

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 11, 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 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 - #11080

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11081

A. Prayer

Braxton King

B. Pledge

MCHS – JROTC, Kaleb Privett

C. Annual School Reports

1. McCreary Central High School Annual Report

McCreary Central High School presented their annual report to the Board as directed by Board policy 02.44 and KRS 158.649/KRS 158.6451/KRS 158.6453.

Ms. Charlotte Barnett, Principal at McCreary Central High School started the annual report for the high school. She shared with the Board the high school's score of 63 which is in the yellow range. The Reading and Math indicator shows their change was a -8. She introduced her team leaders and asked them to share with the Board the goals they have set in place to address this change and to move all indicators in a positive direction. Ms. Jessica Strunk reviewed the strategies and goals the English department have put into place to meet this need. Ms. Brittany Stephens shared with the Board the strategies and goals for the Math department. Ms. Amanda Monhollen shared the strategies and goals for Social Study department to improve retention. Ms. Megan Griffis shared the strategies and goals the Science department are working on and the struggles they've experienced in getting qualified instructors to teach Chemistry and Physics. Mr. Cameron Lee reviewed the strategies and goals the CTE department are working on and 5 key points to be successful and graduate college and career ready.

2. McCreary County Middle School Annual Report

McCreary County Middle School presented their annual report to the Board as directed by Board policy 02.44 and KRS 158.649/KRS 158.6451/KRS 158.6453.

Mr. Sam Marple, Principal at McCreary County Middle School presented the middle school's annual report. He shared with the Board the school's score of 48.3 which puts them in the yellow range. He reviewed the strategies and goals his staff have been working on to meet the needs for Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Writing. He explained they have identified the students in these groups (bubble) and have established Flex groups to work closer with these students, etc.

D. Superintendent Communications

1. Standard #5 - Managerial Leadership

SUMMARY: The superintendent ensures that the district has processes and systems in place for budgeting, staffing, problem solving, communicating expectations, and scheduling that organize the work of the district and give priority to student learning and safety. The superintendent must solicit resources (both operating and capital), monitor their use, and assure the inclusion of all stakeholders in decision about resources so as to meet the 21st century needs of the district.

Mr. Crawford reviewed Standard #5 with the Board. He shared some things he has in place: external reviews, audits, the District's financial audit, school crisis plan and community response plan.

E. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

The Board acknowledged receipt of Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization.

F. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Director of Finance, reviewed the monthly financials with the Board for November 2023. She reviewed Fund 1 that had a SEEK payment of \$1.234 million. Fund 2 had a Federal reimbursement of \$1.216 million, second quarter payment for FRYSC and transfer grant funds related to MCMS construction to Fund 400. The Food Service department had reimbursements of \$257,752.37. November had an ending balance of \$6.656 million.

G. Public Comments

No Comments

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11082

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

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

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

B. Approve Minutes

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C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

D. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims through the end of the month through December 31, 2023

E. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, November 30, 2023

F. Approve KETS First Offer of Assistance for \$27,121

MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE - #11083

Mr. Jonathan Smith, Branscum Construction, updated the Board on the construction progress at the middle school. He said the grease traps are complete, roofing is 95% complete, door frames are 85% complete, fiber optic cable has been installed and complete, exterior masonry is complete and window installation is complete. They are getting ready to concentrate on the basement area next. Mostly inside work to do and everything is coming along nicely.

APPROVE MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROPOSAL #13 - #11084

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the McCreary County Middle School Project Proposal #13. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROPOSAL #14 - #11085

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the McCreary County Middle School Project Proposal #14. Members voted as follows:

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

#13 Blue Sky Electric - Additional Exterior Wall Packs - Total \$16,433.52

#14 Branscum Construction - Additional Hardware and Hardware Changes - Total \$21,063.00

MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT UPDATE - #11086

Mr. Smith review McCreary Central High School's LAVEC project with the Board. Today was the first day of construction on this project. Mr. Lee's class will be present at the planning meetings and where it is safe will be there during the construction process in order for them to see this process from start to finish. Demo has begun in the basement and they found some asbestos. This will be cleared January 2nd to 5th.

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board the need to revise the Community Digital Resource Coordinator position. He explained that the state changed the tracking requirements for fixed assets to one item exceeding \$5,000 to be tracked. He shared there is a lot of technology equipment used in the district and this needs to be tracked.

APPROVE REVISED POSITION AND JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COMMUNITY DIGITAL RESOURCE COORDINATOR/TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN/INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER - #11087

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve revising position and job description for Community Digital Resource Coordinator Position to Community Digital Resource Coordinator/Technology Technician/Inventory Control Manager. Members voted as follows:

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

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(k) – meetings which federal or state law specifically require to be conducted in privacy - #11088

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve entering into Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k)-meetings which federal or state law specifically require to be conducted in privacy at 7:29 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #11089

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to Return to Open Session at 8:07 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Barnett stated “NO ACTION TAKEN”

APPROVE SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY FOR (3) THREE STUDENTS - #11090

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve shortened school day for (3) three students. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11091

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn.

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

Chairman

Secretary