

**Bronson, FL
December 9, 2013
9:00 a.m.
SPECIAL SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Special Session this 9th day of December, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Board Ratification of the 2013-2016 Contract Language and Compensation Package: Superintendent Hastings reported that after the LCEA conducted the district-wide voting process, employees ratified the contract with 481 votes for and 11 votes against. A motion was made by Cameron Asbell with second by Chris Cowart for the Board to ratify the Contract as presented, motion carried unanimously. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes: Paige Brookins moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2013 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

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

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status:

1. Darron Wilson, WHS Teacher, ***resignation*** effective January 6, 2014 and payment for any unused leave.
2. Jodi Gamble, WES Teacher Aide, ***resignation*** effective December 10, 2013.
3. Bobbie J. Arrington, CKS Teacher, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning November 1, 2013, and ending October 31, 2018.
4. Ophelia Keene, WMS Food Service Worker (Asst. Manager Supplement) ***transfer*** to JBES 7.0 hour position, effective January 6, 2014.
5. Catheese Harvey, JBES Food Service Worker, ***transfer*** to WMS and increase hours worked from 6.0 per day to 7.0 per day, effective January 7, 2014, replacing Ophelia Keene.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Professional Development Workshop – Problem Solving/Response to Intervention (MTSS), December 11 and 12, 2013, St. Petersburg ***amend to add*** as follows:
expenses paid project #40230F2014 – Dr. Rosalind Hall, Marcy Young, Laura Brown
expenses paid RTTT project #43401 00814 – Joeline Vining, Lindsey Legler, Jennifer Dola, Dana Farleo, Melinda Chemin and Teri Edison
2. AP College Board Symposium, January 30 and 31, 2014, Jacksonville, travel expenses reimbursed by College Board project #14890 and sub teachers paid from RTTT project #43401 00814: ***amend to add*** Kelly Nguyen (CMHS).
3. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE / Student Services, December 10 and 11, 2013, DOE State Advisory Alternate Assessment Meeting, Tallahassee, directly reimbursed by FL DOE, no cost to Board.

4. Kathryn Lawrence, District STEM Coordinator, December 2 (pm) and 3, 2013, Central FL Assessment Collaborative Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from project #43401 00814.
5. Scott Hall and John Gillman, WHS Baseball Coaches, December 5 and 6, 2013, Baseball Coaching Clinic, Daytona Beach, expenses paid internal account, sub only cost to Board.
6. Natalie Steinberg, YTS Teacher, January 24 – 26, 2014, Secondary Reading Council Conference, Clearwater, expenses paid from project #11332.
7. Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director ESE / Student Services, February 24 – 26, 2014, National Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Conference, Orlando, direct reimbursement paid by CASE, no cost to Board.

c) Student Trip Requests:

1. BMHS GEAR UP Busch Gardens Physics Day, December 6, 2013, Tampa, Jennifer Seyer, Stacy Drummond, Emma Powers, Genny Foshee and Cindy Putnam chaperones, 50 students, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid from GEAR UP reimbursement project #14895.
2. CMHS Student Government Association, December 6 and 7, 2013, SGA District II Meeting, Camp Crystal, Starke, Valerie Perez chaperone, 7 students, county van, all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.
3. Matthew Detloff, CMHS FFA Advisor, December 6 – 8, 2013, Jr. and Sr. FFA Conference, Haines City, chaperone Debbie Jones Bell MS FFA Advisor, 6 students, county van, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
4. WMS Fundraiser Winners, December 9, 2013, Pam Whitney and Joyce Wetzel chaperones, 5 students, commercial carrier - LIMO – all expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.

d) Administrative Services:

a. Contracts and/or Agreements

1. Approval of the Health Insurance Excess Loss Policy (re-insurance) for 2014. (see supplemental minutes)
2. Approval of the SBLC 2013-2014 Comprehensive Assessment Calendar. (see supplemental minutes)

e) Recommendations:

1. Amber Hatfield, CES PT Teacher Aide, effective December 2, 2013, replacing Heather Easley.

2. FINANCE:

1. Budget Summary as of November 30, 2013
2. Amendments #2A and #2B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings thanked the Board for their initiative to achieve "Master Board" recognition. He said it was a privilege to serve with them and believes our schools and students will benefit from the training received by the Board as they put into practice what they learned. He said the Wellness Center is under construction and invited the Board Members to stop by and see the progress.

Board Comments: Chris Cowart commended the Superintendent and the District Negotiating Team as well as the LCEA and their Negotiating Team on a job well done to reach an agreement for a contract and compensation package that would benefit all employees of the School Board. All Board members agreed. Board Chairman Robert Philpot added that he feels like a weight has been lifted off his shoulders and hopes the Board will be able to do more things for our employees to help them do their job better.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert Philpot, Chairman