

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Superintendent, John W. Gunn welcomed everyone.

OATH OF OFFICE - #10885

Jimmie W. Greene, II, Judge-Executive, gave the Oath of Office to elected Board Members:

Stacey Hammonds - Educational District #1

Braxton King - Educational District #2

Estle Swain - Educational District #4

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION - #10886

Dr. Gunn recognizes the Board Members:

- Superintendent Gunn explained that the month of January is when Board Members across the state are recognized for their service.
- A board is...
...a group of individuals with diverse qualifications, backgrounds and experiences to act collectively...
- Judge Greene read the Proclamation (proclaiming January as School Board Member recognition month.)
- Superintendent Gunn presented the Board with a plaque and shared the accomplishment of each Board Members service to the district and thanked them for their service.

ELECT BOARD CHAIRPERSON - #10887

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to nominate Mr. Johnny Barnett as Chairman. Members voted as follows:

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

ELECT BOARD VICE-CHAIRPERSON - #10888

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to nominate Mrs. Stacey Hammons as Vice-Chairperson. Members voted as follows:

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

ESTABLISH VOTING/SEATING ORDER - #10889

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain for the seating/voting order to start on far left with Braxton King, Stacey Hammons, Cody Perry, Estle Swain, Superintendent Gunn, Johnny Barnett and ending with Board Attorney, John T. Blevins on far right. Members voted as follows:

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

SET REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION - #10890

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and seconded by Mr. Braxton King to set the board meetings for the 4th Monday of each month with the exception of December which will be held on the second Monday on the month and starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman Barnett called the meeting to order and asked for roll call. Present were Johnny Barnett, Braxton King, Stacey Hammons, Cody Perry, Estle Swain 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 AND ADDENDUM - #10891

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #10892

A. Prayer

Kenney McKinney

B. Pledge

Everyone

C. Superintendent Communications

1. Recognize Golf Team

Dr. Gunn recognized the Golf Team. He shared their accomplishments as a team and as individuals.

2. LAVEC Funds

Superintendent Gunn shared with everyone the funds received for the LAVEC project from the State for \$3,888,400.

3. Purchase 6 school buses (recommended by KDE upon recent site visit with ESSER funds)

Dr. Gunn shared with the Board that the State has approved uage of ESSER funding to purchase 6 school buses (recommended by KDE upon recent site visit).

4. Additional GEAR-UP Funding of \$100,000

Superintendent Gunn shared with the Board we have received additional funding of \$100,000 to be used for Staffing, field trips, supplies, etc.

5. Smithtown Property Interest

Superintendent Gunn introduced Ms. Missy Strunk with the McCreary County Fair Board. Ms. Strunk explained all the assistance the Fair Board provides to McCreary County residents and the need for additional space to host events and for storage.

Superintendent Gunn introduced Mr. Anthony Castor and Ms. Cindy Hamby with the Next Chapter. This is a faith-based rehabilitation center for drug and alcohol abuse. Mr. Castor explained how the Next Chapter is helping rehabilitate men and women who issues with substance abuse. He explained they have one place in the county and would like to acquire another place in order to have one house men and one house women.

Superintendent Gunn shared with the Board the utility expenses the District has each month for the Smithtown property which isn't much but the main concern is liability if someone gets hurt on the property.

Board Attorney Blevins shared with the Board the three options to consider: sealed bids-look at the top 2 bidders and get an appraised value of the property; open bids-public action and Fair Open Market Pricing-setting a minimum acceptable price. Or the District could possibly Lease it-getting a Fair Market Value and approval from Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

The Board discussed having the Superintendent pursue getting an appraisal for the Smithtown Property.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT GUNN GETTING AN APPRAISAL OF THE SMITHTOWN PROPERTY - #10893

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to have Superintendent Gunn pursue getting an appraisal of the Smithtown Property. Members voted as follows:

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

6. Standard #6-Collaborative Leadership

Superintendent Gunn read the following: SUMMARY-The superintendent, in concert with the local board of education, designs structures and processes that result in broad community engagement with support for and ownership of the district vision. Acknowledging that strong schools build strong communities, the superintendent proactively creates, with school and district staff, opportunities for parents, community members, government leaders, and business representatives to participate with their investments of resources, assistance, and goodwill.

Superintendent Gunn reviewed Standard 6 of the Superintendent's Evaluation Standards.

D. Mr. Barnett's February Agenda Items

Chairman Barnett shared agenda items he will ask the Board to consider at February's meeting.

E. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Tiffany Duvall shared December's financial report with the Board. She reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month.

F. Acknowledge Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

G. Public Comments

Public comments were addressed during the Smithtown Property Interest discussion in Superintendent's Communication.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10894

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

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

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

B. Approve Minutes

Regular - December 12, 2022

Revised - February 10, 2022 minutes. Item A. Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar should be 2022-2023 school year.

C. Approve School Field Trip

1. McCreary Central High School

HOSA - 03/23-25/2023 - State Leadership Conference/State Competition, Louisville, KY

D. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

E. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, December 31, 2022

F. Approve 2023-2024 Calendar for the School Year - 2nd Reading

G. Acknowledge Federal Program and Title I Annual Review

H. Accept 2021-2022 Audit Report

I. Approve Emergency Certification for MSD Position at McCreary County Middle School

J. Approve Creating a Speech Language Pathologist Stipend for \$2,000 for the 2022-2023 school year (will be fully reimbursed by Kentucky Department of Education)

K. Approve 2022-2023 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP)

L. Approve Purchasing (6) Six School Buses with ESSER Funds

M. Approve Workplace Literacy Memorandum of Understanding with McCreary County Adult Education

N. Approve Procurement Procedures for Food Services

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT - #10895

Mr. Derrick Phillips, DECO Architect, updated the Board on the middle school renovation project. He stated we had a smooth month, everything going well and on schedule. The contractors did hit a water line. This has been repaired. They are meeting with the Team to confirm the repair is good. He stated they are on track/timeline with the project.

DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMPLEX - #10896

Mr. Phillips shared more information on the Athletic Complex project. His team reviewed details of the square footage, what the rooms can/could be used for and some other projects they've worked on in other school districts in surrounding counties as examples.

Ms. Kelly Mursic with R. W. and Baird, Inc., reviewed with the Board the bonding potential the district has over the next 20 years. She explained the funds used to calculate the bonding capacity, existing bond payments and current bonding capacity. She stated the District has a healthy bonding capacity.

The Board discussed having a working session with Coaches to hear what the needs and wants are for each sport. The Board schedule a Special called meeting for Monday, January 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board's Central Office.

Mrs. Duvall shared with the Board the need to move the district donated funds for athletics (due to lost ticket sales) to go to the schools in order to pay officials calling the game the night of the event. The district office pays bills once a month and this would cause a delay in the official receiving their pay.

APPROVE MOVING DONATED ATHLETIC FUNDS (FROM LOSS OF TICKET SALES) TO SCHOOL ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS - #10897

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve moving donated Athletic Funds (from loss of ticket sales) to school activity accounts. Members voted as follows:

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

MCHS \$3,750
MCMS \$3,750
PKE \$1,250
WCE \$1,250

DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 2023-2024 DRAFT BUDGET - # 10898

Mrs. Duvall explained how the draft budget works. This is rolled over from the current year because at this time there are unknown factors for the next school year on funding. She explained we are aware of a reduction in SEEK funding for the next school year. She stated that by May, the District will have solid information to base the Tentative Budget on.

Superintendent Gunn explained to the Board the need to take Grant positions off the salary schedule. When the Grant changes, the District is having to ask the Board to approve those changes by creating new positions and revising the salary schedule. Since the District has to follow the grant requirements in order to keep the grant or lose it, he's proposing to not include positions for grants on the salary schedule. Instead he is asking to include one sentence to cover all grant agreements. "All grants received by the district will adhere to and comply with all personnel and salary requirements per grant specifications "All positions will be noted internally with the extra duty form."

APPROVE CHANGES TO SALARY SCHEDULE - #10899

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the changes to the Salary Schedule regarding Grant positions. Members voted as follows:

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

Superintendent Gunn reviewed with the Board the Mental Health Grant. In order for the District to move forward, we need the Boards approval to move forward to comply with all components of Mental Health Grant.

APPROVE COMPLYING WITH ALL COMPONENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH GRANT WITH RESEARCH ASSOCIATES - #10900

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve complying with all components of Mental Health Grant (if received) with Research Associates. Members voted as follows:

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

Superintendent Gunn asked Dr. Clint Taylor to share with the Board the difference between the District's current SRO (School Resource Officer) program SLEO (Special Law Enforcement Officer) and the new program SBLEA (School Based Law Enforcement Agency). He shared that the new program (SBLEA) would speed up the process of getting commissioned, qualify for grants and extend their coverage.

APPROVE CREATION FOR SCHOOL BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (McCreary County School District Police Department) - #10901

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve creation for School Based Law Enforcement Agency (McCreary County School District Police Department). Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman Barnett explained to the Board he would like to table or abolish the CTE Pathway and LAVEC Coordinator position until the District knows if this position will be fully funded by CTE funding (100%). Superintendent Gunn stated that he would not fill this position if it is not fully funded by CTE funding. Later if it is stated this will not be funded, then Superintendent Gunn said, if not fully funded, then we will not have this position. Chairman Barnett would like to table this until February's meeting.

TABLE DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING ABOLISHING CTE PATHWAY & LAVEC COORDINATOR POSITION - #10902

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second Mrs. Stacey Hammons to table action up to and including Abolishing CTE Pathway & LAVEC Coordinator position. Members voted as follows:

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

SET THE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10903

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to set the next meeting for Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary