00813.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. YTS Middle School Environmental Science Trip, **amend date** to April 29 – May 3, 2013, Pigeon Key, Marathon, **amend** chaperones Genie Sturtevant, Natalie Steinberg, Chuck Gatton **and including** Tony Sturtevant, 20 students, 1 regular school bus, all expenses paid school internal account, no cost to board.
2. CHS Biology and HOSA Classes, Saturday April 27, 2013, visit Bodies the Exhibition, Atlanta GA, Chaperones Matt McClelland, Kelly Nguyen, Alice Graham, Missy Bell and Melissa Davis, 50 students, **amend to 2** regular school buses, all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.
3. CHS HOSA Students, June 25 – 30, 2013, HOSA National Competition, Nashville, TN, chaperones Alice Graham, Christi Penney, Toni Jenkins, and Perry Davidson, 12 students, commercial carrier – BUS, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.

4. WES PTO Fundraiser Reward Trip for 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Winners, May 16, 2013, Lunch at BUBBA- QUES in Bronson, chaperones Marla Hiers, Melissa Lewis, Celeste Greenlee and Heather Barley – PTO President, 26 students, commercial carrier – LIMOSUINE, all expenses paid by PTO.
5. BMHS Gear-UP Classes, May 21, 2013, Visit Challenger Learning Center and the Capitol, Tallahassee, chaperones Stacy Drummond, Genny Foshee and Jennifer Seyez, 40 students, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid from project #14895.
6. BMHS and CHS Gear-UP Classes, May 25, 2013, Visit FSU's Marine Coastal Lab, St. Teresa, FL, chaperones Emma Powers, Linda Sheffield, Lita Weingart and Jennifer Seyez, 40 students, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid from project #14895.
7. CHS Gear-UP Classes, May 28, 2013, Visit Challenger Learning Center and the Capitol, Tallahassee, chaperones Taven Bennett, Melody Irizarry, Lita Weingart, Colby Brock and Jennifer Seyez, 40 students, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid from project #14895.

f) Administrative Services:

1. Approval of the Contract between SBLC and Paul Stresing and Associates to provide architectural services for the new WMHS Project.

g) Recommendations:

1. Approval of the job description – *Physical Therapist*, to plan, coordinate, and deliver Physical Therapy services for eligible students throughout the District.
2. Establish a District Physical Therapist Position for the 2013-2014 School Year, 7.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective August 12, 2013, paid from ESE funds project #11022.
3. Establish an Elementary Teaching Position at Hilltop Alternative School for the 2013-2014 School Year, 7.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective August 12, 2013 and paid from project #11020.
4. Avie Fisher, Transportation 12 Month Secretary, effective May 6, 2013, replacing Leanna Bryan.
5. Amber Collins, BES ESE Teacher Aide, **release from employment** during the probationary period, effective April 29, 2013.
6. LeDon Foley, District Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2013, replacing Joe Rain.

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary Info as of April 2013
- b) Budget Amendments #13A and #13B
- c) Bid Requests:
 1. Permission to extend the following annual bids for the 2013-2014 school year at the same rates and conditions as originally bid.
 - Bid No. 11 – 01 Milk Products
 - 11 – 03 Liquid Propane
 - 11 – 04 Various Categories of Furniture/Equipment
 - 11 – 05 Motor Oil
 - 12 – 01 Dishwashing Compound

12 – 02 Ceiling Tile and Grid
12 – 03 Vinyl Floor Tile
12 – 04 Pest Control

2. Permission to call for bids for the following annual items/services for 2013-2014 school year, with bids being awarded at the June 4, 2013 Board meeting:

Bread Products
Petroleum Products

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings recognized Brad Penney from CKS for being selected by the FL DOE to serve on the Committee to create End of Course Exams for the state . He said he is proud of Levy County employees that have been willing to serve on various committees for the Department of Education. He reported that testing has gone well throughout the District and commended Valerie Boughanem and all the Testing Coordinators at the school sites for a job well done. He also reported on recent legislation regarding dual enrollment, SB4, and the K12 budget and how the changes will affect our county. He said the New Dixie County High School was cut from Special Facility Funding. He said Sparsity Funding was increased by 10 million dollars to be shared by 32 counties in the state.

Board Comments: Chris Cowart thanked everyone for supporting the Arts Festival and the different school groups who participated from CKS and mentioned the Young Author's Conference as well. Paige Brookins encouraged the Board members to pack a sports shirt to wear for extra credit at the Master Board Training in Panama City. Robert Philpot read an invitation to the Board from Sarah Trimm to attend her farewell speech and reception at the State FFA Convention and he also invited them to the WHS FFA Clay shoot on Saturday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with the Board cancelling Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Chairman