

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, February 27, 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, Braxton King, Stacey Hammons, Cody Perry and Estle Swain and Interim Superintendent, Larry B. Hammond. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

At this time, Chairman Barnett, introduced Mr. Larry B. Hammond as the Interim Superintendent. Mr. Hammond shared his experiences and that he has worked with over 40 Board Members. He said he sees good things going on in the District. He explained that the planning for the ESSER funds was well thought out for the District's financial standing. He said it is a pleasure to be here and thanked everyone for coming to the Board meeting.

ADD ADDENDUM - #10915

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to add an addendum 5.E. "to Post vacancy and form a Screening Committee." Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE AGENDA AND ADDENDUM - #10916

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #10917

A. Prayer

Pastor, Braxton King

B. Pledge

Everyone

C. Communications

1. Recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month - recognize CTE Team Leaders

Career and Technical Education Month

The members of KDE's Office of Career and Technical Education also told superintendents about plans to **highlight Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month in February.**

“Kentucky truly does set the standard for quality CTE at the national level,” KDE Associate Commissioner Beth Hargis said.

Hargis said 71% of Kentucky’s high school students participated in CTE, which ultimately helps prepare them in a variety of ways for their future careers.

Mr. Cameron Lee, Agriculture Teacher at McCreary Central High School shared with the Board the CTE (Career & Technical Education Staff. Tim Freels-Construction, Casey Whitworth-Engineering, Derrick Marcum-Information Technology, Stephen Grundy-Auto Technology, Sandi Freels-Marketing. Tiffeny Stephens-Health Services and Cameron Lee-Agriculture. He shared some of the programs offered to students.

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

E. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, shared the monthly report for January. She reviewed the revenues and expenses with for each funding group.

F. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10918

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Cody Perry 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 - January 23, 2023

Special - February 7, 2023

Special - February 20, 2023

Special - February 22, 2023

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, January 31, 2023

E. Approve Renewal Policy for Student Accident Insurance with Roberts Insurance

F. Approve Somerset Community College Dual Credit Memorandum of Agreement for 2023-2024

G. Approve Recording Board Meetings and loading to District’s Youtube account and posting a link to the District’s Facebook page

H. Approve reviewing new positions that need to be created with the cost and funding source explained one month prior to voting

I. Approve reviewing possible raises one month prior to voting and explain the reason for the raise and how much it will cost

J. Approve Abolish District Instructional Supervisor Position

K. Approve Combi-Oven Bids for McCreary Central High School and Pine Knot Elementary School Bldg 2

Recommend the Board take action on the Combi-Oven bids for McCreary Central High School and Pine Knot Elementary School Bldg 2 and award the bid to: C & T Design and Equipment

Bids:

C & T Design and Equipment

Douglas Equipment

Manning Brothers

McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE - #10919

At this time, Jonathan Smith-Branscum Construction, gave an update on the middle school renovation project. He shared that the road around the school has rock on it, utilities, hot and cold water are complete, elevator for service area is being built, fiber for new classrooms ready to be installed, they've built a temporary wall in the Art room so they can continue to work and classes can continue and they are moving the condenser and cooling temporarily for right now. He said everything is going good.

Mr. Eric Pelow-DECO Architect, shared the schematic designs with the board for the LAVEC project at the high school. He explained this was phase 1 of the schematic designs. He shared pictures of the current conditions of the floor plan and what the new floor plan would look like. He showed where the addition would be added to the building and that it would be designed to fit the rest of the building. He shared the mechanical views and electrical views of the addition and changes needed to the current rooms. He shared the reorganization of the JROTC and Health Services area with the Board. JROTC would be moved upstairs and Health Services would be housed downstairs. He shared the need for restrooms in the basement and where these would be located.

APPROVE SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE PACKAGE FOR McCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT (BG-#23-223) - #10920

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the Schematic Design Phase Package for McCreary Central High School LAVEC Project (BG-#23-223) as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

At this time, Mrs. Susie Thompson-McCreary County Public Library, shared with the Board information regarding the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. She reviewed the background of the program and how it works along with the cost. She shared that this program will help our young children enter into Kindergarten ready for school. The Imagination Library supports cognitive development in our young children.

APPROVE DONATING \$4,500 TO McCREARY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM - #10921

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve donating \$4,500 to McCreary County Public Library's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. Members voted as follows:

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

Mrs. Duvall explained to the Board this was a tentative staffing allocation and was based on the SBDM (SEEK) funding only. She shared the allocations were based on number of required certified staff, certified teachers, additional certified staff and additional classified staff (non-SBDM) for each location.

APPROVE TENTATIVE STAFFING ALLOCATION FOR 2023-2024 - #10922

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the Tentative Staffing Allocation for 2023-2024 as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

The Chairman explained there was a vacancy for the Superintendent position and wanted to get a screening committee started for the search.

APPROVE TO START THE PROCESS OF THE VACANCY AND SCREENING COMMITTEE - #10923

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve starting the process for the vacancy and screening process. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE THE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10924

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

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

Chairman

Secretary