

**Bronson, FL
May 21, 2013
8:00 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 21st day of May, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Board Chair Cameron Asbell, Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, and Chris Cowart present. Susan Seigle, Partner of Board Attorney David Delaney, attended in his absence.

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 12-07** (student and parent / grandparent absent): Paige Brookins moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the 2013-2014 SY. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 13-25** (student and parents present): Chris Cowart moved with second by Paige Brookins 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 13-24** (student and parent present): Rick Turner 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.

**9:00 a.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

Levy Association of Student Councils – Year in Review: Kelly Varnes, Levy District Student Government Advisor, introduced students from BHS, CHS, and WHS to share their commendations for the Board's support during the 2012-2013 school year, and their recommendations to the Board for the 2013-2014 school year. Superintendent Hastings assured the Student Council Representatives that their input is always taken seriously and that their concerns/suggestions would be taken into consideration for the new school year.

A Business-Community (ABC) School Program: Jeff Edison presented information required by FL Statutes Section 1013.721 regarding the "A Business-Community (ABC) School Program". After discussion, Paige Brookins moved with second by Rick Turner to approve the following:

1. Designate Jeff Edison as the District Employee ABC Program Liaison Contact
2. Appoint the following as the District "ABC School Evaluation Committee" – Bob Williams, Business Chiefland, Justin Hardee, Business Williston, Cookie King, Chamber of Commerce, Williston
3. To advertise in local newspapers requesting proposals from area businesses interested in partnering with SBLC in the ABC Program.

Motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Surplus Properties: Jeff Edison then presented several properties owned by the School Board of Levy County that could be declared as surplus by the Board and sold. The Board reviewed the properties and discussed the possibility of listing them with a realtor. Susan Seigle advised the Board that it would not be necessary to list the properties with a realtor. She said that the Board would be in compliance of state regulations to post an ad in local newspapers advising the public of the surplus properties and to negotiate to sell them. After further discussion and review, Robert Philpot moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve Resolution #2013-10 declaring those properties as described by Levy County Property Appraiser Parcel Number as surplus and authorizing the sale of the properties to be negotiated by School Board administration. Motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 Board Meeting, motion carried.

Item Removed from Consent Agenda: Superintendent Hastings informed the Board that item 1. a. under f) Instructional Services, “Articulation Agreements with the College of Central Florida for Dual Enrollment, etc. for the 2013-2014 SY” would be pulled from the consent agenda at the request of the College due to language changes the College will need to make following legislative ruling concerning Dual Enrollment.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Robert Philpot moved with second by Rick Turner to remove for separate consideration from the consent agenda items 1. and 2. under g) Recommendations, motion carried. After further discussion, Rick Turner moved with second by Robert Philpot to deny item 1. under g) Recommendations until the position of Assistant Superintendent could be advertised. Motion failed with Rick Turner and Robert Philpot voting yes; Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Cameron Asbell voting no. Paige Brookins then moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve item 1. under g) Recommendations as presented by the Superintendent on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Rick Turner and Robert Philpot voting no; Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Cameron Asbell voting yes. Paige Brookins then moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve item 2. under g) Recommendations as presented by the Superintendent on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with Robert Philpot voting no; Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins, Rick Turner and Cameron Asbell voting yes. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved with second by Robert Philpot, 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. Kelly Watkins, WHS Teacher, *resignation*, effective June 6, 2013, and payment for any unused leave.
2. Dennis Douglas, WHS Head Custodian, *resignation*, effective May 24, 2013, and payment for any unused leave.
3. Lesley Schreier, JBES Teacher, *resignation*, effective June 6, 2013, and payment for any unused leave.
4. Kimberly Beth McLean, WES Teacher, *resignation*, effective June 6, 2013 and payment for any unused leave.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Regina Newton, CES Teacher, May 1 through May 15, 2013.
2. Dolly Grace Burke, WMS Food Service Worker, May 9 through June 6, 2013.

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

1. Katie M. Jones, CMS Teacher, 2013-2014 School Year.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Dr. Rosalind Hall, District Director of ESE and Student Services, May 22 and 23, 2013, DOE Advisory Meeting – Alternate Assessment, Tallahassee, expenses paid direct reimbursement from DOE, no cost to Board.
2. John Lott, BMHS Principal and Morgan Bennett, BMHS Assistant Principal, June 9 and 10, 2013, Rural Turnaround Leadership Project State Presentation, Tallahassee, expenses paid from project #14890.

3. April Fleetwood and Travis Seay, BMHS Teachers, June 24 – 28, 2013, AP Summer Institute, Orlando, expenses paid by Race To The Top grant project #43401 00813.
4. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), as follows:
June 24 – 26, 2013, CC Standard Training, St. Pete – paid by FL DOE – no cost to Board
June 26 – 28, 2013, CCSS Connector Leadership Training, Orlando, paid by LATS project #40290F2013
5. Laura Storm, District ESE Teacher, June 26 – 28, 2013, Common Core Assess Points Conference, Orlando, expenses paid by FL DOE, no cost to Board.
6. Marcia Baughn, District ESE Gifted Teacher, July 18(pm) – 21, 2013, attend Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) Conference, Orlando, expenses paid from SAI funds project #11374.
7. Paige Halberstadt, District SEDNET Coordinator, June 7 – 9, 2013, Family Café Conference, Orlando, direct reimbursement from DOE/SEDNET, no cost to Board.
8. Darby Allen and Kelly Gore, CMS Principal and Assistant Principal, May 14 and 15, 2013, attend ECTAC Conference, Orlando, paid from project #42412F2013.
9. Cynthia Penney, WHS Teacher, May 10 and 11, 2013, Reading Conference, Ft. Myers, paid from project #11332F2013.
10. Robert B. Clemons, District Director of Finance, June 17 – 21, 2013, Finance Officers Annual Meeting (FSFO), Panama City, expenses paid from project #17500.

e) Administrative Services:

1. Agreements and/or Contracts
 - a. Tower Facility Lease with M&R Johns, Inc., d/b/a SVIC, beginning June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. (see supplemental minutes)

f) Recommendations:

1. Convert the Director of Administration position back to Assistant Superintendent and position to be filled by Jeffrey R. Edison, current Director of Administration, effective May 16, 2013. Unfreeze salary.
2. Transfer Patrick Wnek, Director of Curriculum, to Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, replacing Gina Tovine, effective May 16, 2013.
3. Approval of the 2013-2014 Payroll Period Schedules for Instructional, ESP and 12 Month Employees and the FY 2014 Calendars.

g) Illness-In-The-Line-Of-Duty Leave Request:

1. Karen Priest, WMS Teacher Aide, May 9, 2013 (1.5 hours).

h) Student Trip Requests:

1. CHS Varsity Baseball Team, May 14 – 16, 2013, Class 1A Baseball STATE FINALS, Ft. Myers, Matthew McLelland, Kyle Parnell, Parrish Parnell, Donna Brock, Linda Jones, Deborah Brock, 18 students, 1 school bus, transportation expenses paid from project #19070, all other expenses paid internal account.

2. FINANCE:

- a) Financial Statement as of April 2013
Budget Amendments #14A and #14B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Mr. Hastings reminded the Board of the Legislative Hearing in Lake City on Wednesday May 22nd, saying he will question the ruling on K12 Schools to pay for Dual Enrollment courses. He also told the Board that representatives from the FL DOE would tour WMS campus on Friday at 10:00 a.m as they consider approving the Special Facility Funding for the new WMHS. He also said with the increase in funding to K12 schools from Governor Scott's budget, School Board employees will see the first increase in pay in 5 years. He said the School Board will give raises, but must work with the Union to accomplish that.

Board Comments: Robert Philpot said he visited in 4 schools yesterday in Williston and was impressed with everything he saw. Rick Turner said he visited in 2 classrooms and observed common core being taught with students involved and engaged in instruction. He also said he condemns the Governor's veto to bring CFC to Chiefland. Paige Brookins asked about the process of starting to video Board Meetings to post to the District's website. Jeff Edison informed her Joe Wain and Ron Perez were working on getting that in place. Mrs. Brookins also thanked the Board for their participation in the Master Board Training they all attended in Panama City. She reminded them of the 4 Master Board in-house trainings to be scheduled at the School Board, volunteering to get the dates scheduled. She also reminded the Board of the City of Williston July 3rd Parade they are participating in. Chris Cowart agreed that the Master Board training in Panama City was good. He praised the CKS FFA Chapter for placing 2nd in the State for Ornamental Horticulture and Aqua Culture. Cameron Asbell invited the Board to the BHS FFA Banquet.

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