

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Chairman King welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Braxton King, Lori Foster, Stacey Hammons, Johnny Barnett, Sherry Duncan and Superintendent, John W. Gunn. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

A part of this Regular Board meeting will be by video conferencing, in keeping with the requirements of KRS 61.826. The primary location of the video teleconference is the McCreary County Board of Education's Pine Knot Elementary School Bldg 2 at 6461 S. Hwg 1651, Pine Knot, KY. The video conferencing is being made to include Board Member, Sherry Duncan, in order to accommodate her unavailability in attending the meeting at its physical location.

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 - #10831**

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #10832**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King, Chair

#### **B. Pledge**

PKES 2 - Deslyn Clark

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

##### **1. Pine Knot Elementary School - Student Recognition:**

Mrs. Blakley presented the students who have demonstrated the ROAR acronym "Respectful, Organized, Accountable and Responsible". She also recognized the students who done well on IREADY in Reading and Math for each grade level.

##### **ROAR:**

Respectful - Paisley Strunk

Organized - Gracie Hicks

Accountable - Jacob Gettings

Responsible - Bella Reynolds

IREADY (Reading & Math):

	<u>Math</u>	<u>Reading</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Garrett Smith	Camden Neal
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Xavier Sammons	Jonah Ball
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Emmett Brown	Emmett Brown

## 2. MCHS - Dual Credit Education Class – Observation:

Dr. Gunn recognized the students from Mrs. Tami Starrett's Dual Credit Class. They were attending to observe how board meetings work as part of their curriculum. The course they are currently in gives the students a look into the background, philosophies, and educational innovations throughout the years. The students are required to complete several clinical observation hours, but they also observe several other aspects of education including a School Board meeting, parent program, etc.

## 3. Christmas Backpack Program 2022

Dr. Gunn shared with the Board the Christmas Backpack Program 2022 which is a program that Family Resource Youth Service Centers and Crossroads Community Baptist Church are collaborating to fill 2000 backpacks with gifts, food and school supplies. Also there is a second program with Kroger Corporate for elementary and middle school grades to buy a gift for each student and have dinner and hand out gifts.

## 4. Update on Transportation Department

Dr. Gunn gave an update on the Transportation Department. Today was the first day since he started and for a few years that we did not have a double route. He recognized two staff members for working hard to get drivers who have applied for work through the personnel stage and training stage.

## 5. Standard 2: Instructional Leadership

**SUMMARY:** The superintendent supports and builds a system committed to shared values and beliefs focused on teaching and learning where performance gaps are systematically eliminated over time and each student graduates from high school college-and-career ready.

Dr. Gunn reviewed with the Board the 2nd Standard for Superintendent Evaluation which is Instructional Leadership. He reviewed the standard which is focused on teaching and learning where performance gaps are systematically eliminated over time and each student graduates from high school college and career ready. He reviewed the best practices and giving feedback to teachers.

## 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 reviewed with the Board the revenues and expenses with the Board for each funding for the month of August.

**5. Public Comments**

No Comments

**APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10833**

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

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

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

**B. Approve Minutes**

Regular - August 22, 2022

Special Finance Corporation - August 22, 2022

Special - August 29, 2022

Special - August 31, 2022

Special - September 8, 2022

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

**D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending August 31, 2022**

**E. Approve Emergency Certification for McCreary County Middle School's Vacant Art Position**

**F. Approve Somerset Mental Health, PSC Memorandum of Agreement for 2022-2023**

**G. Approve Create a Stipend for McCreary County Middle School's Choir and Band positions of \$1,500 each and to revise Salary Schedule to reflect Stipends**

**H. Approve Director of Transportation Services Job Description Revision**

**I. Approve SESC (Southeast South-Central) Educational Corporation Membership for 2022-2023**

**J. Approve District Funding Assurances for 2022-2023**

**K. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement – Lauren King**

**TABLE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE SALARY SCHEDULE REVISION TO NEXT MEETING - #10834**

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Braxton King to table the Administration Service Salary Schedule revision to another meeting to allow for further review. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE SALARY TABLE REVISION FOR TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR - #10835**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve the salary revisions for the Transportation Director to be paid as a classified position starting at Rank I by years of service and paid with classified benefits. Members voted as follows:

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

Mrs. Duvall reviewed the Working Budget with the Board. She reviewed the beginning balance of \$5.2 million, shared the revenues and expenses projected for the year with an overall budget of \$32 million.

**APPROVE WORKING BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 - #10836**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve the Working Budget as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Board Attorney, John Blevins shared with the Board that when he started he started at a low rate three years ago. He was asking the Board to increase his rate to \$125 per hour to be in closer range to other school board attorney fees.

**APPROVE BOARD ATTORNEY, JOHN T. BLEVINS RESOLUTION - #10837**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the Resolution for Board Attorney, John T. Blevins. Members voted as follows:

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

Dr. Gunn shared with the Board that this request for proposal was for the high school vocational improvement process.

**APPROVE ARCHITECT RFP (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL) - #10838**

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the Architect RFP (Request for Proposal). Members voted as follows:

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

There was discussion regarding the Smithtown Property. Board Attorney shared with the Board that they need to look at this in several stages:

- 1) they need to request in writing to approve the disposal from KDE
- 2) authorize Board Attorney and/or Superintendent to request disposal
- 3) decide to do a sealed bid or to auction
- 4) set a minimum price and to get an appraisal

**AUTHORIZE BOARD ATTORNEY, JOHN BLEVINS TO MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING FOR APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF THE SMITHTOWN PROPERTY AND TO GET AN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AND IT'S CONTENTS - #10839**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Braxton King to authorize John Blevins to make a request in writing for approval of disposal of the Smithtown Elementary School property and to get an appraisal of Smithtown Elementary School and its contents. Members voted as follows:

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

There was discussion regarding the Athletic ticket sales. The Board approved student fees to all regular district athletic games to be free, there was concern from Coaches regarding the loss of revenue funds from ticket sales. The Board discussed the school activity accounts and the Board DAF accounts.

**APPROVE ALLOCATING \$2,500 TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND \$7,500 TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL - #10840**

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve allocating \$2,500 to elementary athletics and \$7,500 to middle school and high school athletics to the Board's DAF accounts. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(f) - #10841**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve entering into Executive/Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) - Student Hearings at 7:28 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #10842**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lori Foster and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOUTN - #10843**

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Whitley City Elementary School and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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Chairman

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Secretary