

Bronson, FL
May 6, 2014
4:00 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 6th day of May, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. with Board Chair Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, and Cameron Asbell present, with Ryan Gilbert, Partner with Dell Graham Law Firm, filling in for Board Attorney David Delaney who was absent.

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

Student 14-08 (student and grandparents present): As per their expulsion final order dated December 18, 2013, student reappeared before the Board to request to graduate with the 2014 Class at Cedar Key School. After hearing a report from Dennis Webber, Principal of Hilltop Alternative School on students' academic and behavioral progress made while enrolled at Hilltop, Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell to allow student to re-enroll at Cedar Key School in order to participate in Graduation Exercises with the 2014 Sr. Class, and that he be allowed to participate in Graduation practices as scheduled by the Sr. Sponsor. He will not be allowed to "attend" school or participate in any extra-curricular school activities at the School. Motion carried.

Student 14-22 (student and grandparent absent): Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School in August for the 14/15 SY. Motion carried.

Student 14-21 (student and parents present): Paige Brookins moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with the opportunity to re-appear before the Board at the first Board Meeting in August to request the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School for the 14/15 SY. If granted permission to enroll at Hilltop, student would receive anger management counseling. Motion carried.

Student 14-20 (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 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, motion carried. After further discussion, Paige Brookins moved to amend the motion to allow the student to re-appear before the Board at the first Board Meeting in August to request the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School for the 14/15 SY, amended motion carried with Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Robert Philpot voting yes and Cameron Asbell and Chris Cowart voting no.

Student 14-19 (student, parents and interpreter present): Chris Cowart moved with second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School immediately. Motion carried with Cameron Asbell, Chris Cowart, Paige Brookins and Robert Philpot voting yes, Rick Turner voting no.

Student 14-18 (student and parent present): Rick Turner moved with second by Paige Brookins to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2013-2014 SY and the 2014-2015 SY, with the opportunity to re-appear before the Board at the first Board Meeting in August to request the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School for the 14/15 SY. Motion carried with Robert Philpot, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins and Chris Cowart voting yes and Cameron Asbell voting no.

6:10 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION

The Board then met in regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board.

SUMMER Professional Development Update: Dr. Wnek shared information with the Board regarding Summer PD Days / Trainings for teachers. He said the District Instructional Team is made up of top-quality educators who have all contributed to making the summer training offerings some of the very best our teachers can get. After reviewing the scheduled events, the Board thanked Dr. Wnek for sharing the information. (see supplemental minutes)

Approval to change meeting TIME for June 3, 2014 Board Meeting: Superintendent Hastings reminded the Board of the conflict in scheduling for the WHS Graduation and the Board Meeting on June 3rd. He asked that the Board change the June 3rd Board Meeting to a morning meeting, starting at 9:00 a.m. After discussion, there was a question as to whether the Board was required by FL Statute to have at least one night-time (after 5:00 pm) meeting per month. Attorney Ryan Gilbert said he would research and get back with the Board. Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the time change of the June 3, 2014 Board Meeting to 9:00 a.m. to avoid conflict with the WHS Graduation Exercises, motion carried. It was discussed that if the motion does not comply with FL Statute, the Board would vote to flip-flop the June 3rd and June 17th Board Meeting times so that the night meeting would be on June 17th and the day meeting would be on June 3rd. (see supplemental minutes)

Minutes Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Board meeting with additions, as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to remove item No. 13-02 under 2. Finance, c) Bid Requests: 1., for consideration from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried. Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve item 13-02 under 2. Finance, c) Bid Requests: 1. , Paige Brookins declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting, motion carried. Cameron Asbell moved with second by Paige Brookins, to approve the following items on the consent agenda and other changes as recommended by the Superintendent, Motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Tracy Kirby, WES Teacher, **resignation** effective June 9, 2014.
2. Courtney Droll, JBES Teacher, **resignation** effective June 9, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
3. Rita Inman, JBES Teacher, **resignation** effective April 25, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
4. Peggi Young, District Bus Driver, **exiting DROP**, effective August 2, 2014, and payment for any unused sick leave.
5. April Palmer, WHS Teacher, **transfer** to BMHS Teacher, effective for the 2014/2015 SY.
6. William T. Stockman, District Maintenance Foreman, effective May 1, 2014, replacing Glyn Holmes.
7. Phillip G. Buchyn, WHS Teacher, **amend resignation effective date to** May 2, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.
8. J. Greg Gillman, WHS Teacher Aide, **resignation** effective May 2, 2014, and payment for any unused leave.

9. Lisa Biehl, CES Teacher Aide, *resignation* effective May 2, 2014.
10. Debra H. Brock, CMHS Teacher Aide, *transfer* to BMHS Data Entry Clerk, effective May 5, 2014.
11. Kathleen Walker, Hilltop Alternative School / Summit Academy Lab Manager, *transfer* to 12-month Data Entry position effective June 10, 2014 (position approved by the Board on April 22, 2014).

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

1. Shirley Goins, CMHS Bus Driver and Food Service Worker, April 4 (8.0 hours) and 10 (5.25 hours), 2014.
2. Kathy McCain, CKS Teacher, April 24 (2.0 hours), 2014.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), May 20(pm)-22, 2014, RLATS Collaboration, Blountstown and Quincy, paid by LATS project #40290F2014.
2. Vickie Roberts, BMHS Teacher, May 27 and 28, 2014, FL DOE English 6-12 Standard Setting Meeting, Tallahassee, DOE reimbursement project #14890, no cost to board.
3. Dr. Rosalind Hall, District Director of ESE / SS, June 8(pm)-12, 2014, Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Institute, Deerfield, all expenses paid from project #40230F2014.
4. Kathryn Lawrence, District STEM Coordinator, May 19(pm) and 20, 2014, Central Florida Assessment Consortium Meeting, Orlando, expenses paid from RTTT Project #43401 00814.
5. Laura Brown, District Coordinator Student Services, May 19 and 20, 2014, Education Homeless Program Meeting with FL DOE in Tallahassee, travel expenses paid by PAEC (Panhandle Area Educational Consortium) and meals from project #42412F2014.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. GEAR UP Classes, Field Trips as indicated below, Advisor Jennifer Seyez, commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid from Gear Up project #14895 as follows:

CMHS May 14, 2014	Challenger Learning Center, Tallahassee, chaperones Stephanie Parks, Pam Plemmons, Julie Gerhard, Lynda Aldrich, 50 students
BMHS May 15, 2014	UNF & Museum of Science History, Jacksonville, chaperones Nancy Williams and Travis Seay, 50 students
2. WHS JROTC Georgia Military College Summer Camp Training, June 8 – 12, 2014, Ft. Benning, GA, CPT Frank Clegg, SFC Frank Velez and Carla Lindsey chaperones, 15 students, 1 school bus, all expenses paid by US Army, no cost to Board

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary as of April 2014
- b) Budget Amendments #11A and #11B

c) Bid Requests:

1. Permission to extend the following annual bids for the 2014-2015 school year at the same rates and conditions as originally bid.

Bid No. 12 – 01 Dishwashing Compound
12 – 02 Ceiling Tile and Grid
12 – 03 Vinyl Floor Tile
12 – 04 Pest Control
13 – 01 Bread Products
13 – 02 Petroleum Products

2. Permission to call for bids for the following annual items/services for 2014-2015 school year, with bids being awarded at the June 3, 2014 Board meeting:

Milk Products
Liquid Propane
Various Categories of Furniture & Equipment
Motor Oil

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations: Superintendent Hastings said the Legislative Session ended with great news in the funding of the new WMHS. He said it took compromising on all three budgets – the Governor, The House and the Senate, to reach the final budget. He said there would be an increase of 2% per FTE, but after recalibration it won't be as rosey as he had first hoped. Bob Clemons distributed the TRIM Calendar for the 2014/2015 SY for Board Members to review and vote on at the May 20th Board Meeting.

Board Comments: Cameron Asbell mentioned that BMHS Nurse Angie Phillips has been chosen as the FL School Nurse of the Year. Chris Cowart mentioned the Evening of Excellence for TOYs, ESPYs and VOYs that will be held at Cedar Key School on Thursday night, inviting all to attend. He also asked that District personnel conduct a presentation on how Principals are evaluated in our District. Paige Brookins mentioned the Indian Girls Softball team being in the State playoffs. Rick Turner asked about progress being made on the Teacher Contract Language that might deter some people from leaving before their contracts were up and leaving the District shorthanded. Superintendent Hastings said new language will be included in contracts this year that says if a teacher leaves before their contract is up, they will be reported to Professional Practices at the Department of Education. Robert Philpot asked that the District do a presentation on how the "folks in Bronson", the District Administrators are evaluated also. He invited everyone to the FFA Skeet Shoot on Saturday.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Robert E. Philpot, Chairman