

Bronson, FL

October 8, 2019

5:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 8th day of October, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Ashley Clemenzi was absent

Expulsion Recommendation (2): The Board heard information regarding a recommendations for expulsions. After the School Administrators, Matt McLelland and John Miller had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 20-02: (student, parent and DJJ Diversion Program Coordinator present). After discussion from the Board Members, school administrator, student and parent, Paige Brookins moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY and 2020-2021 SY, without educational services, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Student 20-03: (student and parent present). After discussion from the Board Members, school administrator, student and parent, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to table the expulsion, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 8th day of September, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Ashley Clemenzi was absent.

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

Welcome Visitors: Board Chairman Brad Etheridge welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. Lisa Gant, JBES School Counselor read a letter from another employee regarding the LCEA and SBLC negotiations. The employee said she has concerns about employees not receiving steps in pay each year.

Levy County Schools Foundation and Suncoast Credit Union: Annie Whitehurst said the Levy County Foundation distributes over \$48,000 in grants to Levy County schools throughout the year to assist with classrooms, field trips, student certifications and over \$47,000 to graduating seniors for scholarships. She introduced Lewrissa Mainwaring from Suncoast Credit Union. She thanked Mrs. Mainwaring and Suncoast for their donation of \$17,000 to the foundation. Mrs. Whitehurst said Suncoast Credit Union is involved in all our fundraising events, Evening of Excellence, other events and donate \$4,000 each year towards scholarships.

Food Service Supper Program Presentation: Julia Oberst distributed samples of snack bags and supper bags to the Board members. She said the snack bags include a drink and snack compared to the supper bag, which includes a sandwich, milk, fruit and vegetable. She said the new supper program would begin with the 2020-2021 school year. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Food Service Supper Program, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

2019-2020 School-Wide Improvement Plans: Chloe Hunt reviewed the 2019-2020 School-Wide Improvement Plans with the Board for each school. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the 2019-2020 School-Wide Improvement Plans, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Brookins moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Board meeting, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Cameron Asbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins,

motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Walter McLeod, District Maintenance, Groundskeeper, **resignation** from employment to **participate in DROP**, effective September 1, 2019 and ending November 30, 2023.
2. Doris McLeod, WMHS Data Entry Clerk, **resignation** from employment to **participate in DROP**, effective September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2024.
3. Marlina Matthews, CMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, **resignation**, effective September 20, 2019, original hire date August 13, 2018.
4. Katherine Dubruiel, BES Custodian, **resignation**, effective September 30, 2019, and **payment for any unused leave**, original hire date May 1, 2001.
5. Catheese Harvey, WMHS FNS Worker **transfer to** BMHS FNS Worker, **effective** October 7, 2019.

b) Personal Leave Requests in Excess of Six (6) Days:

1. Stacie Leffert, BMHS Teacher Aide, ESE, September 17 – December 20, 2019.

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. **(Originally Board approved 9/10/19)** - Susan Gruber, District Countywide Teacher, Hospital/Homebound, August 29 – September 30, 2019, **amend return date to** September 27, 2019.
2. **(Originally Board approved 8/27/19)** - Morgan Sache, CES Teacher, First grade, August 20 – November 15, 2019, **amend ending date to** October 11, 2019, return on October 14, 2019.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Laura Klock, Coordinator, Pre-K and Student Services, 2019 Florida Coalition for the Homeless Annual Conference, October 9-11, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40298 F2020, #42413 F2020 and FLDOE.
2. Kalee Wade, Coordinator, Benefits and Risk Management, NEFEC Quarterly Risk Management Meeting, November 14-15, 2019, travel expenses paid from Project #17730.
3. MTSS/RtI Regional Meeting, Jacksonville, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40220 F2020 and #40230 F2020, for the following:

October 16-17, 2019:

- Carol DuBois, Coordinator, Career Pathways/Literacy
- Marcy Young, Coordinator, ESE/SS/504

October 16-18, 2019:

- Chloe Hunt, Coordinator, Title Programs
- Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director, ESE/SS

October 17-18, 2019:

- Erinn Tillman, WMHS School Counselor
- Benjamin Hawkins, WMHS Administrative Assistant

- Tanner Thomas, WMHS Teacher, English
 - Jennifer Dola, WMHS Teacher/Reading Coach
 - Dorenda Westfall, WMHS Assistant Principal
4. Julia M. Oberst, Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services, 2019 USDA Foods North Region Training, September 30 – October 1, 2019, Jacksonville, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #41000.
 5. Kimberley McLean, ESE/SS Teacher, Visually Impaired, Intellectually Disabled Statewide Meeting, November 5-7, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid by the FLDOE Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS), no cost to Board.
 6. 47th Annual National Healing Neen Trauma Informed Care Conference, November 6-8, 2019, Championsgate, FL., for the following and paid as listed:

Paid from Project #11023:

- Dr. Rosalind Hall, Director of ESE/SS.
- Dr. Leila W. Pratt, ESE/SS, School Psychologist.
- Dennis Webber, Coordinator, School Safety.

Paid from Project #40234 F2020:

- Constance Ward, Coordinator, SEDNET.
7. Summer Breakspot Returning Sponsor Training 2020, January 14-16, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #41010, for the following:
 - Julia Oberst, Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).
 - Natalie D. Warren, Food and Nutrition Services Specialist.
 - Marianne Sedor, Food and Nutrition Services Specialist.
 8. Differentiated Discipline in Addressing Mental Health Meeting, October 7, 2019, Jacksonville, FL., travel expenses and subs paid from Projects #40230 F2020 and #11023, for the following:
 - Amy Webber, JBES Assistant Principal
 - Devyn Chorvat, JBES Teacher, ESE
 - Holly Willis, BES Assistant Principal
 - Angela Heredia, BES Teacher, Third Grade
 9. Kimberley McLean District Teacher, ESE/SS, Visually Impaired, Comprehensive Emergent Literacy for Students with Significant Disabilities, October 13-15, 2019, Sanibel, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020.
 10. Differentiated Discipline Meeting, October 6-7, 2019, Jacksonville, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020, #40234 F2020, and #11023 for the following:

BES: Holly Willis, Assistant Principal and Angela Heredia, Teacher, 3rd Grade

JBES: Amy Webber, Assistant Principal and Devyn Chorvat, Teacher, ESE

11. **(Board approved 9/24/19)** - AVID Pathway Training Tutorology, October 1-3, 2019, St. Cloud, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #14890 INTRN, for the following teachers, ***amend funding source to*** Project #40241 F2020:

WMHS: Jennifer Handley and Stephanie Whitehurst

12. Julie Whiteacre, BES Teacher, ESE, Comprehensive Emergent Literacy for Student Conference, October 13-15, 2019, Sanibel, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020.
13. Valerie Boughanem, Coordinator of ESOL/Testing, Florida Association of Bilingual and ESOL Coordinators (FABES), November 6-8, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40293 F2020.

e) Instructional Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:

- i. 2019-2020 School Improvement Plans.

f) Student Trips Requests:

1. FFA Students to the Sunbelt Expo, October 16, 2019, Moultrie, GA., chaperones Heather Hamblen, Rachel Hamblen, Nichol Robinson, William Robinson, Brandon Coon, nine (9) students, private vehicles, paid from Project #14890 INTRN.
2. FFA Chapter President's Conference, October 17-18, 2019, Daytona Beach, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15300 for the following:

BMHS: Chaperone Kelby Barber, four students, county vehicle.

3. WMHS Linking our Industry Networks through Certification (LINC) Conference for Horticulture Educators, September 27-29, 2019, Daytona Beach Shores, FL., chaperone Travis Bergdoll, one student, private or county vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #15322.

2. FINANCE:

- a. Budget Amendments 1A #19-00001 & 1B #19-00002.
- b. Call for Bid Requests:
 - i. Permission to call for bids for the following item to be advertised and awarded at the December 10, 2019 School Board Meeting:
 1. **Levy Deal (Distance Learning Communications)**
 2. **Site Work and Paving for Fueling Station at WES**

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeff Edison said WWCS is the only school that is out of compliance with class size. All other schools are in compliance. He talked about the announcement Governor DeSantis released about increasing teachers' salaries. He said he's concerned because the proposal is not across the board to include all employees. Mr. Edison said the Five-Year Work Plan will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting. He said it has an October 1st deadline, but no one has been able to access the portal. He said there will be several School Board policies on the next agenda for revisions/review or addition. He said it's very important that students attend school during FTE week. He said the Cedar Key City Gala will be November 8th and asked the Board if they would like to attend as a group. Chris Cowart said this program supports the summer programs for students. Mr. Edison said he's working on a new Staffing Allocation Plan for each school.

Board Comments: Cameon Asbell gave the Board an update on the BMHS homecoming parade and football game. He said he received a thank you letter from Amelia King's family thanking the Superintendent and the Board for purchasing her hog last year at the SRF. Amelia's hog was donated to help support another student battling cancer. He said the BMHS FFA fishing tournament will be October 12th in Cedar Key. Chris Cowart talked about the announcement from Governor

DeSantis. He said he appreciates all the teachers and will be there to support any increase in salaries possible. He said the Cedar Key Seafood Festival will be October 19-20, 2019. He invited everyone to attend. He said there will be plenty of food and events. Mr. Cowart said the Beast Feast will be October 26th. He said he and Page Brookins ran in the Rotary Purple Pinkie Peanut run and Mrs. Brookins won 1st place for School Board member. He shared copies of the 2020 FSBA Legislative Platform. Paige Brookins asked the Board if they wanted to do clam chowder again for the Beast Feast. She gave an update on the CMHS homecoming parade and football game. She said CMHS recognized all the students who scored five (5) on last year's FSA test. She said October 28th will be parent night. She congratulated CMHS Band for all the awards they won in several areas of expertise. Brad Etheridge thanked Dennis Webber for the Mental Health Training on September 27th. He said it was very interesting and Mr. Webber did a great job relaying the information. Mr. Etheridge said WMHS homecoming parade will be October 24th and the homecoming football game will be October 25th. He said WMHS FFA will be selling BBQ dinners on October 25th for a fundraiser.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for the Board to go into Executive Session.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Bradley Etheridge, Board Chairman