

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, January 22, 2024, 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.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION - #11092

Mr. Crawford welcomed everyone to January's regular board meeting. He shared that January is School Board Member Recognition Month to show our appreciation for our Board.

A board is...

...a group of individuals with diverse qualifications, backgrounds and experiences to act collectively...

A. Proclamation

Judge, Jimmie W. Greene, II, read the Proclamation Recognizing January as School Board Member Recognition month.

B. MCHS Madrigals

McCreary Central High School Madrigals sang "The Pledge of Allegiance and My Old Kentucky Home" for the Board.

C. Plaque Presentation

Mr. Crawford presented the Board with a Plaque for their service and dedication to our school district.

Mr. Crawford asked for nominations for Board Chair.

ELECT BOARD CHAIRPERSON - #11093

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to nominate Mr. Johnny Barnett as Board Chairman. Members voted as follows:

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

At this time, Mr. Crawford turned the meeting over to newly elected Board Chairman, Mr. Johnny Barnett.

ELECT BOARD VICE-CHAIRPERSON - #11094

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to nominate Mr. Estle Swain as Board Vice-Chairman. Members voted as follows:

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

There was discussion regarding the Voting and Seating Order to keep it the same as last year.

ESTABLISH VOTING/SEATING ORDER - #11095

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to keep the same Voting and Seating order as last year: seating order facing the audience: right to left - Mr. John T. Blevins, Board Attorney; Mr. Johnny Barnett, Board Chair; Mr. Paul B. Crawford, Superintendent; Mr. Estle Swain, Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Cody Perry, Board Member, Mrs. Stacey Hammons, Board Member and Mr. Braxton King, Board Member; voting order will rotate for each meeting. Members voted as follows:

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

There was discussion on setting the Date, Time and Location for 2024 board meetings. The 4th Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office.

SET REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION - #11096

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to set the meeting for the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Members voted as follows:

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

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 AMENDED AGENDA - #11097

A motion was made by Mrs. Stacey Hammons and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to amend the agenda and move item number 9.H. - SRO Salary Pay Scale to Items with Discussion item number 10.F. Members voted as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11098

A. Prayer

Braxton King

B. Pledge

MCHS Madrigals

C. Superintendent Communications

1. Standard #6 - Collaborative Leadership

Summary: The superintendent, in concert with the local board of education, designs structures and processes that result in broad community engagement with support for ownership of the district vision. Acknowledging that strong schools build strong communities, the superintendent proactively creates, with school and district staff, opportunities for parents, community members, government leaders, and business representatives to participate with their investments of resources, assistance, and goodwill.

Mr. Crawford shared what he is doing that fits this standard. He shared that the district is members for KEDC (Kentucky Education Development) Cooperative and SESC (Southeast South Central) Cooperative and both are educational cooperatives. He sits on the board and attends the meetings regularly. He has worked with the Heritage Foundation on a couple of things. As far as committee meetings: he has met with the Calendar Committee and the Facilities Committee. There have been several newspaper articles celebrating some of the things in the district by Ms. Eugenia Jones, The McCreary County Voice. He thanked her for the coverage. The district is working on partnerships for Dual-Credit with University of the Columbians in the hopes of offering more dual-credit courses for our students (who are most likely to attend UC). He is collaborating with his Principals ensuring community partnerships with the community and community leaders for example: Real Men Read. Which was a favorable turnout and Judge Greene has also been in our schools reading to our students.

D. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board the number of new hires and resignations.

At this time, Board Attorney - Mr. John T. Blevins, shared with the Board that they needed to look at the meeting date for December which would be for December 24th, Christmas Eve. He suggested the Board might want to amend the motion in order to keep the meeting as a regular meeting.

AMEND BOARD MEETING DATE - #11099

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to amend the Board meeting Date for November and December to include: "with the exception of November and December which will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Members voted as follows:

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

E. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, shared December's monthly finance report. There was July's SEEK payment of \$1,235,378.00, a Federal reimbursement of \$1,034,696.37 which was deposited in January, Food Service reimbursements of \$229,669.99 with an ending balance of \$6,685,521.21.

F. Public Comments

No comments

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11100

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:

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

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

B. Approve Minutes

Regular - December 11, 2023

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

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

E. Acknowledge Superintendent's Travel for the Month of January 2024

January 10, 2024 - Onboarding at KASA office in Frankfort-SBDM Allocations, Principal Selection/Difficult Leader Conversations, School Board Relations, State Law

January 11, 2024 - SESC Coop in London

F. Acknowledge Revised Procedure 06.2 AP.11 - Accidents

G. Approve Revised Policy 09.436 Search and Seizure - 1st Reading

H. Approve Family Resource Youth Service Center (FRYSC) Assurance Certification for 2024 to 2026

I. Approve JAG KY (Jobs for America's Graduates Program)

J. Approve Creating (2) Gear-Up Tutor Positions pending approval of Supplemental Request

MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE - #11101

Ms. Destin Robinson, Branscum Construction, gave an update for the middle school project. She shared the work that has been done on the basement, Science rooms and entry ways. She gave a 30 day projection of work to be done.

MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT UPDATE - #11102

Ms. Robinson shared an update for the high school LAVEC project. The demolition in the basement is 90% complete. She showed the work on the drains in the basement. They will be starting the demo upstairs and she gave a 30 day projection of the work to be done.

ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST CALENDAR COMMITTEE READING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR - #11103

Mr. Clint Taylor, DPP, reviewed the 2024-2025 calendar with the Board. He shared that this calendar reflected 170 instructional days as compared to last year's 171 instructional days.

ACKNOWLEDGE 2024-2025 DRAFT BUDGET - #11104

Ms. Duvall shared with the Board that the Draft Budget was a continuation of what we have right now. We do not have any budget numbers given to the district from the State as far as SEEK funding. In May, the Tentative Budget will be presented with sound funding numbers to present to the Board.

Ms. Duvall shared with the Board that the 2022-2023 Audit report was a clean report with no findings.

APPROVE 2022-2023 AUDIT REPORT - #11105

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the 2022-2023 Audit Report as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Mrs. Hammons asked for clarification on revising the SRO salary scale. Mr. Taylor reviewed the reasoning behind the revision in order to keep newly trained employees.

TABLE REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR SRO PAY SCALE - #11106

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to table revised salary schedule for SRO pay scale until the next meeting. 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 and KRS 61.810(1)(g)-Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business - #11107

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King 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 and KRS 61.810(1)(g)-Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business at 7:17 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Barnett stated that No Action was taken.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #11108

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to return to open session at 8:00 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY FOR (1) ONE STUDENT - #11109

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve shortened school day for (1) one student. Members voted as follows:

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

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11110

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve the next meeting for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary