

Bronson, FL
October 22, 2019
7:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 22nd day of October, 2019 at 7:50 a.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Expulsion Recommendation (3): The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After the School Administrator, John Miller had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 20-04: (student and parent present) After discussion from the Board Members, school administrator, student and parent, Chris Cowart moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to expel the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY and 2020-2021 SY, with the opportunity to attend BMHS FOCUS Center, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Student 20-05: (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 expel the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY and 2020-2021 SY, with the opportunity to attend BMHS FOCUS Center, develop a behavior plan and contract, with counseling services, second by Chris Cowart, motion carried.

Student 20-06: (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 expel the student for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY and 2020-2021 SY, without educational services, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION **9:00 a.m.**

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 22nd day of October, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Chairman Brad Etheridge, Paige Brookins, Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Ashley Clemenzi and Board Attorney David Delaney present.

Adoption of Agenda: Chris Cowart moved to approve the agenda, second by Paige Brookins, 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. Sue Colson, Cedar Key Food Pantry Bread of the Mighty said they lost their location at the Methodist Church in Cedar Key and are looking for a temporary location to house food. She said they work closely with the Children's Food Table in Bronson. Superintendent Edison and Chris Cowart informed her that arrangements had been made for the School Board of Levy County to donate item Bluebird Bus #0316 to the Cedar Key Food Pantry, Inc., effective October 22, 2019. Mr. Cowart said the bus does not have a motor but can be moved when needed. Ms. Colson thanked the Board and Superintendent for their gracious donation to the Cedar Key Food Pantry.

Levy County Schools Foundation & Duke Energy: Annie Whitehurst introduced Dorothy Pernue from Duke Energy. She said Duke Energy has been a longtime Paragon Sponsor for many years. Ms. Pernue presented the School Board with a check for \$10,000 which supports the summer reading programs, scholarships, school supplies, books for the summer reading programs, along with many other programs. The Board thanked Ms. Pernue and Duke for their generous contribution. Mrs. Whitehurst reminded everyone of the Beast Feast on Saturday, October 26th at Etheridge Farm and Produce in Williston.

Disability Awareness Weeks: Dr. Rosalind Hall said Disability Awareness Weeks are the first two weeks in October. She talked about the 2019 top five accomplishments for the schools. Dr. Hall asked one group to share how successful their year has been with one of their Pre-Kindergarten classroom. Mrs. Michael Homan, Principal, CES, Ms. Laverne Jernigan, Ms. Susan Stancil, Mrs. Laura Klock, Mrs Beth McLean, Ms. Allen (student's mother) and Tahj Allen, Pre-K student.

Mrs. Homan said Tahj is completely blind. This is his 2nd full year at CES and he's doing very well. She said he's adapting and learning amazing things. Dr. Hall read the Resolution for Disability Awareness. Chris Cowart moved to adopt the resolution, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

- **SEDNET and Regional Assistive Technology Specialist:** Constance Ward, Coordinator, SEDNET gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the SEDNET Program. She said the counties served include Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Union. She said SEDNET is a multiagency network for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities. Ms. Ward said the SEDNET grant received \$124,867 for the 2019-2020 SY. The grant covers salaries for the coordinator, secretary, trainings, supplies and travel.
- **CES Success Story:** Teresa Pinder, Regional Local Assistive Technology Specialist (R-LATS), gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the R-LATS program. She said her region covers Sumter, Flagler, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilchrist counties. Ms. Pinder said the goal is to assist students in any way possible to allow them the opportunity to engage and interact with their same age peers. Ms. Pinder said R-LATS uses the ABCD method; A: Academic Accessibility; B: Behavior Strategies; C: Communication; and D: Data.

Alternate Learning Education Classroom (LLA at BES): Cheryl Beauchamp introduced Ms. Angelica Toole, Behavior Specialist, teacher Ms. Haley Koon, Paraprofessional Stephanie Wolf from the BES LLA FOCUS Center and some of their students. Mrs. Beauchamp said the students have been keeping busy along with their academics. They have been gardening, car washes, yoga, and cooking classes. She said by keeping the students active helps them focus on their academics when in the classroom.

Food Service Breakfast Program Presentation: Julia Oberst, Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services, distributed bags and samples of breakfast food that is available at the schools for the students. She gave an overview of the changes in the Food and Nutrition Services Program. She said the new program provides for better and healthier choices. She said the system is the "Grab and Go". Students can choose 3-4 items of their choice. There is less waste, preparation time, reduction in supplies and the students approve of the choices available. Mrs. Oberst said the schools will be having their Thanksgiving lunches on Thursday, November 21st.

Five-Year Educational Work Plan: John Lott reviewed the 2019-2020 Five Year Educational Work Plan with the Board. He said Gene Tanner completed the survey. After discussion, Paige Brookins moved to approve the Five-Year Work Plan, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Perkins Grant Update: Carol DuBois said this is the fifth year to receive the Perkins Grant. She gave an overview of the 2019-2020 Perkins V Federal Grant and a PowerPoint presentation. She said 2019-2020 will be a transition year, allowing time for the state, workforce regions and local school districts to complete a Critical Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) to determine if the career programs available at the secondary and post-secondary level meet the current workforce needs.

Request Approval to Advertise to Adopt/Amend School Board Policies: John Lott reviewed School Board Policies 3.06 – Safe and Secure Schools, 4.01 – Student Progression Plan, 4.025 – Academic and Career Planning, 5.04 – Requirements for Original Entry, 5.13 – Zero Tolerance for School-Related Crimes, 5.38 – Bullying and Harassment, 6.04* - Certification of Administrative, Instructional, and Non-Degreed Vocational Personnel, 6.042* - Report of Misconduct, 8.01 – Safety, Notice of Non-Discrimination and #TBD - Medical Marijuana. He requested approval to advertise to adopt/amend the policies at the December 10, 2019 Board meeting. After discussion, Chris Cowart moved approval to advertise, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Cowart moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Board meeting, second by Ashley Clemenzi, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: After discussion, Chris Cowart moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Paige Brookins, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2019-2020 school year:

School	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
YTS	Jodi Nagel	Elem Ed K-6; ESE K-12; ENG 6-12	M/J Pre-Algebra

2. Cynthia Phillips, WES Computer Lab Manager, *effective* October 17, 2019, *vacancy*.
3. Timothy Hooker, YTS Teacher, Soc. Studies, M/J, *release from employment during probationary period*, effective October 4, 2019, original hire date August 5, 2019.
4. Sudhakar Talluri, CMHS TPG Teacher, Math, M/J, *Job abandonment*, effective October 4, 2019, original hire date September 12, 2019.
5. Jennifer Ezell, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, *resignation*, effective October 18, 2019, original hire date September 5, 2018.
6. Rusty Keene, CMHS Custodian, *effective* October 9, 2019, *vacancy*.
7. Chelsea Dola, JBES Teacher, KG, *effective* October 1, 2019, *vacancy*.
8. Allen Strickland, CES Teacher, PE, Elem. *transfer* to CMHS Teacher, Math, M/J, *effective* October 15, 2019.
9. Lindsey Steed, CES Teacher, ESE, *release from employment during probationary period*, effective October 11, 2019, original hire date January 31, 2019.
10. Ruth Foley, Transportation Bus Driver, *increase hours from 5.50 hours to 6.50 hours daily, effective* October 1, 2019.
11. Shirley Goins, Transportation Bus Driver, *increase hours from 6.75 hours to 7.0 hours daily, effective* October 1, 2019.
12. Julius Dexter, Transportation Bus Driver, *increase hours from 5.00 hours to 5.25 hours daily, effective* October 1, 2019.
12. Henry Burge, Transportation Bus Driver, *increase hours from 6.25 hours to 7.50 hours daily, effective* October 1, 2019.
13. Karen Brower, Transportation Bus Driver, *increase hours from 6.50 hours to 6.75 hours daily, effective* October 1, 2019.
14. Carlynn Griffin, Transportation Bus Driver, *increase hours from 6.25 hours to 8.0 hours daily, effective* October 1, 2019.
15. Marcella Russell, YTS Teacher Aide, ESE, *effective* October 10, 2019, *vacancy*.
16. Charles Miller, District, Maintenance Generalist I, *effective* October 21, 2019, *vacancy*.
17. Timothy R. Courtney, District, Maintenance Air Conditioning Mechanic, *effective* October 21, 2019, *vacancy*.

18. Amanda Boggs, BMHS Teacher, Language Arts, S/H, *effective* October 14, 2019, *vacancy*.

b) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Aubrey Strickland, CES Teacher Aide, October 16, 2019 – January 6, 2020.

c) Military Leave Requests:

1. Lamar Asbell, District Maintenance, Plumber, October 17-18, 2019 (8 hrs. daily).

d) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Professional Development, AVID site visit, October 2-3, 2019, Riverview Middle School, Crawfordville, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40241 F2020, School-Based, for the following:
 - Jessica Robinson Crosby, CKS Teacher, Language Arts, M/J.
 - Hilary Davis, CKS Teacher, Social Studies, S/H.
2. Teresa Pinder, District ESE/SS LATS Specialist, to the following meetings, travel expenses paid from Project #40290 F2020, for the following:
 - Regional Assistive Technology Specialist Fall Training/Meeting, November 4-6, 2019, New Smyrna Beach, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties, November 6-8, 2019, Flagler County, Palm Coast, Bunnell, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties, November 11-13, 2019, Palatka, FL.
 - R-LATS Duties, December 16-17, 2019, Palm Coast, Bunnell.
3. Food Service and Nutrition Association Conference, October 11-13, 2019, West Palm Beach, FL., mileage paid from Project #41000, other expenses paid by Levy Co. School Nutrition Assoc., no cost to Board, for the following:
 - Linda (Darlene) Polk, WMHS FNS Manager
 - Katherine Manuel, BMHS FNS Manager
 - Haeng (Kim) Gonthier, BMHS FNS Assistant Manager
4. Barbara Rivers, Director of Accountability, Equity Technical Assistance Training, December 11-13, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #19060.
5. Rodney Thomas, BMHS Teacher Aide, Other Basic, Basketball Clinic, October 11-13, 2019, Winter Haven, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #14890INTRN.
6. Rowena Rivera Vincenty, WMHS Teacher, ESE, Florida Postsecondary Education Program Planning Institute, November 6-8, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40230 F2020.
7. Minerva Gonzalez, District ESOL Lead Teacher, Florida Association of Bilingual and ESOL Supervisors Conference, November 6-8, 2019, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40299 F2020.
8. Julia Oberst, Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services, Child Nutrition Directors' Meeting, April 13-14, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expense paid from Project #41000.
9. 2019 Florida Association of School Personnel Administrators (FASPA) Conference, November 5-8, 2019, Altamonte Springs, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #17730, for the following:
 - Marla Hiers, Director of Personnel
 - Mandi Smith, Personnel Specialist

- Tami Wain, Personnel Specialist

e) Student Trip Requests:

1. **(Board approved 9/24/19)** - FFA Students to the Sunbelt Expo, October 16, 2019, Moultrie, GA., paid from FFA #14920INTRN, and Project #15300 for subs only:

WMHS: *amend to add* Chaperone Lamar D. Asbell.

2. FFA Chapter Presidents Conference, October 17-18, 2019, Daytona Beach, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #15300:

WMHS: Chaperones Travis Bergdoll, Sabrina Mullins (parent), eight (8) students, and county van.

f) Administrative Services:

1. **Contracts and/or Agreements:**

- i. 2019-2020 Agreement between the School Board of Levy County and the Williston Care Center to provide Nursing Assistant Student activities at participating agencies.

2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for September, 2019.
- b. Budget Amendments 2A #19-00004 and 2B #19-00003.
- c. Request approval to advertise for Proposals (RFPs) for Internet Services.
- d. Request permission to donate **Bluebird Bus #0316** to the Cedar Key Food Pantry, Inc., *effective* October 22, 2019. The bus was declared surplus at the August 13, 2019 Board meeting.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeff Edison said the November 25, 2019 Board Meeting will be on the November 12, 2019 Agenda for discussion of cancelling the meeting since it's Thanksgiving week and all the schools are closed.

Board Comments: Ashely Clemenzi said she's excited about the YTS visit today after the Board meeting. She said YTS had to add a VPK class and the Fall Festival is Friday, October 25th. She said the Fall Festival is a very big event at YTS. Mrs. Clemenzi said the Student Achievement Cadre has met several times for Strategic Planning and they're very productive meetings.

Cameron Asbell said the BMHS fishing tournament was very successful and they had a great turnout. He said October is dyslexia month and provisions for students have improved greatly over the years. He thanked Dr. Hall and others for assisting the students in need. Mr. Asbell said we had a good Board Meeting today with good news, but the Press didn't attend to cover today's meeting. He said they don't cover the good news; they only cover the negative news. Mr. Asbell said the Levy County schools are doing a great job posting information, announcements, student achievements, awards and success stories on Facebook. He said since September there have been 74 posts; CKS had 15, CMHS had 17, WMHS had 13, but two other schools had 0 and 1 post. He said it's important to get the information posted.

Chris Cowart agreed and said we have to share our own success stories and that's why we have the Public Relations Cadre for Strategic Planning. He said the Cedar Key Seafood Festival was cancelled on Saturday due to the weather, but Sunday was very busy with a great turnout. Mr. Cowart said Friday, November 1st is the CKS Fall Festival, the CKS roof repairs are completed and the Beast Feast is Saturday, October 26th.

Paige Brookins agreed that all the schools are doing a great job posting information. She said she attended "Project Learning

Tree” presentation for Pre-K–8 grades. She said the children received hands-on training in the classrooms. She said Monday is Blue Bell ice cream day with the Ag class and Thursday is Purple Pinkie Day.

Brad Etheridge said the WMHS Homecoming parade is on Thursday and the homecoming football game is Friday night. He said WMHS will be selling BBQ dinners on Friday for a fundraiser and the Beast Feast is located at the Etheridge Farm and Produce in Williston. Mr. Etheridge said good postings on Facebook help to boost morale. Barb Rivers said if the schools will post to the website, then they can be shared via the District Facebook page.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned for the Board to visit Yankeetown School.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Bradley Etheridge, Board Chairman