

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Board of Education Central Office. Vice-Chair, Lori Foster welcomed everyone then called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Present were Lori Foster, Sherry Duncan, Stacey Hammons, Johnny Barnett and Superintendent, Corey M. Keith. Absent from the meeting were Braxton King. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

Vice-Chair, Foster stated that the meeting would not be by video conferencing due to Board Chair unable to attend.

~~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 Chairman, Braxton King, in order to accommodate his unavailability in attending the meeting at its physical location.~~

Mission Statement: The McCreary County School District will provide a safe, supportive environment to meet the individual needs of all students and ensure they are college and career ready.

APPROVE AGENDA - #10596

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #10597

A. Prayer

Superintendent Keith

B. Pledge

Everyone

C. Public Comments

Superintendent Keith shared that we had four requests to address the Board.

- 1) Bus Drivers (Nikki Allen and Tim Lykins) - to discuss Driver's pay. Both thanked the Board for hearing their concerns. They discussed driver shortage, double routes, retaining drivers, more children on the bus, safety and open communications with the Board
- 2) Darlene Price - to discuss a possibility (in case there is a) COVID Vaccine Mandate. She shared with the Board concerns regarding the three Pharmaceuticals: Pfizer, Johnson and Johnson and Moderna vaccines. She shared some statistics regarding the history of these companies regarding vaccinations and her concern if/when a mandate come to our students.
- 3) John W. King - to discuss masks. Mr. King shared his views on wearing masks and he wanted to know if the Board was going to keep the mandate to wear masks.
- 4) Jeffrey Wilson - to discuss virtual learning. Mr. Wilson shared his views on virtual learning based on last year's experience with his children.

D. Superintendent Communications

Superintendent Keith shared with everyone that the Governor lifted the mask mandate for schools, but KDE had not responded at this time so the mandate is still in place. He also shared that the virtual learning was voluntary and that there is an application that would have to be approved. He thanked everyone for being respectful sharing their concerns.

E. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt of Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization.

F. Treasurer's Report

At this time, Ms. Lauren King-Finance Director shared with the Board the July financial report. She reviewed General Fund, SEEK Funding, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Outlay and Food Service funding for the month.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10598

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the actions by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

A. Acknowledge Superintendent's Report on Leave of Absence Authorizations

B. Approve Minutes:

Regular - July 26, 2021

Special - August 16, 2021

Special - August 19, 2021

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ending July, 31, 2021

E. Approve Create (1) One Preschool Float Instructional Assistant at Whitley City Elementary School

F. Approve Full-Time Emergency Certification for Math Position at McCreary County Middle School

G. Approve One-year Approval for School Media Librarian at Pine Knot Elementary School

APPROVE PROPOSED KDE AIA OWNER-ARCHITECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN McCREARY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DECO ARCHITECTS - #10599

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve the Proposed KDE AIA Owner-Architect Agreement between McCreary County Board of Education and Deco Architects. Members voted as follows:

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

Superintendent Keith introduced DECO Architects representatives: Derek and Jessica Phillips. They thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the district. They reviewed the phases the middle school project would be going through and that they would give a report to the Board each month with an update.

APPROVE PROPOSED BG-1 FOR THE McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT - #10600

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve Proposed BG-1 for the McCreary County Middle School Renovation Project. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE ADOPT 2021-2022 TAX RATES - #10601

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to adopt the 2021-2022 Tax Rates as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Compensating Rate	
Real Property	39.0
Personal Property	39.8
Motor Vehicle	46.7
Utility	3%

Ms. King and Superintendent Keith shared with the Board a comparison of last year's rates and this year's rates. All rates remain the same as last year's with the exception of Real Property which decreased by .8 per \$100 of value.

Ms. King shared with the Board that the U.S. Army requires the district to pay a minimum daily rate of \$278.68 which will be reimbursed. Transportation Department will receive \$1.00 per hour raise for all hourly employees. They will receive an attendance incentive, too. Perfect Attendance for the month-\$50, perfect attendance from August to December (first half of year)-\$100 and perfect attendance from January to May (second half of year) \$100.

APPROVE REVISED 2021-2022 SALARY SCHEDULE - #10602

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the revised 2021-2022 Salary Schedule as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Ms. Jennifer Akin, Director of Federal Programs reviewed the ESSER III plan with the Board. She went over the Assurances, Narrative and Budget of \$13.8 million. She shared the advisory committee met with the Stakeholders for input and shared where some of the funds of been spent: school supplies for all students, learning programs, outdoor furniture for learning environment, ESS Tutors, Summer School and Small group sessions and the middle school project.

APPROVE ESSER ASSURANCES PLAN AND TENTATIVE BUDGET OUTLINE - #10603

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve the ESSER Assurances Plan and Tentative Budget Outline as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

At this time Board Member, Sherry Duncan asked to review the Quarantine Leave Resolution. The Board paused the meeting at 7:26 pm to allow Ms. Duncan to review the document. The Board resumed the meeting at 7:29 pm. There was discussion on what this resolution covered and what it did not.

APPROVE BOARD RESOLUTION RELATING TO QUARANTINE LEAVE DURING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR pursuant to 702 KAR 1:191E - #10604

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve Board Resolution Relating to Quarantine Leave during the 2021-2022 school year pursuant to 702 KAR 1:191E. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10605

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the next meeting for the McCreary County Board of Education for Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:30 PM at Pine Knot Elementary School Building 1 and adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary