

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Board’s Central Office. Chairman King welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Braxton King, Lori Foster, Sherry Duncan, Johnny Barnett and Superintendent, Dr. John W. Gunn. Absent from the meeting were Stacey Hammons. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

Jonathan Smith, Branscum Construction, reviewed the bids that were received and the three that needed to be re-bid. The re-bidding would end August 4, 2022. Mr. Smith recommended the Board approve the bids as presented and to re-bid the earthwork, roofing and painting.

APPROVE McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT BIDS - #10766

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve the McCreary County Middle School project bids as presented and to re-bid Earthwork, Roofing and Painting. Members voted as follows:

Hammons – Absent; Duncan – AYE; Foster – AYE; King – AYE; Barnett - AYE

Asphalt Paving	Hinkle Contracting	\$ 85,950.00
General Trades	Branscum Construction	\$1,933,775.00
Masonry	Carmicle Masonry, LLC	\$ 989,470.00
Structural Steel	Steel Services of Kentucky	\$ 599,150.00
Casework	US Specialties	\$ 258,250.00
Aluminum Framed Storefronts	Lake Cumberland Glass	\$ 397,265.00
Gypsum Drywall	Smiths Interior	\$ 375,378.00
Acoustical Tile Ceilings	Bennett’s Carpets, Inc.	\$ 158,400.00
Resilient Flooring & Tile	Bennett’s Carpets, Inc.	\$ 345,000.00
Elevator	DC Elevator	\$ 109,341.00
Gymnasium Bleachers	Atlas Companies	\$ 129,400.00
HVAC & Plumbing	Davis & Plomin	\$2,978,000.00
Fire Protection Sys.	Landmark Sprinkler, Inc.	\$ 294,000.00
Electrical	Blue Sky Electric	\$2,185,000.00

DISCUSSION ON LAND ACQUISITION ON HIGHWAY 27 - #10767

Mr. James Jones and Mr. Conley Moren with AGE Engineering Services were present. Mr. Jones reviewed with the Board the findings for the land acquisition off Cabin Creek Road and Highway 27. He shared the best road access would be off Cabin Creek Road since the 1200' spacing would fall to where the four-lane turns back to two lanes on Highway 27. **No Action Taken**

DISCUSSION ON BONDING CAPACITY - #10768

Kelly Mrsic, Baird Public Finance, reviewed the bonding process with the Board. The tax base is: local taxpayer, unrestricted funds, restricted funds and SFCC Offers of Assistance. She went over the revenues that are available: prior year AADA plus growth, Capital Outlay, local FSPK Nickel and State FSPK Equalization of Local Nickel and SFCC Offers of Assistance with a total debt service of \$1,538,021. She reviewed our existing bond payments and how much long to maturity. She reviewed the existing local bond payments and explained the cash flow they use to predict bonding capacity. She went over the current bonding capacity with the Board. She reviewed the factors that affect bonding capacity: Revenues, Expenses and External.

Revenues:

Legislative issues (other Nickels)

Facilities Support Program of Kentucky Equalization

Leveraging more or less than 80% Capital Outlay

Leveraging General Fund

Future School Facilities Construction Commission Offers of Assistance

Expenses:

Retiring old debt

Refunding existing issues

External:

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) fluctuation

Interest rate fluctuation

The Board asked Ms. Mrsic to come back after the August 4th re-bid deadline. **No Action Taken**

APPROVE LOOKING INTO THE SALE/DONATION OF SMITHTOWN PROPERTY - #10769

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to authorize Board Attorney, John T. Blevins and Superintendent, Dr. John W. Gunn to look at sale or donation of the Smithtown Property. Members voted as follows:

Duncan – AYE; Foster – AYE; King – AYE; Barnett – AYE; Hammons – Absent

APPROVE NEW TEACHER INDUCTION MENTOR STIPEND - #10770

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the New Teacher Induction Mentor Stipend of \$1,500, paid each semester at \$750. Members voted as follows:

Foster – AYE; King – AYE; Barnett – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Duncan - AYE

APPROVE CREATE PART-TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION AT McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL - #10771

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve creating a part-time Custodian position at McCreary County Middle School. Members voted as follows:

King – AYE; Barnett – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Duncan – AYE; Foster - AYE

DISCUSSION ON OPTONS FOR SLEOS/SROS TO ATTEND TRAINING ACADEMY - #10772

Dr. Gunn shared with the Board the need for SRO's this school year. The district will be starting with 3 SRO's short. The job posting has been posted 5-6 times with some applicants not qualified who asked about attending the Academy to earn their POPS certification. SRO's are required to have POPS certification which is a 20 week training program. The Board discussed ways to retain these employees after they receive the training. One option would be to have them sign a contract that they would work a certain number of years. An issue of concern, if the employee resigned, how would the district get reimbursed? The second option would be to create a separate salary schedule where the new/untrained candidates will be paid a base rate while attending the Academy and then receive an increase once the candidate finished the training and then another increase 2-3 years with experience. The Board asked Mr. Blevins and Dr. Gunn to bring information back to the Board at the next meeting. **No Action Taken**

APPROVE ANNUAL FOOD SERVICE SCN PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS - #10773

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the annual Food Service SCN Participation Agreement and Community Eligibility Provisions. Members voted as follows:

Barnett – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Duncan – AYE; Foster – AYE; King – AYE

Dr. Clint Taylor shared with the Board that the new school calendar was planned like the traditional calendars before COVID-19. We will need 382 instructional minutes per day for the 170 instructional days. This will give us the required 1062 hours of instruction and 20 banked hours to use for delays or early releases.

APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES FOR 2022-2023 - #10774

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the instructional minutes for 2022-2023 school year to follow the traditional calendar prior to COVID-19 with 382 instructional minutes per day for the 170 instructional days. Members voted as follows:

Hammons- Absent; Duncan – AYE; Foster – AYE; King – AYE; Barnett - AYE

The Board discussed the issues with virtual instruction and the need for this to be included in the district. If the enrollments shows we are down 200 students then this would cost the district \$4,400 per student. It was explained that any district could enroll one of our students in their virtual program and receive the funding for that student. The Board asked for restrictions and/or an application process to students participating in the virtual program.

APPROVE VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR - #10775

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve a Virtual Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Members voted as follows:

Duncan – AYE; Foster – AYE; King – AYE; Barnett – AYE; Hammons – Absent

APPROVE ADJOURN - #10776

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

Foster – AYE; King – AYE; Barnett – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Duncan – AYE

Chairman

Secretary