

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 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, Stacey Hammons, Johnny Barnett and Superintendent, Corey M. Keith. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

Chairman King turned the meeting over to Superintendent Keith to review the Return to Safety Plan. Superintendent Keith shared with the Board that due the special legislative session school districts need to review and/or revise their Return to School Safety Plan. Superintendent Keith went over the changes with the Board and those are: the change of date, the State's updated date change, Senate Bill 1 regarding the Test to Stay program (test each morning for 5 days), Physical distancing is still 3 feet and added the words "at least", Staff distancing is still at 6 feet, changed the verbage to include virtual learning offered to qualified students, updated reporting cases and masking. Regarding masking: Superintendent Keith recommended to the Board that based on the Local Health Department numbers that the district continues masking in the schools with students present and on the Buses which is a Federal mandate. There was discussion with the Board and the Board asked a couple of School Nurses what they have been experiencing in the schools and a couple of parents their concerns.

APPROVE REVISED SAFE RETURN TO INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN (COVID-19 SCHOOL OPERATIONS PLAN) - #10611

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the Revised Safe Return to Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (COVID-19 School Operations Plan) as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Superintendent Keith shared with the Board there is a need to create 4 additional Special Education Teaching positions (one at each school) and to create 2 Districtwide Teachers to assist with remote learning (1 for Elementary Schools and 1 for Middle and High Schools for the 2021-2022 school year only.

APPROVE CREATE TEACHING POSITIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY: 4-SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS (1 PER SCHOOL) AND 2 DISTRICTWIDE TEACHERS TO ASSIST WITH REMOTE LEARNING - #10612

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve Create Teaching Positions for the 2021-2022 School Year Only: 4 Special Education Teachers (1 per school), 2 Districtwide Teachers to Assist with Remote Learning. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE ADJOURN - #10613

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve adjourning the meeting. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary