

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Chairman Barnett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Johnny Barnett, Stacey Hammons, Braxton King, Cody Perry and Estle Swain and Superintendent, John W. Gunn. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

## **DISCUSS DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMPLEX - #10904**

Chairman Barnett asked Athletic Director, Kenny McKinney to start the discussion. Coach McKinney explained to everyone what was discussed at January's board meeting with DECO Architect. He asked each Head Coach to share with the Board what the needs are for their sport. William Collier, Athletic Trainer, explained to the Board that he likes to be centrally located for all sports and the purposed design from DECO Architect would be perfect as presented. Darrell King, Baseball Coach, explained that the team would need a space that was 14x12x7 to meet the needs for practice or possibly a 150x20 building. Dustin Goins, Football Coach, explained that the middle school team needs their own locker room, Eric Privett, Football Coach, explained the area presented by DECO Architect would not have enough height space for the team to throw the football. Ronnie Perry, Wrestling Coach, explained that they needed a separate space (not shared with others) due to sanitation purposes and a room big enough for the mat to fit (42 x 60). Amy Goins, Volleyball Coach asked if the district could go with a larger metal building and then update the current athletic complex. There was safety discussion regarding students walking to a larger facility behind the high school from the middle school to practice. The middle school athletes would have to cross traffic twice and walk through the high school parking lot to get to the larger facility. Would it be possible to have a transfer bus to transport students to the high school to avoid them crossing traffic from the middle school? Coach McKinney said there is just not much room for the district to expand with practice facilities because the lay of the land. Brandon Singleton, Cheerleading Coach, asked if the Board had reached out to the Pulaski County School District to see what their practice facilities are for their students. Stephen Vanover, Archery Coach, explained that the Archery team does not have a home practice facility. They have to transport their equipment to each practice and they have to set-up and tear-down. He said they could really use some space for storage. Katlyne King, Soccer Coach, asked about using fields at the Pine Knot schools. Would there be transportation for the athletes? A turf field would be very helpful for several sports. The Connex Boxes need to be climate controlled but are really not a good space for storing equipment. We need more storage space. Dottie Cotton, Softball Coach, explained that they need a space for 2 batting cages with retractable netting, 2 pitching lanes, padded wall for batting foam balls, fielding area for indoor defensive skills, provide a wall between the weight room and practice areas, storage for equipment and garage doors for easy access and ventilation. Coach Perry also stated that the wrestling room needed to be a warm room. They need their own separate thermostat because the team needs to have warm muscles when competing. Locker rooms need to have heat and air conditioning. Trevor Tucker, Track and Field Coach, explained that his athletes need an area where they can run and an area with

electronics so they can work out to P90X programs. Garry Galloway Football Coach, asked if there could be a room for treadmills and elliptical for athletes to get an aerobic workout. Jason Creekmore, Tennis Coach, explained that they need an area for court size of 78x36 or at least a half size court. He explained that lower courts are not being used and that one of the upper courts surface is dropping where the server stands at the server line. Also with only two working courts their games last longer into the evening. Coach Cotton also asked about having shelves in the locker rooms. She said if the district had more space for more facilities the teams would be able to have more time for practice. Currently Baseball, Softball and Soccer are not able to practice if the weather doesn't permit. Chairman Barnett thanked the Coaches for coming to this working session and sharing the needs of the teams.

**ADJOURN - #10905**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Braxton King to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

King – AYE; Hammons – AYE; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE

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Chairman

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Secretary