

Bronson, FL
July 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Executive Session

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 13th day of July 2021 at 5:30 a.m. with Board Chairman Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi, Paige Brookins, Tammy Boyle, and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Brad Etheridge was not present.

Expulsion Recommendation: The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After School Administrator, WMHS Assistant Principal Benjamin Hawkins had given testimony; the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 22-01: (student and grandparents were present). After discussion from the Board Members, student, grandparents and Administrator, Tammy Boyle moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 SY, with the opportunity to attend the WMHS FOCUS Center, have a clean baseline drug test before entering, monthly drug tests at the guardians' expense and receive counseling services, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Regular Session
6:00 p.m.

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Public comments can be submitted by email to publiccomment@levyk12.org or delivered in writing to the District Office at 480 Marshburn Drive, Bronson, FL., and must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Public comments may also be made in person on the day of the meeting.

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Adoption of Agenda: Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors and Public Comments: Board Chairman Cameron Asbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There was none.

Impact Award: Superintendent Chris Cowart, spoke about Laura Klock and how she has made such a positive impact on Levy County Schools. He spoke about her accomplishments and dedication to the students, teachers and families in Levy County. He then presented her with the Impact Award.

Master Board: Superintendent Chris Cowart introduced Ms. Tina Pinkoson from the FL. School Board Association. Ms. Pinkoson thanked the Board members for participating in the annual Master Board Re-Certification training and presented them with the Master Board plaque.

Request Approval to Adopt/ Amend School Board Policies: Assistant Superintendent John Lott Jr. asked the Board members if they had any questions about the changes made to the School Board Policies 3.06-Safe and Secure Schools; 4.07-Certificate of Completion (Delete); 4.08-Special Diploma for Exceptional Education Students (Delete); 4.141*-Wellness Policy; 5.19-Educational Records of Pupils and Adult Students; 5.26-Corporal Punishment (3-year review; no changes); 6.06-Years of Services Defined for Administrative and Instructional Personnel; 6.51-Retirement of Employees, 6.56-Social Media (New); 8.11-School Construction Bid Process; and 11.03*-Use of Facilities. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the School Board Policies, second Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Request Approval of the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct and the CSPP Plan: Assistant Superintendent John Lott Jr. asked the Board if they had any questions about the revised 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct and the Comprehensive Student Progression Plan. Superintendent Chris Cowart apologized to Mrs. Boyle about things getting a little intense about the cell phone discussion at the last board meeting. Mrs. Boyle appreciated his openness. There was more discussion about the cell phone policy and the infractions that the students would receive and the responsibilities of the teachers. It was agreed that this first year would be very hard on everyone implementing this policy and everyone would have to enforce it in order for it to work. It was discussed that the policy be tabled for the next board meeting to discuss further, since there were mixed emotions on it. Assistant Superintendent John Lott Jr. informed the Board know that we could not meet the printing deadline if the policy was not finalized at this meeting. Board Attorney, David Delaney, mentioned that the State Statue says that a student can have electronics, but that the School District has the right to mandate when the phones could or could not be used in the schools; (Bell-to-Bell, class by class teacher discretion, no use at lunch etc.). After discussion, Cameron Asbell asked for the Board's vote. Paige Brookins moved to approve the 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct, second by Ashley Clemenzi. Tammy Boyle and Cameron Asbell voted nay; therefore, the vote was a tie. Board Chairman Cameron Asbell asked to move on to the rest of the agenda and return for more discussion at the end of the meeting regarding the Student Code of Conduct.

2021-2022 CSPP: After a five minute recess, Cameron Asbell turned the chair over to Co-Chair, Ashley Clemenzi, as he was on the prevailing side of the previous vote. Cameron Asbell made a motion to reconsider the Student Code of Conduct motion. Motion passed. Cameron Asbell then made a motion to accept the proposed Code of Conduct with the change from the word "competitions" to the word "activities". Paige Brookins seconded. Tammy Boyle proposed an amendment to the section about the cell phone policy "allowing cell phone use for educational purposes, before and after school, during lunch periods, in between classes if they're in the hallway." Motion died for a lack of second. Discussion returned to the original motion. Motion was made by Paige Brookins to approve the Comprehensive Student Progression Plan. Seconded by Ashley Clemenzi. Motion passed. Motion passed 3-1 with Mrs. Boyle voting Nay.

The Board returned to the 2021-2022 revised Student Code of Conduct for additional discussion. After final discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve it, second Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried. Tammy Boyle voted nay.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Board meetings, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion of the Agenda, Ashley Clemenzi moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Stephanie Schmidt, JBES, Teacher, First Grade, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
2. Brock Radaker, BMHS Teacher, Social Studies, S/H, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
3. David Krupa, WES Head Custodian, *resignation*, effective July 8, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date July 24, 2017.
4. Kelley Hoover, WES Teacher, 5th Grade, *resignation*, effective May 28, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 19, 2015.
5. Joyce Wetzel, WMHS Confidential Secretary, *retirement*, effective June 30, 2021, original hire date August 22, 1977.

6. Rebecca Childs, District Coordinator, PreK and Student Services, *effective* July 1, 2021, *vacancy*.
7. Melissa Radaker, BMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
8. Robin Garrison, BMHS Teacher Aide, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
9. William Menietti. WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
10. Regina Harris, WMHS Teacher, Agriculture/Horticulture, S/H, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
11. Raquel L. Beauchamp, CMHS Teacher, Health Occupation, *resignation*, effective May 28, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date August 12, 2013.
12. Karen Harper, WMHS Teacher, Algebra I, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
13. Zoe Llovett, WES Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
14. Miranda Dodd, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
15. Kaylin Young, JBES Teacher Aide, Pre-K, *position change* to Teacher Aide, Title I, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy and change in funding* as follows:

From:	1000E 5500 0150 0092 13720	100%
To:	4210E 5100 0150 0092 40241 F2022	100%
16. Glorimar Guido Mercado, WMHS Teacher Aide, ESOL *transfer* to WES Teacher Aide, ESOL, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
17. Justina Guptill, BMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *transfer* to WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
18. Kelly Gore, CES Assistant Principal, *transfer* to CMHS Assistant Principal, *effective* July 1, 2021, *vacancy*.
19. AlyssaJo Strickland, FNS Worker, *resignation* effective June 17, 2021, original hire date May 3, 2021.
20. Cynthia Hamilton, District Speech/Language Pathologist, *entering DROP*, effective July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2026.
21. Aimee Watkins, CMHS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J, *resignation*, effective May 28, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date January 20, 2006.
22. Maria Shaffner, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESOL, *resignation*, effective May, 28, 2021, original hire date August 3, 2017.
23. Maria Shaffner, CMHS Teacher, Foreign Language, S/H, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
24. Deborah Jones, CES Teacher, KG, *effective* August 2, 2021, *vacancy*.
25. Mary Cassube, WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *resignation*, effective May 28, 2021, and *payment* for any unused leave, original hire date March 1, 2019.

26. Julius Dexter, Transportation Bus Driver, 5.25 hours, ***increase hours*** to 6.75 hours daily, ***effective*** August 9, 2021, and ***change*** from Bronson route to Chiefland route.
27. Alicia Richardson, Transportation Bus Driver, 5.5 hours, ***increase hours*** to 6.5 hours daily, ***effective*** August 9, 2021, and ***change*** from Bronson to Chiefland route.
28. Lesa Knight, JBES Teacher Aide, Title I, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 5, 2020.
29. Sarah Bartina, JBES Teacher, KG, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 3, 2020.
30. Kendra Timney, CES Teacher, Fourth Grade, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date August 5, 2019.
31. Catherine Mahoney, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date November 12, 2014.
32. Ashley Coker, BES Teacher Aide, ESE, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 5, 2020.
33. Sharlecia Langford, BES Teacher, Third Grade, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, ***transfer*** leave to Gilchrist County School Board, original hire date July 17, 2000.
34. Ashley Faust, WMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 3, 2016.
35. Kasidy Cothron, CES Teacher, First Grade, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date August 6, 2018.
36. Ashley Wilkeron, CES Teacher, KG, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.
37. Haley Brewer, WES Teacher, Third Grade, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.
38. Courtney Spell, WES Teacher, Fourth Grade, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.
39. Greyson Smith, JBES Teacher, Second Grade, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.
40. ***Request*** approval to establish a Paraprofessional position at CKS, 7.5 hours per day, to support our students with disabilities, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, and paid from Project #40230 F2022.
41. Summer Bailey, CES Teacher, KG, ***effective*** August 2, 2021, ***vacancy***.
42. Chad Hodges, CMHS Teacher, Music, S/H, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, and ***payment*** for any unused leave, original hire date August 12, 2013.
43. Constance Ward, TSA, District SEDNET Coordinator, ***resignation***, effective July 15, 2021, ***payment*** for vacation leave, and ***transfer*** sick leave to Columbia County, original hire date August 3, 2016.
44. Jeffery R. Edison, YTS Teacher, Math, M/J, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, and ***transfer*** leave to Bradford County, original hire date August 12, 1992.
45. Heather Hamblen Coon, YTS Teacher, Vocational Agriculture, ***resignation***, effective May 28, 2021, original hire date August 5, 2019.

46. Mackenzie Reddy, WMHS Teacher, Science, M/J, **resignation**, effective May 28, 2021, **transfer** leave to St. Johns County, original hire date August 3, 2017.
47. **Request** approval to establish a Teacher Aide at Yankeetown School due to enrollment, paid from Project #13720.

b) Personal Leave Requests:

1. Roseannie Arquino, CES Custodian, October 19, 2021 through June 15, 2022.
2. Lindsey Whittington, BMHS Dean, 2021-2022 school year.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Roseannie Arquino, CES Custodian, July 26 – October 18, 2021.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. East Coast Technical Assistance Center Administration Meeting (ECTAC), August 17-19, 2021, Cocoa Beach, FL., travel paid from Project #42412 F2022, for the following:
 - Anna Forde, Coordinator of Grants and Federal Programs
 - Melissa Lewis, Director of Accountability
 - Jaime Handlin, Director of Curriculum
2. B.E.S.T. Mathematics District Lead Professional Development, July 20-22, 2021, Lakeland, FL., travel paid from Project #40220 F022, for the following:
 - Jaime Handlin, Director of Curriculum
 - Michelle Ruiz, District Coordinator Math/STEM Coach
 - Emily Hancock, Principal, WES
 - Jennifer Filmon, CMHS Teacher, Math, S/H
 - Jeffrey Webb, CKS Dean
 - Stephanie Parks, CMHS Teacher, Math, M/J
 - Salinda (Marlene) Wiggins, Assistant Principal, BES
3. Florida Association of Career & Technical Education State (FACTE) Conference, July 18-21, 2021, Orlando FL., travel expenses paid by Project #15322:
 - Christy McElroy, District Coordinator, Career Pathways
 - Michael Wilson, BMHS Teacher, Vocational Business

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. **(Board approved May 25, 2021)** FFA State Convention, June 13-18, 2021, Orlando, FL., travel paid from Project #15300, for the following schools:

District: Melissa Lewis, Director Accountability

f) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements.

- i. 2021-2022 Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Florida Gateway College.
- ii. 2021-2022 Contracts for School Crossing Guards between the School Board of Levy County and the Sheriff of Levy County, the City of Cedar Key, the City of Chiefland and the City of Williston.
- iii. 2021-2022 Contract between NEFEC District School Board of Putnam County and School Board of Levy County for the following agreements:
 - a. #731-22-025: NEFEC Membership Resolution Main Contract
 - b. #22-025-A1: Instructional Services Program
 - c. #22-025-A6: Enterprise Resource Software
 - d. #22-025-A10: Risk Management
 - e. #22-025-A18: Information Technology
 - f. #22-025-A27: Building Code Administrator
 - g. #22-025-A43: Human Resource Management Network
 - h. #22-025-A45: Document Archiving Program
 - i. #22-025-A47: Virtual Instruction Program
- iv. 2021-2022 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Combined Benefits Group, -Inc.
- v. 2021-2022 Inter-Local Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and Levy County Sheriff to provide School Resource Deputies at all of the Levy County Schools during the 2021-2022 contracted school year. (3 Contracts)
- vi. 2021-2022 Contract between the School Board of Levy County and Citrus, Levy, Marion Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc. (CLMRWDB) d/b/a CareerSource Citrus, Levy, Marion.

2. FINANCE:

- a. Budget Amendment #20-00035 18B.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Mr. Cowart said 1,000 students are attending summer school. He said the Levy County Coalition, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa Lewis and Jaime Handlin have done a great job. He said that they had gone on several field trips, such as the Zoo, the Aquarium and fishing trips. Mr. Cowart said BES and BMHS were used as shelters during the storm. Bronson Elementary had three people and Bronson Middle High had ten people. He thanked everyone that assisted with having the shelters ready to open within an hour and a half. Mr. Cowart said AVID training was going on this week. He thanked the Levy Schools Foundation for providing breakfast and lunch for each day of training. Mr. Cowart thanked Mrs. Tanya Taylor for doing a great job with AVID. He said the students enjoy AVID. Mr. Cowart gave chocolate candy bars to the Board members from Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Cowart said Mr. Asbell's son was the first student to pass the new Water Works Program.

Board Comments: Ashley Clemenzi said that Ms. Wetzel has been with the school system for a long time and Jeff Edison was an asset to Yankeetown School. She said they will be missed and wishes them the best of luck. Many workshops are going on right now that was good. She said Mrs. Westfall let her know that it was the 85th year for Yankeetown School and that the original school bell was found. The lady that had the bell had moved several times and taken the bell with her and she lives in Texas, she is going to move again and decided not to take the bell with her this time. Her three great nephews contacted the school and said they will be sending the bell back to the school. Mrs. Westfall said YTS will have a celebration when they receive the bell.

Paige Brookins said that all of her questions had been answered. She said that there were many new teachers this year and that we grow with changes. She was glad that summer school was doing well and glad that everyone was safe from the storm. She asked Mr. Stockman (Breezy) about the warehouse that was being built. Mr. Stockman

let her know that it was a little behind due to lack of materials. He said that it was needed for storage due to the sale of the other property.

Tammy Boyle said that all of her questions were answered as well. She said that the teachers leaving Chiefland would be missed. Cedar Key School took the week of July 5 off summer school due to the holiday and vacations. Teachers are busy painting classrooms and setting them up for the New Year and that students were helping them. She said she enjoyed discussing things with the Board members and she will support the Board's decisions as a group.

Cameron Asbell, said that Williston Middle High was getting a great math teacher. He said not everyone is a teacher, but that she is a great math teacher and that Bronson Middle High hated losing her.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Christopher A. Cowart, Secretary

Cameron Asbell, Board Chairman