

**Bronson, FL
April 14, 2015
5:00 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 14th day of April, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. with Board Chair Rick Turner, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Paige Brookins was absent.

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

Student 15-15 (student and parent 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 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY. Student must successfully complete a counseling course related to bullying with evidence submitted to the Superintendent before August 10, 2015 and would then be allowed to enroll at LLA for the 2015/2016 SY. Motion carried.

Student 15-14 (student and parents 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 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, with the opportunity to enroll at Levy Learning Academy pending a clean drug test prior to enrollment. Motion carried.

Student 15-13 (student and parent present): Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 SY and the 2015-2016 SY, without educational services. Motion carried.

**6:00 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION**

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

Recognition of Visitors: Board Chairman Rick Turner recognized Jason Cason, Council President of the City of Williston, from the audience to address the Board. Mr. Cason shared an agenda item from the City of Williston presented at the April 21, 2015 Levy County Board of County Commissioners Meeting, requesting permission to designate a portion of CR 318 - from the intersection of Highway 41 to the intersection of SE 8th Street - as "Robert Philpot Avenue or Robert Philpot Way". He asked the School Board to support the request. After discussion, the Board concurred that the naming of that portion of CR 318 which will include the new Williston Middle High School site, in memory of Robert Philpot would be fitting and appropriate. There was no action taken by the Board, but all Board members agreed to support the request. Superintendent Hastings asked Mr. Cason to keep in touch with Jeff Edison as to action taken by the Board of County Commissioners regarding the request.

Board Policies Review – Chapter 7: Jeff Edison and the Board reviewed School Board Policy Chapter 7 with no corrections being made.

Minutes: Cameron Asbell moved with second by Chris Cowart to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 Board Meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Chris Cowart 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 Changes / Recommendations:

1. Chrystal Woodley, CES Teacher Aide, effective March 24, 2015, position transferred from JBES, effective March 30, 2015 **increase hours worked** from 5.0 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day, the additional 2.5 hours coming from position vacated by Kaylee Simmons and will be paid out of project #11020.
2. Rebecca M. Tyson, District Food Service Coordinator, **resignation for retirement** effective July 1, 2015.
3. Anthony Williams, CES Custodian, **resignation** effective April 2, 2015, original hire date October 27, 2010.
4. Charlotte Yearty, CKS Confidential Secretary, **delete** resignation from employment to participate in DROP, beginning March 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2019.
5. Kathleen Walker, LLA Data Entry Clerk, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning March 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019.
6. Nancy Alstodt, County-wide Speech / Language Pathologist, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning March 1, 2015 and ending February 28, 2020.
7. Lois Gore, CMHS Secretary, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2020.
8. Sherry Steiner, District Hospital Homebound Teacher, **resignation for retirement**, effective June 8, 2015.

b) Family Medical Leave:

1. Mercedes Nix, BES ESOL Teacher Aide, **correct dates to** March 9 – 27, 2015.

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

1. Evelyn E. Campbell-Rains, CKS PK Aide, March 26 (2.0 hours), 27 (7.5 hours), 2015.
2. Donna Knickerbocker, JBES custodian, March 30, 2015, (8.0 hours).

d) Professional Leave Request:

1. Teresa Pinder, District Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), expenses paid project #40290F2015 unless otherwise indicated as follows:
April 14 & 15, 2015, RLATS duties Palm Coast
April 30, 2015, Region 2 MTSS Meeting – St. Augustine
May 3 – 5, 2015, Statewide AT Work Group – Port Orange
May 12 – 14, 2015, RLATS Duties - Palm Coast

2. Chris Wilder and Ben Randolph, WHS Teachers, April 14 – 16, 2015, Unmanned Arial Vehicle (UAV) Certification Training, Orlando, all expenses paid or reimbursed to employee by FL DOE including substitute.
3. Catherine E. Sturgill, WHS Teacher, April 18-20, 2015, Spring Planning Meeting for National Junior Classical League, Nashville, sub cost reimbursed by the National Junior Classical League, no cost to Board.
4. Sarah Creel, WHS Teacher Aide, April 22-24, 2015, Check and Connect Train the Trainer Class, Tampa, expenses paid from project #40235F2015.
5. Matthew Dettloff, CMHS Teacher, April 27 and 28, 2015, Next Generation Career And Technical Education Reading (NG-CATER) Conference, Ocala, all expenses paid by FACTE, not cost to Board.
6. Florida Educational Negotiators (FEN) Conference, May 18-21, 2015, Kissimmee, all expenses paid from project #17200: Candy Dean, Jeff Edison and Bob Clemons
7. FL Department of Ed. SEDNET E/BD Conference, May 11 – 13, 2015, Tampa:
Leigh P. Mace – expenses paid from SEDNET project #40234F2015
Marcy Young - all expenses paid FL DOE, no cost to Board.
8. Leigh P. Mace, District SEDNET Coordinator, May 14, 2015, FL Department of Ed. SEDNET Workday, Tampa, expenses paid from SEDNET project #40234F2015.

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. Matthew Dettloff, CMHS FFA Advisor, March 18 and 19, 2015, FFA On the Hill, Tallahassee, Isha Elkins female chaperone, 5 students, county van, advisor expenses paid project #15300, all other expenses paid internal account.
2. Class of 2015 - Grad Night for Seniors – Universal Studios Orlando – all expenses paid internal account, not cost to Board:

BHS: April 25, 2015 – 50 students – 1 school bus
Chaperones Cindy Putnam, Judy Beauchamp, Wes Lackey and Lori Lott

CKS: May 2, 2015 – 30 students – 1 school bus
Chaperones Patty Shewey and Kim Bishop

CHS: May 2, 2015 – 56 students – 2 school buses
Chaperones Fidah & Kevin Williams, Andy and Roberta Kidd, Scott and Melissa Mills, and Darla Tummond.

WHS: April 24, 2015 – 65 students – 2 school buses
Chaperones Scarlett McGowan, Jessica Moran, and Bobbie Joe Gowland

2. FINANCE:

- a) General Fund Budget Summary as of March 2015
- b) Budget Amendments #12A and #12B

Superintendent's Comments / Recommendations : Superintendent Hastings said he wanted to wish CHS student Kyra Kelgin the best as she was accepted into Harvard University. He said there have been several graduating seniors who have been accepted into Ivy League Schools in the last few years. Dr. Wnek said that Harvard only accepts on the average 5.38% of the students who apply, making this a reason for Levy County to be proud of our students.

Board Comments: Cameron Asbell said the collaborative work between School Board Employees both at WHS and the District Office and the Williston Police Department is an example of the outstanding effort made to keep students safe in Levy County Schools. He said as a parent of 3 school-age children in Levy County, he appreciates how fast the threatening note situation at WHS was handled on Friday March 27th. Superintendent Hastings commented that with the Charter School legislation passing, the State will be giving some 1.5 million dollars, based on FTE, to Charter Schools. He said it will be devastating to small and rural districts where that money could be used to enhance school safety measures. Chris Cowart encouraged the Board and everyone at the meeting to keep reaching out to Senators and Representatives via email with any public school issues. He thanked Jeff Edison for working to raise money for various CKS clubs and organizations at the Cedar Key Arts Festival. He reminded the Board that the Evening of Excellence will be held on Monday May 11th at WES beginning at 5:30 p.m. Jeff Edison updated the Board on the progress of the new WMHS and said the Construction Management Company – ACA – will bring the GMP for Site Prep to the Board for approval at the April 28th Board Meeting and the GMP for all other construction to the Board for approval at the May 12th Board Meeting. Board Attorney David Delaney informed the Board of the Supreme Court ruling on the AED defibrillators regarding immunity for schools if they have one on campus versus having someone trained to use it at sporting events. It was determined that Mr. Delaney should present the information at the next Coach's meeting or at the new school year orientation meeting.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

Rick Turner, Chairman