

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Vice-Chairman Swain welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Braxton King, Cody Perry, Estle Swain and Superintendent, Paul B. Crawford. Absent from the meeting were Johnny Barnett and Stacey Hammons. 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 AMENDA AGENDA - #11118

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve amended agenda to remove KRS 61.810(1)(g) on item #6. Members voted as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11119

A. Prayer

Braxton King

B. Pledge

MCHS JROTC - Isaac Richmond

C. Superintendent Communications

1. CTE Month Recognition

CTE month is a public awareness campaign, hosted by the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) that takes place each February to celebrate the accomplishments and importance of CTE for students of all ages.

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board February is CTE Recognition month. He introduced Ms. Charlotte Barnett, Principal at McCreary Central High School to share information regarding the program at the high school. Ms. Barnett shared that the program starts at the 8th Grade level. She also explained that Rockcastle County School District has been working with our CTE teachers to improve their program in the district. She explained the aspects for each class and introduced each CTE teacher. She then recognized students for each program: 1) Environmental Science and Natural Resources-Cameron Lee, 2) Marketing-Sandy Freels, 3) Mechanical Engineering-Sol Branscum, 4) Phlebotomy and Allied Health-Tiffeny Stephens, Pre-Nursing-Becky Keith, 5) Teaching and Learning-Tami Starrett, 6) Network Administration-Derrick Marcum, 7) JROTC-Garry Galloway and Travis Crabtree, 8) Automotive-Steve Grundy, 9) Residential Carpentry-Tim Freels. Ms. Barnett also recognized Ms. Katelynn Goins

for all the work she does to help the CTE program. Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that Ms. Barnett and her staff are doing a great job.

2. Standard #7 - Influential Leadership

Summary - The superintendent promotes the success of learning and teaching by understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, ethical, and cultural context. From this knowledge, the superintendent works with the board of education to define mutual expectations, policies, and goals to ensure the academic success for all students.

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board Standard #7 which is updating the Board on things in the district. He has been working on updating board policy and procedures, working on his professional growth plan and performance goals, mentoring new teachers, job fairs to recruit new teachers, corrective action plans, working with Somerset Community College, creating new pathways, working with the Augment staff for mental health, working with community partners, working with UNITE, developing programs such as Real Men Read and looking at new curriculum with high quality for instruction.

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

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, presented January's monthly report to the Board. She shared the General Fund had July's SEEK payment of \$1.35 M, Special Revenue's Federal reimbursement of \$1.034 M, there was Quarter 3 disbursements for State Grants, Food Service had reimbursements of \$138,81.52 with a ending balance of \$7.034 M.

F. Public Comments

Ms. Rhea Gilreath submitted a letter for the Board to read during Public Comments. Mr. Estle Swain, Board Vice-Chair, shared the letter with the other Board Members and stated to everyone the letter was regarding a raise for Pine Knot Primary School teachers.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11120

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

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

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

B. Approve Minutes

Regular - January 22, 2024

Special - February 6, 2024

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, January 31, 2024

E. Acknowledge Superintendent's Travel for the Month of February & March 2024

February 8, 2024 - SESC in London

February 21 & 22, 2024 - KEDC in Lexington

February 29 to March 3, 2024 - KSBA Annual Conference in Louisville

March 4, 2024 - Capitol Annex in Frankfort for Transportation Meeting with Senator Stivers

March 21 to March 23, 2024 - KASA Onboarding and KEDC meeting in Lexington

F. Approve Revised Policy 09.436 Search and Seizure - 2nd Reading

G. Approve McCreary County Middle School Softball Team Grant request with Walmart Cyberfront

H. Approve Appalachian Kentucky Grant Program for McCreary Central High School

I. Approve OSEEL (Office of Special Education & Early Learning) Preschool Grant

J. Approve Rural Child Care Network Professional Development Grant for \$1,000

K. Approve 2024-2025 Student Accident Insurance with Roberts Insurance

L. Approve SFCC (School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance of \$22,304.41 toward construction or renovation projects

M. Approve Eastern Kentucky University Memorandum of Agreement Addendum

APPROVE MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION UPDATE - #11121

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve McCreary County Middle School Renovation update as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Jonathan Smith, Branscum Construction, gave an update on McCreary County Middle School Renovation Project. He shared that the basement area slab is ready to pour, next they will be ready to set the steel, tile is being laid in the kitchen, tile is being laid in the restroom, primer paint is done, doors and windows are in and ready to start on ceiling.

MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT UPDATE - #11122

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve the McCreary Central High School LAVEC Project update as presented. Members votes as follows:

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

Mr. Smith updated the Board on McCreary Central High School LAVEC Project. He shared that everything is progressing well, will start on mason work next, the steel should be delivered in March, dry wall is hung, frame is up, demo upstairs done, grid is up, classroom should be ready in the next few weeks, the project is ahead of schedule.

APPROVE MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS - #11123

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve the McCreary Central High School LAVEC Project Change Orders as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

LAVEC CO (Change Orders)

Branscum 030 Package – CO #1 – Additional Microplies: \$9,037.71

Branscum CM – CO #1 – CM Fee: \$469.96

Branscum 030 Package – CO #2 – PR #1, PR #3, PR #4, PR #5: \$6,733.00

Bennett's Contracting 909/091 Package – CO #1 – PR #3: \$4,846.11

Somerset Mechanical 150/152 Package – CO #1 PR #1: \$5,157.00

Branscum CM – CO #2 – CM Fee's per PR #1-#5: \$948.28

Mr. Smith explained the LAVEC project had some change orders and asked if the Board had questions about any of them. Mr. Crawford explained in further detail about the Micropiles change order. This was about the core soil samples and driving the Micropiles through the soil until they enter bedrock to give support to the foundation. They had to drive them deeper to get to the bedrock because of the sand stone on the upper level.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(k)-meetings which federal or state law specifically require to be conducted in privacy - #11124

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry 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 7:04 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Swain stated - no action was taken.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #11125

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to return to open session at 7:14 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY FOR (1) ONE STUDENT - #11126

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

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

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11127

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to set the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary