

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 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 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 - #11226**

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #11227**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King

#### **B. Pledge**

MCHS - Christopher Erbaugh

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

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that he was looking into the dismissal time at Pine Knot Primary School. He said that the students are presented to their parents by hand-to-hand exchange. The safety of students and making sure the students are handed to the right people is important and a priority for the district. He said that he is looking into ways to improve these concerns and looking at other options that can be used. He also shared with the Board that he and Judge Greene was presented with the \$1,000,000 check for the road improvement for a second road to the high school and middle school last Friday. He had a picture taken of the Board Members with the check.

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

Mr. Crawford reported on personnel actions for September.

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

Ms. Duvall shared the financial report for September 2024. General Fund received SEEK payment of \$1.322 million. For Special Revenue, there was reimbursements for July and August for the Augment Grant, first quarter payments for FRYSC and fourth quarter reimbursement for Save the Children. There was a federal reimbursement of

\$118,459.17. Food Service had reimbursements totaling \$66,724.68 and the General Fund had an ending balance of \$5.826 million.

**F. Public Comments**

No Public Comments

**APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11228**

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 - September 24, 2024

Special - October 1, 2024

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

**D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, September 30, 2024**

**E. Approve School Fundraiser Requests**

**1. Pine Knot Primary School**

PTO - October 1st to November 1st - Schoolwide sales of Krispy Kreme Donuts

**F. Approve Shortened School Days for (6) Six Students**

**G. Approve First KETS Offer of Assistance for \$27,273 for FY25**

**H. Approve ARP ESSER Plan**

**I. Approve Grants**

WCES - UNITE - STEM Club, Back-pack Program and Prevention Awareness Materials

MCHS - CTE Showcase Mini-Grant

**MCCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE - #11229**

Mr. Jonathan Smith with Branscum Construction gave an update on the middle school renovation project. He shared a power point with pictures of the changes made. He said there was a progress meeting held earlier that day on site. They are still working on the Art room in the Basement area and working on the Music room. They are expecting to complete this work in 30 days.

## **MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LAVEC PROJECT UPDATE - #11230**

Mr. Smith also gave an update on the LAVEC project at the high school. The Basement area has been turned over and they have a few small things to finish up there. The Ag area is 90% complete. This project is finishing up pretty good.

## **ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT UPDATE - #11231**

Mr. Crawford gave an update on the Athletic project. He said the Football field is complete, the bleachers have been started this week, they've started laying turf on the Softball field. This project should be done in a few weeks.

## **DISCUSSION OF SMITHTOWN PROPERTY - #11232**

**April 2023 discussion** - Chairman, Johnny Barnett asked Mr. Hammond and Clint Taylor to review what options the Board had for the Smithtown property. Dr. Taylor shared that there are three options: 1) advertise to sell, 2) take sealed bids (this is preferred by KDE), 3) Public auction. The property was appraised for \$145,000. Mr. Pelow shared with the Board that they projected it would cost \$3.5 million to bring the new part up to code in order to use it.

**October 22, 2023 discussion** - Dr. Taylor shared with the Board that there is some asbestos issues still with this property. The school was closed in 2007. In 2000, there was some removal done with the asbestos. The last reports from the inspectors, shows there is a possibility of asbestos in the boiler room, floor tile, dry wall and plaster walls, and ceilings and attic area. The Board discussed the option they could consider for the property as mentioned above from the April 2023 meeting minutes. Whatever is decided, they will have to disclose the asbestos issue with the property.

## **SET THE NEXT MEETING - #11233**

A motion was made to set the next meeting as a Special Called meeting for Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Members voted as follows:

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

**ADJOURN - #11234**

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

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

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Chairman

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Secretary