

**Bronson, Florida**  
**March 2, 2010**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Executive Session**

The School Board of Levy County met in session this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2010 with Chairman Beth Davis, Rick Turner, Paige Brookins, Cameron Asbell, Frank Etheridge and Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster present.

**Expulsion Hearings:** The Board then heard information regarding recommendation for expulsion. After testimony was given by the Principal and/or Designee and parents, the following action was taken by the Board.

- 1) **Student 10-11** (student and parent present): Motion by Cameron Asbell, second by Paige Brookins, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and all of the 2010-2011 school year, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School pending a baseline drug test and monthly testing as long as the student is enrolled at Hilltop. Drug Testing will be at the student's expense and testing positive for drug use while the student is enrolled at Hilltop will result in revoking educational services. Motion carried.
- 2) **Student 10-12** (student and parent present): Motion by Frank Etheridge, second by Paige Brookins, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and all of the 2010-2011 school year, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School pending a baseline drug test and monthly testing as long as the student is enrolled at Hilltop. Drug Testing will be at the student's expense and testing positive for drug use while the student is enrolled at Hilltop will result in revoking educational services. Motion carried.
- 3) **Student 10-14** (student and parent present): Motion by Paige Brookins, second by Cameron Asbell to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and all of the 2010-2011 school year, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School pending a baseline drug test and monthly testing as long as the student is enrolled at Hilltop. Drug Testing will be at the student's expense and testing positive for drug use while the student is enrolled at Hilltop will result in revoking educational services. Motion carried.
- 4) **Student 10-13** (student, parent and grandparent present): Motion by Rick Turner, second by Frank Etheridge, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and all of the 2010-2011 school year, with the opportunity to enroll at Hilltop Alternative School pending a baseline drug test and monthly testing as long as the student is enrolled at Hilltop. Drug Testing will be at the student's expense and testing positive for drug use while the student is enrolled at Hilltop will result in revoking educational services. Motion carried.

The Board then returned to regular session to continue with the remaining business of the Board with the WHS JROTC Unit presenting the colors for the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Superintendent Hastings.

**Superintendent Recognition**

**JROTC Awards:** Mr. Hastings asked Sergeant Major Raymond Douyard to come forward and present awards to the WHS JROTC Cadets who had recently participated in State and National competitions. Mr. Hastings also presented the "JROTC Unit of Distinction Award" to Sgt. Major Douyard and his unit, stating

that less than 5% of all units that are inspected receive this award for the US Army.

**2010 Bus Driver of the Year:** Mr. Hastings recognized Mary Bowers as the Levy County School Board 2010 Bus Driver of the Year, presenting her with a plaque. Steve Tyson, Transportation Coordinator also congratulated Ms. Bowers on her excellent driving record in the 29+ years she has been employed by Levy County School Board.

**2009 National Board Certified Teacher:** Mr. Hastings recognized Emily Lovely for her accomplishment as a National Board Certified Teacher, presenting her with a plaque. He praised her hard work to go above and beyond to reach this prestigious goal in her life as an educator.

**District Report:**

**D.O.T. Easement:** Jeff Edison reported to the Board that the Florida Department of Transportation, Bronson Field Headquarters, has contacted him requesting that the Board provide a Partial Release of Lease for a 2.5' strip of property the School Board currently leases under Lease Agreement Number 4036 dated July 21, 1994. After discussion, a motion was made by Paige Brookins, second by Frank Etheridge to approve the Partial Release of Lease, motion carried. (see supplemental minutes)

**1 acre parcel – Resolution to declare “unnecessary for educational purposes” pending title search:** Mr. Edison also reported to the Board the results of the title search on the 1 acre parcel in the Raleigh area. The property was being assessed to two (2) parties by the Levy County Property Appraiser’s Office. The title search revealed the School Board was being assessed in error, the School Board having conveyed the property in 1953. He said the Resolution approved by the Board at the February 16, 2010 Board Meeting to declare the 1 acre parcel “unnecessary for educational purposes” so that it could be advertised and sold by sealed bid is no longer needed and would be considered void. (see supplemental minutes)

**Minutes:** Motion by Frank Etheridge, second by Cameron Asbell, to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2010 Board meeting as submitted with the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** After discussion, a motion was made by Paige Brookins, second by Frank Etheridge, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, including additions/corrections as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

**1) GENERAL ITEMS:**

**a) Employee Status Changes:**

1. Tami T. Wain, District Personnel Clerk, *re-assign* to 12 Month Secretary, effective March 3, 2010.
2. Mary L. Russ, WHS Teacher, resignation from employment to **participate in DROP**, beginning February 1, 2010 and ending January 31, 2015.
3. Julie Johns, BHS Custodian, *resignation* effective February 26, 2010, and payment for any unused leave.

4. Frances O. LaSalle, JBES Assistant Principal, *resignation* effective March 12, 2010, and payment for any unused leave.

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

1. Frankie O. Lee, BHS Teacher, February 19 (4.0 hrs.), 2010.

**c) Family Medical Leave Request:**

1. Deborah Jerrels, ESE Information Specialist, February 18 – April 10, 2010, (this leave request *CANCELS* the Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days request board approved February 16, 2010 for Mrs. Jerrels).
2. Salena Koon, Bus Driver – 6.0 hrs. per day and WHS Food Service Worker 2.0 hrs. per day, February 16 – April 2, 2010.
3. Patricia Thompson, YTS Health Aide, February 16 – 19, 22 – 26, March 1-8 – 12, 2010.

**d) Personal Leave in Excess of Six (6) Days Leave Request:**

1. Mary P. O’Leary, District ESE Secretary, February 24 (1.5 hrs), 25 & 26 (8.0 hrs. each day), March 3 (4.0 hrs.) 4, 5, 8, & 9 (8.0 hrs each day), 2010.
2. Iris Jackson, Bus Driver, February 18 (3.63 hrs), 19 – March 1 (7.25 hrs per day), March 2 (3.63), 2010.

**e) Professional Leave Requests:**

1. Raymond Douyard, WHS JROTC Instructor, March 19, 20 & 21, 2010, Eastern Regional Drill Championships, Macon, GA, paid by US Army, no cost to Board.
2. Jamie Baker and Cliff Harrell, February 26 – 28, 2010, Coaching Clinic, Orlando, sub only cost to Board.
3. Marcia Baughn, District Gifted Teacher, March 4 (pm) and 5, 2010, Working on Gifted Issues (WOGI) Advisory Work Group, Orlando, meals / mileage paid from project #11022, lodging paid by WOGI.
4. Mary Phillips, CMS Teacher, February 28 (pm) – March 1, 2010, SWAT Tobacco Advisory Council Meeting, Tallahassee, all expenses paid by Health Dept., no cost to Board.
5. Pamela Thompson, District ESE Teacher, January 27 (pm) -29, 2010, ATIA

Convention (Assistive Technology), Orlando, **AMEND TO** registration and hotel paid by NEFEC, meals and mileage paid from project #11022.

**f) Student Trip Requests:**

1. Alice Graham, CHS Health Occupations Instructor, April 8 – 11, 2010, HOSA State Competition, Orlando, chaperones Debbie Kearns, Wendy Davis, and Shannon Steed, 50 students, 1 school bus, instructor's expense paid from project #15300, all other expense paid internal account.
2. Jennie Lynn Hudson Lane, CKS Guidance Counselor and Justina Wilkerson, BHS Guidance Counselor, Diane Gavida, Talent Search Director and Jodi Doher, chaperone, March 23, 2010, Talent Search Tour of Santa Fe College, Gainesville, 47 students, commercial carrier – BUS, all expenses paid by Talent Search, no cost to Board.
3. WES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – March 30, 2010, Lowry Park Zoo, Orlando, Mary Guinsler, Nancy Priest, Hillary Cribbs, Kristin Pegler, Melanie Clubb, Tracy Kirby, Tonya Townsend, Corrie Braley, Yvette Valez, Regina Appling, 101 students, 49 parents (list on file in office) commercial carrier – BUS, expenses paid internal account, no cost to Board.
4. Donna Brock, CHS Cheerleading Sponsor, March 12 (pm) – 14, 2010, UCA National Cheerleading Competition, Lake Buena Vista Wide World of Sports Complex, Orlando, chaperone Maegan Brock, 16 students, 1 bus, all expenses paid internal account.
5. Alice Graham, CHS Occ. Health Teacher and HOSA Advisor, April 8 – 11, 2010, Health Occupations Student Association Competition, Orlando, chaperones Debbie Kearns, Wendy Davis and Shannon Steed, 50 students, 1 bus, advisor expenses paid from project #15300, all other expenses internal account.
6. Karen Warren, WHS Teacher, chaperones Amy Tharpe and Don Barnes, March 4, 2010, High School / High Tech Field Trip to explore employment options, Daytona (chocolate factory) and St. Augustine (Marineland), 15 students, commercial carrier – bus, all expenses paid by Center for Independent Living (CIL).
7. Steve Faulkner, WHS Boys Basketball Coach, Larry Walker assistant, March 3 & 4, 2010, FHSAA Boys' Basketball State Finals, Lakeland, 12 students, 2 county vans.
8. Scarlett McGowan, WHS Cheerleading Coach, chaperon Christine Cuello, March 3 & 4, 2010, FHSAA Boys' Basketball State Finals, Lakeland, 11

students, 2 private vehicles, all expenses paid internal account.

**g) Administration:**

1. Approval of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Report (see supplemental minutes)

**h) Instructional:**

1. Approval of Memorandum Of Understanding with NEFEC for Curriculum Mapping – Reading. (see supplemental minutes)

**i) Recommendations:**

1. Appointments:
  - a. Brent Walker, BHS Teacher, effective February 22, 2010, replacing Loida Milian-Gonczarow.
  - b. Emily Ann Davidson, WHS Teacher, effective March 1, 2010, replacing Wade Davidson.
  - c. Rita Sweet, BHS Custodian, effective February 23, 2010, replacing Allison Spencer.
2. Payment of Supplements to the following personnel for supplemental activities during the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Supplement</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
BHS	SP152	MS Baseball	Bradley Lightbourne	01/18/10 <b>(add)</b>
BHS	SP291	Football – Varsity	Mark Marrazo	12/16/09 <b>(add)</b>
BHS	SP410	Peer Teacher	Sherrie Schuler	02/22/10 <b>(add)</b>
WHS	SP410	Peer Teacher	Mary Russ	01/20/10 <b>(add)</b>

3. Daniel Faircloth, *administrative appointment* as interim Assistant Principal at JBES, effective March 8 through June 30, 2010, replacing Frances LaSalle.

**2) FINANCE:**

- a) Amendment of Instructional and ESP Salary Schedules to allow payment to the following personnel for:
  - **Preparing and distributing NEWSLINK to parents (Parent Involvement Newsletter),** paid regular rate of pay, not to exceed 44 hours beginning date of Board Approval, paid from

project #40241F2010: Julie Haire

- **WES Before / After-School Tutoring Program, amend request board approved October 20, 2009** for fourth grade teachers listed below to be paid regular rate of pay up to 6.0 hours each per week on as needed basis beginning January 25 – February 8, 2010, paid from project #402401: Kathleen Brewington Nancy Bowman Joelene Vining  
Kathy Clemons Teresa Dixon Carol Glass  
Lita Halchak Leanne Kriser Tina Roberts  
Leah P. Halberstadt

**Superintendent Comments / Recommendations:** Mr. Hastings informed the Board that Graduation for WHS has been set for June 8, 2010 at the Performing Arts Center, the same date as the first Board Meeting in June. He explained how hard it is to reserve the Center and asked the Board's permission to re-schedule the Board Meeting, either by moving the meeting to Tuesday, June 1, keeping the time the same or switching the morning and night meeting times of the June Board Meetings. After discussion, a motion was made by Paige Brookins, second by Frank Etheridge, to move the first meeting in June from June 8 to June 1, with the time to remain at 7:00 p.m., motion carried. Pam Morrison will advertise the meeting change in local papers accordingly. Next, he told the Board that an impasse has been declared in negotiations with the Union, and the School Board will proceed to the next step. He also informed the Board that after an investigation conducted by Personnel Director Candy Dean, he was making the recommendation that Linda Yon, Speech and Language Teacher, be suspended with pay until the following Board Meeting on March 16, 2010, at which time the Board would decide whether to end the suspension, continue the suspension without pay or terminate employment. A motion was made by Paige Brookins, second by Cameron Asbell to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, motion carried. Board Attorney Sheree Lancaster reviewed information regarding the Causey Estate, saying that Cedar Key School had been served a second time with foreclosure proceedings on the property. She stated the first foreclosure action had been dismissed with prejudice by a different Judge. The new foreclosure action will be heard by a new Judge assigned to Levy County. She asked permission from the Board to file responsive pleadings defending the foreclosure petition, permission was granted.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Robert O. Hastings, Secretary

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Beth Davis, Chairman