

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 27, 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, Estle Swain, Andrew Sexton and Interim Superintendent, Clint E. Taylor. Absent from the meeting were Cody Perry. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

APPROVE AGENDA - #11298

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11299

A. Prayer

Braxton King

B. Pledge

Everyone

C. Superintendent Communications

Mr. Taylor shared with the Board that the district was blessed to have missed some of the serious storms that came across Kentucky the last few weeks. School was out for districtwide power outages using an Emergency NTI day approved by Kentucky Department of Education. He also shared the new SRO vehicles have the titles transferred to the district and the decals have been added to the vehicles and are being used by our SRO's. He thanked the Board for purchasing these much needed vehicles.

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, shared April's financial report with the Board. General Fund had SEEK payments of \$1.347 million. Special Revenue had Federal Drawdown also, there were State grant disbursements and Augment had reimbursements. Construction fund had changes associated with construction at McCreary Central High School, McCreary County Middle School and the Athletic Project. Debt Service made bond payments. Food Service had reimbursements totaling \$323,238.98. We had an ending balance of \$10,595 million.

F. Public Comments

No Comments

Mr. Braxton King wanted give a shout-out to Dollar General for the grant funds helping our kids with the summer literacy intervention program.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11300

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to approve the actions by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

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

B. Approve Minutes

Regular - April 22, 2025

Special - April 24, 2025

May 1, 2025

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, April 30, 2025

E. Approve School Activity Account Budget and Principal's Budget for 2025-2026

McCreary Central High School

McCreary County Middle School

Pine Knot Intermediate School

Pine Knot Primary School

Whitley City Elementary School

F. Approve Revised Augment Social Worker Position Days from 240 to 235 for the 2025-2026 School Year

G. Approve Phoenix Preferred Care Memorandum of Agreement for 2025-2026 School Year

H. Approve Johnson Controls Fire Protection Agreement for 2025-2026

I. Approve Save-the-Children Memorandum of Understanding for Foster Grandparent Program for 2025-2028 school year

J. Approve Save-the-Children's Summer Action Plan (SAP) and Budgets

K. Approve Teach for America, Inc. Agreement for 2025-2026

L. Approve Grant(s)

Abatement Grant Proposal for Whitley City Elementary School

M. Acceptance of Grants

Dollar General Summer Literacy Grant Funds:

- Pine Knot Primary – \$1,500
 - Pine Knot Intermediate – \$1,500
 - Whitley City Elementary – \$1,500
 - McCreary County Middle School – \$1,500
 - McCreary Central High School – \$2,000
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N. Approve Create (1) One Certified Tutor Position per school for Summer Literacy Intervention

Each position will be funded by the Dollar General grant at a base rate of \$25.00/hour. The total hours per site are listed below:

- McCreary Central High School
 - 76 hours × \$25.00
- Pine Knot Primary
 - 57.5 hours × \$25.00
- Pine Knot Intermediate
 - 57.5 hours × \$25.00
- Whitley City Elementary
 - 57.5 hours × \$25.00
- McCreary County Middle School
 - 57.5 hours × \$25.00

O. Approve Create (1) One Additional Virtual Teacher Position

P. Approve 2025-2026 Certified Evaluation Plan (CEP)

Q. Approve Phase Four: English Learner Plan for Districts

R. Approve Phase Four: Professional Development Plan for District for 2025-2026

S. Approve Numeracy Grant Memorandum of Agreement in the amount of \$70,000

T. Approve Revised FY25 Summer School positions

STC-WCE SITE - (STC Grant Paid)

Updated from 2 Certified Tutors to 3 Certified Tutors

Updated from 6 Classified Tutors to 5 Classified Tutors

GEAR UP (Gear Up Grant Paid)

Link Crew Trainer Stipend \$375 (15 HOURS @ \$25 PER HOUR) for student training days and orientation.

BUSES - (ESS Grant Paid)

Add 1 Classified Bus Monitor - Regular Hourly Rate of Pay

U. Approve Lake Cumberland District Health Department Memorandum of Understanding for Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) and Positive Potential Program to 6th, 7th, and 9th grade students for the 2025-2026 school year

V. Approve Somerset Mental Health Memorandum of Agreement for 2025-2026 school year

Mr. Barnett shared with the Board that Lt. Colonel Sherril Owens started the JROTC program in McCreary County Schools, he was part of starting the 4H Camp in the county and was a big part of the VFW post in the county to name a few things that he was involved in. He made a motion to name the JROTC Hallway at McCreary Central High School after Lt. Colonel Owens.

APPROVE DEDICATING JROTC HALLWAY AT MCCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN HONOR OF LT. COLONEL SHERRIL OWENS - #11301

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve dedicating JROTC Hallway at McCreary Central High School in honor of Lt. Colonel Sherril Owens. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Taylor shared with the Board that Ms. Kathy Neal asked him about honoring Ms. Julie Gay, a teacher who served for 34 years in the district. She has taught physical education to kids and their kids and then their kids (several generations). She would like to name the gymnasium at Pine Knot Primary School after Ms. Gay.

APPROVE DEDICATING GYMNASIUM AT PINE KNOT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HONOR OF MS. JULIE GAY - #11302

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve dedicating the Gymnasium at Pine Knot Primary School in honor of Julie Gay. Members voted as follows:

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

Ms. Duvall shared the Tentative Budget report with the Board. She shared that the budget has an estimated revenue budget of \$24 million with a budgeted contingency built-in of \$1.66 million or 6%. She anticipates \$16.641 million in SEEK funding and approximately \$2 million in property tax revenue. She shared that \$364,837 has been transferred into the building fund to make bond payments and approximately \$400,000 in motor vehicle taxes and \$800,000 in utility taxes to be received. She reviewed the expenditures with the Board: SBDM Staffing and Section 6 allocations. She shared the insurance estimated increase of 25%, the repairs and maintenance for: buildings and grounds, buses, fleet and utilities. She reviewed the bond payments that are not covered by fund 310 and 320 which is KISTA-bus loans of \$146,067.88. She shared the additional considerations of the final SEEK forecast that will be available late summer. She reviewed the Special Revenue (Fund2) which is where all the grant funds are housed. This is budgeted on what we have now as the budgets have not been completed for the districts yet. She reviewed the Capital Outlay 310 fund, the Building 320 fund and the Debt Service 400 Fund. She shared the Food Service Fund 51 with the Board. She shared that we get reimbursements for meals served and the expenses include salaries and wages and operating costs. She shared that right now we are breaking even for the next year and we are looking at new vendors that will hopefully help reduce cost.

At this time, Board Member, Mr. Cody Perry joined the meeting.

APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 - #11303

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve the Tentative Budget for 2025-2026 as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. John T. Blevins, Board Attorney shared with the Board that June 2nd will be the Superintendent Vacancy posting end date. Therefore, we will need to have a joint meeting with the Screening Committee and the Board. He is proposing June 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for the first meeting and then the second meeting the following week.

APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11304

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to set the next meeting for Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary