

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Chairman Barnett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Johnny Barnett, Braxton King, Cody Perry, Estle Swain, Andrew Sexton and Superintendent, Paul B. Crawford. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

### **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION - #11257**

Mr. Crawford recognizes Board Members.

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

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. He thanked the Board for their support. He shared that the Board will receive a certificate of appreciation and a jacket for their service to the district. These will be handed out after the meeting.

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 - #11258**

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

Sexton – AYE; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE; King – AYE

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #11259**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King

#### **B. Pledge**

MCHS JROTC - Cadet, Chloe Flores

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

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that Mr. Jonathan Smith, Branscum Construction, was unable to attend the meeting. He shared a few of the punch list items that have been completed or will be completed in the days ahead. The Fire Alarm should be finished by February 5th, the LAVEC project roof trim work will be done soon. He shared that by February 5th the final

punch list work will be finished and they will have a plaque ready for a dedication ceremony that will be scheduled at a later date.

**D. Acknowledged receipt of Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization**

**E. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, presented December's monthly report to the Board. The General fund had SEEK payments of \$1.347 million, Special Revenue saw a Federal drawdown, Augment had reimbursement, G&T Grant had 3rd quarter disbursement and KETS match, Food Service had reimbursements of \$204,475.33 with an ending balance of \$9.035 million. Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that earlier today they had received notification that Trump had put a freeze on all Federal funds which includes the Augment Grant and Save-the-Children grants. This has resulted in Ms. Duvall looking at our finances to make sure that we will be able to support these grants for the next few months as we don't know how long these funds will be frozen.

**F. Public Comments**

No Comments

**ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11260**

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the actions by consent as presented including the addendum item #5.I. Members voted as follows:

Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE; King – AYE; Sexton – AYE

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

**B. Approve Minutes**

Regular meeting - December 17, 2024

Special meeting - January 7, 2025

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

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

**E. Approve Grants**

FY25 Kentucky AED Grant

FY25 Kentucky Numeracy Counts Grant (elementary schools)

Dollar General Literacy Summer Reading Grants (for all schools)

FY25 Equipment Assistance Grant - Up to \$25,000 (for all schools) - Div. of School and Nutrition - these funds may be used to purchase new equipment, renovation of equipment, or replacement of equipment

**F. Approve 2024-2025 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan**

**G. Approve Shortened School Day for One (1) Student**

**H. Approve Revise Electrician/Plumber Position to Maintenance Worker I Position**

I. Approve Roberts Student Accident Insurance Renewal for 2025-2026

**DISCUSSED WELLNESS POLICY - #11261**

Mr. Shane King, Food Service Director, discussed the Wellness policy with the Board. He shared that this is done every 3 years and is reviewed by the District Head Nurse, School Nurses and the Food Service Director. He shared that they just held a public forum to get some feedback from parents and community. They've had their first reading of the wellness policy. There were no revisions that needed to be made as there were zero goals selected to work on.

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board that the group who we contract with for our nurses gives their nurses a stipend for Telehealth referrals made to the practitioners. They would like to include the nurse that we employ in this stipend. We would pay the nurses this stipend and then be reimbursed by the group. This may be based on the number of referrals made to the nurse practitioner with the stipend being up to \$2,400.

**APPROVE NURSE TELEHEALTH STIPEND UP TO \$2,400 AND TO UPDATE SALARY SCHEDULE TO REFLECT THIS STIPEND - #11262**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the Nurse Telehealth Stipend Up to \$2,400 and to update the Salary Schedule to reflect this stipend. Members voted as follows:

Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE; King – AYE; Sexton – AYE; Perry – AYE

**ACKNOWLEDGE 2025-2026 DRAFT BUDGET - #11263**

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 yet 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. She also shared with the Board that there is a shortfall for the State for this school year as reported by Kentucky Department of Education of \$40 million. She has also been notified that there will be a reduction in Title I and Title II funding. She did go ahead and calculate the step increases that is reflected on the salary schedule for years of experience and the utility expenses. She stated that it is really early to make a budget at this time without any funding information.

Mr. Barnett shared with the Board that Mr. Crawford wanted to revisit the standard that he received the lowest score for on last year's evaluation as he wanted to show improvement in these areas.

**APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT PGP (PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PLAN) - #11264**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain approval of the Superintendent PGP (Professional Growth Plan). Members voted as follows:

Barnett – AYE; King – AYE; Sexton – AYE; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11265**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Braxton King to set the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for February 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

King – AYE; Sexton – AYE; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE

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Chairman

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Secretary