

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 26, 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.

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 AND ADDENDUM - #11128**

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the agenda and addendum and moving addendum item number 4.O. to Actions with Discussion, item 5.E. as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #11129**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King

#### **B. Pledge**

Cadet Skylar Bolin

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

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

Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt of Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization. Mr. Crawford reviewed the personnel actions with the Board for the month of February and March. He shared the number of new hires, transfers, resignations, etc. with the Board.

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

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, shared with the Board an update of the financial report for February 2024. She shared that the SEEK payment of \$1,235,378.00 was offset by salaries and operational expenses. There was a federal reimbursement of \$1,096,515.63. Food Service had reimbursements totaling \$178,573.50. The General Fund had an ending balance of \$7,144,217.62.

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

There were no public comments.

### **APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11130**

A 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:

King – AYE; Hammons – AYE; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – 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 Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, February 29, 2024

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

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 2nd Offer of Assistance from School Finance Construction Commission (SFCC) in the amount of \$20,341

**G.** Approve Summer School Positions and Summer Feeding

**H.** Approve Create (1) One JAG KY Comprehensive Specialist (Teacher)

**I.** Approve Job Description for JAG KY Comprehensive Job Specialist

**J.** Approve Shortened School Week for (1) One Student

**K.** Approve Emergency Certification for Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school year

**L.** Approve McCreary Central High School's Curriculum/Course Guide for 2024-2025

**M.** Approve Revised 2023-2024 Salary Schedule

Add Summer School and Summer Feeding salary scale and KY JAG positions

**N.** Accept Outdoor Venture Corporation Donation for \$18,000

To be used to improve lighting in the high school auditorium.

## **MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE - #11131**

Mr. Derrick Phillips, DECO Architect, gave an update on the middle school project. He shared with the Board that the basement cement has been poured and the kitchen deck has been poured, the new hall by the Library has been installed, tile nearly complete in the kitchen, boys restroom wall tile is nearly complete, the electrical work is 90% complete and the project is 70% complete. He said he drove around the new road around the middle school to see how it was going. This will be one of the last things finished.

## **MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT UPDATE - #11132**

Mr. Phillips also gave an update on the high school's LAVEC project. He stated that the project is ahead of schedule which is a good thing. He said the steel would be set this week, roofing and masonry will be done next week and reviewed other items completed. This project is going well.

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that this has been an annual event that the district has participated in the past years. Ms. Tammie Nazario, PRIDE President and Chief Executive Officer was present and shared with the Board what PRIDE has done in the past and how many volunteers they've seen and answered any questions the Board asked.

**APPROVE USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY FOR PRIDE CLEAN-UP AT CUMBERLAND FALLS-USE OF 1 BUS AND DRIVER - #11133**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the Use of District Property for PRIDE Clean-Up at Cumberland Falls – use of 1 bus and driver. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that he has been working with Ms. Charlotte Barnett, high school Principal and Somerset Community College and University of the Cumberlands on dual credit classes. Ms. Barnett shared with the Board that we partner with Eastern Kentucky University and they pay a stipend for our teachers who teach dual credit classes with them. She explained that they are working with the other two in order to provide an opportunity for our students to obtain an Associate's Degree in high school. Mr. Crawford shared that these universities and colleges are willing to accept these credits that our students earn in high school. Ms. Barnett is asking for a stipend for the teachers teaching dual credit classes to match the stipend from ECU. This stipend would be up to \$5,000 and would start the 2024-2025 school year.

**APPROVE AMENDING THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE TAKING ACTION ON DUAL CREDIT STIPEND FOR TEACHERS TEACHING DUAL CREDIT CLASSES - #11134**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve amending the agenda to add take action on Dual Credit stipend for Teachers teaching Dual Credit Classes. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE DUAL CREDIT STIPEND OF \$5,000 FOR TEACHERS TEACHING DUAL CREDIT CLASSES - #11135**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve a stipend of \$5,000 for teachers teaching a Dual Credit class to match others who receive a stipend from the university or college starting the 2024-2025 school year. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DAY AND TIME - #11136**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to approve McCreary Central High School Graduation Day and Time for Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11137**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to set the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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Chairman

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Secretary