

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:33 p.m. at Whitley City Elementary School. Chairman King welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Braxton King, Lori Foster, Stacey Hammons, Sherry Duncan, Johnny Barnett and Superintendent, John W. Gunn. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

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 - #10849**

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #10850**

#### **A. Prayer**

Mrs. ~~Pastor, Darin Kidd~~ Angela Loudermilk, Principal at Whitley City Elementary School-

#### **B. Pledge**

WCES - 4H Group

#### **C. Superintendent Communications**

##### **1. WCES 4H Group (State Fair Entries)**

##### 4H Group

##### WCES:

Laiken Taylor  
Mackenzie Shannon  
Adalynn Hubbard  
Kaylee Renfro  
Kassidi Ball  
Natalee Kennett

##### MCMS:

Sundae- Grace Spradlin  
Maddie Vanover  
Shaelyn Watters  
Johannah Hamlin

Mrs. Angela Loudermilk, Principal at Whitley City Elementary School, recognized the 4H Students who participated in the State Fair Competition. She explained that due to COVID the students weren't allowed to attend the event, but was able to submit their projects. She explained all the work that went into getting all the projects ready. The group brought home several awards. The projects were on display for the Board to view.

## 2. Standard 3: Cultural Leadership

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**SUMMARY:** The superintendent understands and acts on the important role a system's culture has in the exemplary performance of all schools. He/she works to understand the people in the district and community as well as their history and traditions as they move forward to support and achieve district goals. The superintendent must be able to improve the district culture, if needed, to align the work of adults with the district's goals of improving student learning and infusing the work with passion, meaning and purpose.

Superintendent Gunn shared with the Board what Standard 3-Cultural Leadership means. He said this is a needed standard and one that needs to be mastered by the Superintendent by word and deed.

**3. Test Results 2021-2022 academic year – Annual School Reports** – schools will present their annual report to the Board as directed by Board policy 02.44. This report shall describe the school's progress and goals set forth in KRS 158.649/KRS 158.6451/KRS 158.6453 and district goals established by the Board.

Superintendent Gunn explained to the Board there is a new accountability system for the testing data which goes by color coding.

Dr. Anita Coffey, District Instructional Supervisor, shared with the Board the KSA Testing Overview for Spring 2021. She explained the details of the new system: Color Coding - Red is at the bottom, Orange, Yellow (in the middle), Green and Blue (at the top). There is some data that is suppressed. It means this data can't be published because a statistician can calculate the likelihood of a student's score. She reviewed each school's scores: McCreary Central-overall score 66.2, in the yellow; McCreary Middle-overall score 52.7, in the yellow; Pine Knot Elementary-overall score 63.2, in the yellow; Whitley City Elementary-overall score 48.4, in the Orange.

Ms. Amelia Strunk, Director of Special Education, presented the Special Education testing data and goals of closing the GAP for Special Education. For the high school and middle school, they are targeting the subject areas of Reading and Math, 9 weeks assessment, common content planning with regular education colleagues; deliberate instruction and assistance with content-specific vocabulary and intentional placement of students with testing teachers, reviewing material, Reading indicators; providing engaging instruction and expanding explicit instruction and in Math they will be decreasing Novice by looking at student-specific data.

Mrs. Loudermilk presented the testing data and goals for Whitley City Elementary School. Reading/Math Indicator is 49.1; Science, Social Studies and Writing Indicator is 44.0 and Overall Score is 48.4 with the school being Orange. She reviewed each score for each grade level that was tested as to how many were Novice, Apprentice, Proficient and Distinguished in Reading, Math, Science/Social Studies/Writing. She reviewed issues and goals to close the gaps reflected in the test scores. They are building groups to receive remediation for deficit skills or enrichment, RTI-response to intervention, ESS tutoring, Save the Children

and 21st Century for literacy and math programs, Automaticity to help students master math, Partnered with CAP with tutoring; 9 weeks assessments and On Demand Writing prompts. Teachers are meeting weekly to focus on standards, assessments and strategies; receiving extra support with Deeper Learning Coaches; professional development with Elgin and Iready; monthly attendance incentives; purchased a Phonics program and IXL Math program to target core content skills.

Ms. Rebecca Blakley, Principal at Pine Knot Elementary School reviewed the test scores and goals for Pine Knot. Reading and Math index score is 63.8, Science/Social Studies/Writing index score is 60.7; Climate & Safety index score is 81.0 and Overall Score is 63.2 in Category: Yellow. She reviewed Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Writing index scores for each grade level for how many were: Novice, Apprentice, Proficient and Distinguished. She reviewed the issues and goals for the school. Ms. Blakley shared they are working on: Flex groups, breaking down standards in PLC, working with Deeper Learning Coaches, partnering with Elgin Foundation, tracking progress; ESS Daytime Waiver position to help with tutoring; RTI-response to intervention-based on need; monthly demand writing prompts and 21st Century and Save the Children tutoring in literacy and math.

Mrs. Kathy Neal, Principal at McCreary County Middle School, presented the test scores and goals for the middle school. Reading and Math indicator is 55.4; Science, Social Studies & Writing indicator is 48.5, Climate and Safety indicator is 69.7 with an Overall score of 52.7 in category Yellow. She reviewed Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Writing index scores for each grade level for how many were: Novice, Apprentice, Proficient and Distinguished. She reviewed issues and goals for the middle school in addressing the gaps. They are creating Flex-instructional groups, ESS tutoring, data talks and student goal setting, weekly meetings focused on standards, assessments and strategies, 9 weeks assessments, using the Champions program, using daily Math automaticity, simple solutions-spiral Math review and monthly writing prompts in all content areas. They are incorporating Science and Social Studies into Reading, rotating enrichment classes, using Deeper Learning Coaches, modeling Kagan Teacher structures and professional development.

Mrs. Sharon Privett, Principal at McCreary Central High School, reviewed the test data and goals for the high school. She shared with the Board the test results: Reading and Math is 61.6, Science/Social Studies/Writing is 49.6, Climate & Safety is 63.8, Post-Secondary Readiness is 85.7, Graduation is 92.3, 4-year Cohort is 91.1 and Overall scores is 66.2 in the category of Yellow. She reviewed the data for Reading, Math and all other content areas and explained the ACT results. She also shared with the Board the high school is a LAVEC school which is very important for our CTE program.

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

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

#### **E. Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, reviewed the financial report for September. She went over the revenues and expenses for each funding source for the month of September.

#### **4. Public Comments**

## **APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10851**

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

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

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

**B. Approve Minutes**

Regular - September 26, 2022

Special - October 10, 2022

**C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims**

**D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, September 30, 2022**

**E. Approve Revised Policies: 03.125 and 03.225 Expense Reimbursement and Procedure: 03.125 AP.22 Travel Reimbursement Voucher - 1st Reading**

**F. School Fundraisers**

Recommend the Board take action on the following school fundraisers:

**1. Pine Knot Intermediate School**

Student Activities - Fall Dance - October 27th after school

**G. Approve KETS 1st Offer of Assistance for SFCC (School Facilities Construction Commission) for \$30,628**

**H. Approve Sign Language Interpreter Contract for 2022-2023 school year**

**I. Approve Create One Personal Instructional Assistant for one Child and One Instructional Assistant for McCreary Central High School's Special Education Program**

## **DISCUSSION WITH BRANSCUM CONTRACTION ON UPDATE FOR McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT - #10852**

Mr. Jonathan Smith with Branscum Construction presented an update to the Board regarding the middle school project. He shared pictures of the site showing the work that is in progress: stripping topsoil, cutting trees, preparing for utilities, demo around back and picnic area. All purchase orders have been submitted and KDE has approved all. There will be a first progress meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Board Member, Johnny Barnett asked if there are any expected delays for materials. Mr. Smith did share there is one for the switch gear and this delay is 50 weeks out. There is a solution in place so the project can move forward.

Ms. Coffey shared with the Board the KRS statute regarding the Preschool program. She shared that we do not offer a universal program. We have to follow the federal guidelines for enrollment for at risk children. All children will be assessed to see if they have a need that needs to be serviced, at risk. If child is not at risk, then there is a tuition fee of \$124 per month. The Head Start Program can have a waiting list for enrollment. We do have an agreement with Head Start that provides \$6,000 in supplies and toys and helps with snacks and provide help in the classrooms. Ms. Coffey shared that we have 13 at risk children on a waiting list that need to be placed right away (911 emergency).

**APPROVE CREATING A PRESCHOOL TEACHER AND PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT FOR WHITLEY CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE DR. GUNN TO WORK WITH MRS. PRIVETT ON A SECOND CLASSROOM AT McCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND RETROFIT THE CLASSROOM TO MEET PRESCHOOL GUIDELINES - #10853**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve creating a Preschool teacher and instructional assistant for Whitley City Elementary School and authorize Dr. Gunn to work with Mrs. Privett on a second Preschool classroom at McCreary Central High School and retrofit the classroom to meet the Preschool guidelines. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE HIRING DECO ARCHITECT FOR RFP FOR LAVEC PROJECT AT McCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - #10854**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Ms. Sherry Duncan to approve hiring DECO Architect for RFP for LAVEC Project at McCreary Central High School. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10855**

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the next meeting for Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at McCreary County Middle School. Members voted as follows

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

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Chairman

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Secretary