

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Chairman Barnett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Johnny Barnett, Braxton King, Stacey Hammons, Cody Perry, Estle Swain and Interim Superintendent, Larry Hammond. Also present were the media, school system staff.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(c)-Discussions of pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency - #10925

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c)-discussions of pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency at 5:01 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #10926

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to return to Open Session at 5:35 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

No Action was taken.

ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM SUPERINTENDENT, JOHN GUNN EFFECTIVE, JULY 1, 2023 - #10927

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to accept the letter of resignation from Superintendent, John Gunn effective July 1, 2023. Members voted as follows:

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

DECLARE A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT - #10928

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to declare a vacancy in the Office of Superintendent. Members voted as follows:

Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE; King – AYE; Hammonds – AYE

Mrs. Stacey Hammons, Board Member, shared her thoughts that working with KSBA would make the Superintendent Search much easier since we've worked with them in the past and it would help alleviate potential legal questions and concerns. She asked about the pricing for KSBA and KASA. Mr. John Blevins, Board Attorney, stated there was value to using one of these groups. He stated that he could do the Superintendent Search. He also stated these groups work with districts all across the state have people designated for this specifically. Mr. Larry Hammonds, Interim Superintendent, stated that these groups would be able to get the word out to more locations and that Mr. Blevins would do a great job with the Search. He explained the Superintendent Search process for both groups.

At this time, 5:45 p.m., Mr. Braxton King, Board Member, left the meeting.

Ms. Eugenia Jones, The McCreary County Voice, wanted to share that she liked the way KSBA handled the Search last year. It made it easier for her to get her report finished with the information provided by the Consultant. Mr. Johnny Barnett, Board Chairman, stated he would like to go with KASA's Platinum-On Site with both options.

APPROVE KASA (KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS) FOR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH - #10929

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to choose KASA (Kentucky Association of School Administrators) Platinum-On Site Option including both Options in this package. Members voted as follows:

Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE; King – Absent; Hammonds – AYE; Perry – AYE

ADJOURN - #10930

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to adjourn.
Members voted as follows:

Barnett – AYE; King – Absent; Hammonds – AYE; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE

Chairman

Secretary