

Bronson, FL
January 28, 2020
8:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board of Levy County met in Executive Session this 28th day of January, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. with Board Vice Chairman Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Board Chairman Paige Brookins and member Ashley Clemenzi were absent.

Expulsion Recommendations: The Board heard information regarding a recommendation for expulsion. After School Administrators Kathryn Lawrence and Jeffery Webb had given testimony, the following actions were taken by the Board.

Student 20-11: (student and parents present). After discussion from the Board Members and school administrator, Brad Etheridge 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 the CMHS FOCUS Center and have clean monthly drug tests, at parents' expense, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

6:00 p.m.

The School Board of Levy County met in Regular Session this 28th day of January, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Board Vice Chairman Chris Cowart, Cameron Asbell, Brad Etheridge and Board Attorney David Delaney present. Board Chairman Paige Brookins and member Ashley Clemenzi were absent.

Adoption of Agenda: Board Vice Chairman Chris Cowart said for Good Cause, he asked that the agenda be amended as follows: **Change item "K", School Visits from CES and CMHS to WMHS.** Brad Etheridge made the motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Cameron Asbell, motion carried. After amending, Cameron Asbell made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Welcome Visitors: Board Vice Chairman Chris Cowart welcomed all the visitors and asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board. There were none.

2018-2019 Internal Audit Findings and Charter Schools Audits: Kim Lake, Director of Finance and Pam Whitney, Finance Officer reviewed the 2018-2019 Internal Audit Findings and Charter School Audits for Whispering Winds and Nature Coast Charter Schools. Mrs. Lake said the District had five audit findings and three recommendations. NCMCS had no findings. WWCS had one finding which rose to the level of a significant deficiency with regards to insufficient documentation.

E-Rate Internet Services: Morgan Bennett, Lawrence Frields and Joseph Locke gave a PowerPoint presentation and update on the District's network technology system. Mr. Frields said the District has over 12,000 devices, including chrome books, desktops, laptops, wireless access points, security cameras, core switches, servers and Voice over IP phones throughout the district. They said the district's current internet/WAN is provided through AT&T and they are the only providers for Levy County. They discussed the current internet transmission and the proposed upgraded plan. Mr. Locke talked about two Request for Proposals for Internal Connections (Large Switches) and (Wireless Access Points and Uninterruptable Power Supplies). Mr. Locke said these will improve the internet services throughout the district and schools. After discussion Cameron Asbell moved to approve the request to advertise the two RFPs for Internal Connections to be awarded at the March 10, 2020 Board meeting, second by Brad Etheridge, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Brad Etheridge moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Board meeting, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Board Vice Chairman Chris Cowart said since the Request to Advertise for Proposals for Internal Connections were approved after the presentation, they can be removed from the Consent Agenda list. Brad Etheridge moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda, second by Cameron Asbell, motion carried.

1. GENERAL ITEMS:

a) Employee Status Changes / Recommendations:

1. Mandalyn Ahrens, CES Teacher Aide, ESE, **exiting DROP**, effective February 28, 2020, original hire date February 9, 2005.
2. Diane Mathews, YTS Clinic Attendant, **exiting DROP**, effective March 31, 2020, original hire date February 10, 1986.
3. Frances Jordan, Transportation Bus Driver, **exiting DROP**, effective March 31, 2020, original hire date August 12, 2002.
4. Out-of-Field Assignments for the 2019-2020 school year:

School	Employee	Certification	OOF Area(s)
CMHS	Whitney Bussey	Eng 5-9; Rdg End; ESOL End	ENG 2; ENG 2 CR; ENG 3; ENG 3 CR; ENG 4; ENG 4 CR
BMHS	Whitney Bussey	Eng 5-9; Rdg End; ESOL End	ENG 2; ENG 2 CR; ENG 3; ENG 3 CR; ENG 4
	Sherrie Schuler	Soc Sci 6-12; Soc Sci 5-9 Elem Ed 1-6; Ed Leadership	ESOL
CKS	Whitney Bussey	Eng 5-9; Rdg End; ESOL End	ENG 2; ENG 2 CR; ENG 3; ENG 4
WMHS	Whitney Bussey	Eng 5-9; Rdg End; ESOL End	ENG 2; ENG 3; ENG 3 HON; ENG 4; ENG 4 CR

5. Kari S. Wasson, CKS Data Entry Clerk, **resignation**, effective January 31, 2020, and **payment for any unused leave**, original hire date April 29, 2002.
6. Annalise Curry, WES Teacher Aide, **internal transfer**, to Lab Manager, **effective** December 9, 2019, and **change in funding source**, as follows:

From: 4210E 5200 0150 0231 40230 F2020 100%
To: 1000E 5100 0150 0231 11030 100%
7. Mary Marsh, YTS Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper, **resignation**, effective January 24, 2020, and **payment for any unused leave**, original hire date July 3, 2003.
8. Mary Marsh, YTS OPS, **effective** January 27, 2020, **up to** 210 hours through June 30, 2020, **vacancy**.
9. Stephanie Conley, JBES Teacher Aide, ESE, four (4) hours daily, **effective** January 10, 2020, paid from Project #40230 F2020, **vacancy**.
10. James Sanders, WES, 10-Month Custodian, **effective** January 16, 2020, **vacancy**.
11. Sandra Foster, BMHS Teacher, ESE, **resignation for retirement**, effective January 27, 2020, original hire date August 3, 2004.
12. Jeffery Stout, BES Head Custodian, **exiting DROP early**, effective March 20, 2020, original hire date June 5, 1996.

13. Sharette Shultz, Senior Accounts Payable Clerk, *resignation* from employment to *participate in DROP*, effective April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2025.

b) Professional Leave Requests:

1. Dallas Locke, CMHS Teacher, Vocational, Florida State Fair, February 6-9, 2020, Tampa, FL., sub only cost to Board and paid from Project #15300.
2. Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Professional Development Co-Teach Presenters, January 22-24, 2020, Orlando, FL., hotel paid directly by DOE FIN, mileage and meals paid directly to the attendee, no cost to Board for: Cheryl Beauchamp, Principal, BES and Melissa Lewis, Principal, JBES.
3. Benjamin Hawkins, WMHS Administrative Dean, MTSS Regional Meeting, January 14-15, 2020, Orlando, FL., travel expenses paid from Project #40220 F2020 and #40230 F2020g
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4. Tanya Taylor, WMHS Teacher, Voc. Business, AVID District Directors Training February 26-28, 2020, Fort Myers, FL., sub paid from Project #19060, other travel paid from Project #14897.
5. Pre-K Coordinators' Annual Meeting, February 19-21, 2020, Orlando, FL., meals paid from Project #49296 F2019, hotel paid directly by Office of Early Learning FLDOE, for the following:
 - Laura Klock, Coordinator, Pre-K/Student Services
 - Marcy Young, Coordinator, ESE/504

c) Family Medical Leave Requests:

1. Theresa Leffert, BMHS School Secretary, January 13 – February 7, 2020.

d) Student Trip Requests:

1. CMHS Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) Clinic January 9-11, 2020, Daytona Beach, FL., chaperone John Palmer, one student, private vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #14920.
2. BMHS AVID classes to Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA., chaperones Michelle Barber, Cindy Putnam, Todd Schrader, 40 students, one county bus, travel expenses paid from Project #40241 F2020.
3. BMHS FFA to the State FFA meat and livestock contest, February 7-8, 2020, Tampa, FL., chaperone Kelby Barber, four students, one county van, paid from Project #15300.
4. CKS Weightlifting to District Weightlifting Meet, January 24-25, 2020, Lecanto, FL., chaperones Rachel Wetherington, Cody Wetherington, four students, county vehicle, travel expenses paid from Project #14890 INTRN.

e) Administrative Services:

1. Contracts and/or Agreements:

- i. **(Board approved 6/11/19)** - 2019-2020 Agreement between SBLC and ProCare Therapy, d/b/a New Direction Solutions, LLC, to provide consulting services, as needed, paid from Project #11020 (50%) and #40230 F2020 (50%), *amend* to add an addendum to the existing contract to provide a ProCare Therapy for a social worker for the remainder of the school year for *up to* four (4) days per week, 7.5 hours daily, to be paid from Project #11020.

2. FINANCE:

- a. General Fund Budget Summary Info and Financial Statements for December, 2019.
- b. Budget Amendments 19-00011 6A & 19-00012 6B.
- c. Request permission to declare the following as surplus property and to dispose of them in the best interest of the Board:

Location	Property #	Description	Acquisition	Amount
Maintenance	C-9745	Key Machine	06/2000	\$1,000
Cedar Key School	C-7557	Steamer	04/1996	\$9,800
District Office	C-12213	Laminator	05/2007	\$1,499
Transportation	C-9748	Thomas Bus #0011	06/2000	\$47,188
Transportation	C-9753	Thomas Bus #0065	06/2000	\$47,188
Old Bronson High	C-7593	Refrigerator	07/1995	\$3,340
Old Bronson High	C-7598	Pass Thru Cold	07/1995	\$3,195
Old Bronson High	C-7599	Pass Thru Cold	07/1995	\$3,195.00
Old Bronson High	C-7600	Pass Thru Heated	07/1995	\$3,257.50
Old Bronson High	C-7601	Pass Thru Heated	07/1995	\$3,257.50
Old Bronson High	C-7604	Modular Range	07/1995	\$1,280
Old Bronson High	C-7614	Hot Food Unit	07/1995	\$2,685
Old Bronson High	C-7616	Cold Food Unit	07/1995	\$2,785
Old Bronson High	C-7617	Milk Cooler	07/1995	\$1,130
Old Bronson High	C-7618	Milk Cooler	07/1995	\$1,130
Old Bronson High	C-7619	Condiment Counter	07/1995	\$1,940
Old Bronson High	C-7620	Condiment Counter	07/1995	\$1,940
Old Bronson High	C-7622	Cashier Stand	07/1995	\$1,297
Williston Middle High	C-10338	20 QT Mixer	07/2001	\$3,169
				\$140,276

- d. **(Board approved 1-28-20) Request approval** of the revised 2019-2020 Substitute and Other Salary Schedule.

Superintendent's Comments/Recommendations: Superintendent Jeff Edison said we have six students taking Dual Enrollment classes through UF. He said this is Literacy week and stressed the importance of students reading. Mr. Edison said all the schools will be having reading award ceremonies between February and May. He will be giving certificates to the students for reading. He said on February 4th he will present CKS with the Reading Award Trophy for having students with the most reading points for the 2018-2019 SY. Mr. Edison said the Legislation Day in Tallahassee was very positive and he's looking forward to the funding approval for the new CMHS. He said the Gala is February 8th at BMHS. He said the Governor is proposing new standards in educational requirements which will be a lot of changes.

Board Comments: Brad Etheridge said the trip to Tallahassee was very productive. He said he feels very good about the new CMHS project and feels confident that SBLC has done everything necessary with presentations and documentation to get the funding approval. He said the Governor is proposing an increase in teachers' salaries, but will have to determine where the additional funding will be generated. Mr. Etheridge said the legislation is proposing a new bill which imposes

term limits for School Board members to two terms. He said each district should be able to decide whether they want to impose term limits or not instead of being mandated by the state. Chris Cowart said it's a shame that seven counties have the population and votes to pass a bill for the entire state. Mr. Etheridge said rural and urban districts need to be separated in the educational scale to correctly appropriate funding to rural districts instead of lumping both together.

Cameron Asbell agreed that Levy County should be able to vote for our county's needs instead of having Miami, Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, etc., delegate our rules. He complimented MIS/IT for their knowledge of the internet and technology connections. Mr. Asbell said the bus driver video on Facebook was a great video. He said Lane Clevinger, BMHS student diagnosed with cancer two years ago is now cancer free. He said this is great news and thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

Chris Cowart said the Gala is February 8th at BMHS. He said last Friday was CKS Homecoming during basketball season with crowning of the queen, king, prince and princess. He thanked everyone for contributing to the mullet dinner in support of the track team. Mr. Cowart said some of the assessments may change due to state mandates. He asked Supt. Edison to arrange an Assessment Workshop.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeffery R. Edison, Secretary

Paige Brookins, Board Chairman