

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 6:33 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Chairman King welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Braxton King, Lori Foster, Stacey Hammons, Sherry Duncan and Superintendent, Corey M. Keith. Absent from the meeting were Johnny Barnett. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

A part of this Regular Board meeting will be by video conferencing, in keeping with the requirements of KRS 61.826. The primary location of the video teleconference is the McCreary County Board of Education's Central Office, 120 Raider Way, Stearns, KY. The video conferencing is being made to include Board Member, Sherry Duncan, in order to accommodate her unavailability in attending the meeting at its physical location.

### **APPROVE AGENDA - #10697**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the agenda as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #10698**

A. Prayer – Superintendent, Corey M. Keith

B. Pledge - Everyone

C. Superintendent Communications

#### **1. Student Recognitions**

##### **MCHS Boys Basketball**

Superintendent Keith asked Coach Wade Davis to say a few words about the Boys Basketball team. Coach Davis shared that the team worked real hard preparing for the season and during the season. This team won their second district tournament. The team strives to improve each year going forward. Superintendent and The Board each shared words of appreciate for the hard work and character displayed by this team. They are proud of them. Coach Davis introduced the other Coaches and presented the team players that were able to attend.

##### **MCHS Cheerleaders**

Superintendent Keith introduced Cheerleading Coach, Sherry Hamlin. Coach Hamlin explained that these girls work hard practicing and attending games throughout the year. She stated that they usually have more girls attending during the beginning of year, then due to other interests or lack of interest some drop out. The Girls attended competition in Louisville and were Grand Champions in the Varsity division and the Scholastic division. Coach is very proud of these Girls. Superintendent and The Board shared their appreciation for the Girls and their hard work through the school year cheering the fans and teams on to victory, their doing a great job.

## 2. Judge Prewitt

Superintendent Keith introduced Judge Cathy Prewitt. Judge Prewitt shared that due to COVID the Drug Court Program didn't happen and that now they are meeting via Zoom meetings. She is hoping that by August things will be back to normal. She has three things to share with the Board:

- 1) Drug Court - she would like for this to start back again. This helps with drug screenings, counseling and substance abuse. This program has been very helpful in the past and is needed for the future.
- 2) Truancy Program at MCMS - Judge Prewitt explained that the truancy program worked really well for middle school and younger students. This program didn't do well at the high school level. She explained how the program worked in the past and would like to start again with the middle school starting next school year.
- 3) Bethany's Hope - Judge Prewitt explained about this suicide prevention program. She explained how this program started and why it is important to her. She asked the Board if they were interested in this program to be presented as a special speaker at a special time.

## 3. Financial Update

Superintendent Keith presented the financial report for February 2022.

### **D. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization**

### **ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(c) - to discuss pending litigation in Cynthia Moore, et.al. v. Board of Education of McCreary County, Kentucky, et al., McCreary Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 15-CI-00168 - #10699**

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) – pending litigation in Cynthia Moore, et al., v. Board of Education of McCreary County, Kentucky, et al., McCreary Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 15-CI-00168 at 7:00 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #10700**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to return to Open Session at 7:48 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman King stated there was no action taken in Closed Session.

### **APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10701**

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve the actions by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

- A. Acknowledge Superintendent's Report on Leave of Absence Authorizations
- B. Approve Minutes
  - Regular - February 28, 2022
  - Special - March 3, 2022
  - Special - March 21, 2022
- C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims
- D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, February 28, 2022
- E. Approve Revised 03.2231 Personal Leave-Classified Policy - 2nd Reading
- F. Authorize the Superintendent to sign all documents and items necessary to settle the legal action styled McCreary Circuit Court, Division I, Civil Action No. 15-CI-00168
- G. Approve Declare the Old McCreary Central High School Baseball Uniforms as Surplus for purposes of a Team Fundraiser
- H. Approve Naming Whitley City Elementary School's Library-The Clara Morgan Library and Media Center
- I. Approve Save the Children Agreement - Amendment #1

Superintendent Keith asked Construction Manager, Jonathan Smith, to share with the Board the aspects for BG-3 for the middle school project. Mr. Smith shared some of the things they encountered when preparing the BG-3, the cost of items going up, the supply for items going down and the wait for approval from Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Architect, Derrick Phillips, also shared the waiting period for KDE and the supplies for needed items not available would contribute to the cost of everything going up.

**APPROVE BG-2 FOR McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL's RENOVATION PROJECT - #10702**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the BG-2 for McCreary County Middle School's Renovation Project. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE BG-3 FOR McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL's RENOVATION PROJECT - #10703**

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve the BG-3 for McCreary County Middle School's Renovation Project. Members voted as follows:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - #10704**

No Comments

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10705**

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve the next meeting for Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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Chairman

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Secretary