

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, October 24, 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, Estle Swain and Superintendent, Paul B. Crawford. Also present were 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 - #11062**

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #11063**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King

#### **B. Pledge**

Everyone

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

##### **1. 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.

Mr. Crawford shared with everyone a summary of Superintendent's Evaluation Standard #2- Instructional Leadership. He shared that the superintendent supports and builds a system 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's shared some examples of a book study he reviewed with his Admin Team-The Butterfly Effect, he is doing walk-throughs in the schools, asked the Principals to do a 30/60/90 day plan like he has done for his Onboard Training and they are working on the District's Comprehensive Improvement Plan.

##### **2. Standard 3: Cultural Leadership**

**SUMMARY:** The superintendent understands and acts on the important role a system's culture has in the exemplary performance of all schools. He/she works to understand the people in the district and community as well as their history and traditions as they move forward to support

and achieve district goals. The superintendent must be able to improve the district culture, if needed, to align the work of adults with the district's goals of improving student learning and infusing the work with passion, meaning and purpose.

Mr. Crawford shared with everyone a summary of Superintendent's Evaluation Standard #3- Cultural Leadership. He shared the superintendent understands and acts on the important role a system's culture has in the exemplary performance of all schools. The superintendent works to understand the people in the district and community as well as their history and traditions as they move forward to support and achieve district goals. The superintendent must be able to improve the district culture, if needed, to align the work of adults with the district's goals of improving student learning and infusing the work with passion, meaning and purpose. He gave examples of what he has done and/or put into place at this time: went on the Heritage Foundation Train Ride, he's working with his mentors, he's met with Judge Prewitt and reviewed the drug court process, he's met with Judge Greene and the Admin Team are working the student test data.

#### **D. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization**

Mr. Crawford shared a few personnel changes for the district due to retirements. Mr. Shane King is our new Food Service Director and Ms. Ashley Anderson is our new Director of Special Education. The district is currently interviewing candidates for the vacant Assistant Principal position at the Pine Knot Schools and should have this vacancy filled soon.

#### **E. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Duvall shared with the Board September's monthly financial report. She shared that the General Fund had July's SEEK payment of \$1.3 million, there were Federal reimbursement that totaled \$1.9 million and Save-the-Children Grant 4th quarter reimbursement was \$304,989.80. Food Service reimbursements were \$230,769.54 for the month. The district had \$16.0 million had the end of September.

#### **F. Public Comments**

No comments

### **APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11064**

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

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

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

#### **B. Approve Minutes**

Regular - September 26, 2023

Special - October 2, 2023

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

- D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, September 30, 2023
- E. Approve Create (1) One ESS Daytime Waiver Tutor Position at McCreary Central High School for one (1) year only
- F. Approve NECCO Memorandum of Agreement for 2023-2024
- G. Approve Somerset Mental Health Agreement for 2023-2024
- H. Approve McCreary County Middle School New Clubs and Dues

MCMS

Culinary & Nutrition - \$10

Pep - \$5

Sports - \$20

Appalachian Music - \$10

Art - \$5

- I. Approve Fruits and Veggie Bid

Recommend the Board take action on Fruits and Veggie Bid and award the bid to: Elohem Inc.  
DBS The Fruit Market

Bids

Elohem Inc. DBA The Fruit Market - Russell Springs, KY

**MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE - #11065**

Mr. Jonathan Smith with Branscum Construction gave an update on the middle school project. They've been working in the gym area and mechanical room, been working on the new kitchen area and have the new hood installed and dry wall going up, they are working on the art room and should be finished next week, all the brick work has been completed and working on cleaning the brick and sealing it, concrete has been done for the basement area and they are working on the roof for the new sections and these should be finished up soon.

**MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT UPDATE - #11066**

Mr. Smith shared with the Board the next steps for the high school's LAVEC project. They have all the contracts sent out and once they are all signed he will be able to give the Board a start date for this project. The current room is 95% cleaned out.

**ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(k) – meetings which federal and state law specifically require to be conducted in privacy - #11067**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k)-meetings which federal or state law specifically require to be conducted in privacy at 6:43 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #11068**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to return to Open Session at 7:02 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman Barnett stated there was no action taken.

**APPROVE SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY FOR (8) EIGHT STUDENTS - #11069**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve a Shortened School Day for (8) Eight Students. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11070**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to set the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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Chairman

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Secretary