

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 26, 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, Clint E. Taylor. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

### **APPROVE AGENDA AND ADDENDUM - #11340**

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #11341**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King

#### **B. Pledge**

MCHS JROTC – Lt. Cailab Ball

#### **C. Presentation of McCreary County Opioid Abatement Grant for \$169,786**

Jimmie W. Greene II, Judge Executive - Presenting check for McCreary County Opioid Abatement Grant for \$169,786

Judge Greene shared with the Board that he was pleased to present the funds for the McCreary County Opioid Abatement Grant to the School District. He is committed to start with the youth of the county to educate them on prevention. He is looking forward to working with the school district. Judge, Cathy E. Prewitt was present and stated she is very pleased with this program and is excited to see the program in the district.

#### **D. Superintendent Communications**

Superintendent Taylor shared with the Board some personnel changes. Dr. Samuel Marple will be joining Central Office as the new Director of Operations which will oversee Transportation and Buildings and Grounds. Dr. Sasha Taylor will be the new Principal at McCreary County Middle School.

Dr. Sasha Taylor, Director of Districtwide Services, explained the Rewards Program to everyone. She shared that these students were part of the top students in the district. This program looks at attendance, behavior, grades and citizenship throughout the year. Based on the student's grade level, they will receive funds set aside, that they will receive when the student graduates and presents their diploma to receive the Reward funds. For example: if a student is in 2nd Grade, they will receive \$200; if a student is in 8th Grade, they will receive \$800, etc. Presentation of certificate was done for each grade level at each school.

## 1. Rewards Recognition

### 2024-2025 Reward Recipients

<b>Whitley City</b>	<b>Pine Knot</b>
Ayra Duncan	Kara King
Ellie Stephens	Patrick Whitson
Gunner Griffis	Maelee Watters
Kayne Mason	Ansley Shoopman
John Kamden Lee	
Murphy	Savannah Kidd
Cambree Faith	
Baird	Ashlyn King

### **McCreary County Middle School**

Tatum Watson  
Knox Wilson  
Leighton Musgrove

### **McCreary Central High School**

Presley Pryor  
Jordian Nicole Ross  
John Bryce Hammons  
Morgan Musgrove

## E. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

Board acknowledged receipt of Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization.

## F. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Director of Finance, shared with the Board the financial report for July 2025. General Fund received July SEEK payments. Special Revenue received Federal Grant reimbursements, Augment reimbursements and Save-the Children reimbursements. Capital Outlay received 1st yearly deposit. Building Fund received 1st yearly FSPK deposit. These two go towards the debt service which the Debt Service saw bond payments made. Food Service received reimbursements totaling \$137,385.95. The General Fund had an ending balance of \$8.928 million.

## G. Public Comments

None

**APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11342**

A motion was made by Mr. Andrew Sexton and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the Actions by Consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

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

**B. Approve Minutes**

Regular - July 15, 2025

Special - August 5, 2025

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

**D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, July 31, 2025**

**E. Approve McCreary County School District's Data Privacy and Security Presentation**

**F. Approve Special Education ARC District Representatives for 25-26 School Year**

PKIS: Joy Grundy

PKPS: Sunshine Canada

**G. Approve Shortened School Week for (2) Two Student**

**H. Approve GEAR-UP's Subaward Agreement for 2025-2026**

**I. Approve New Horizons Academy/KEDC Memorandum of Understanding for 2025-2026 school year**

**J. Approve FY25 TAR (Technology Activity Report)**

**K. Approve Somerset Community College Dual Credit Memorandum of Agreement for 2025-2026**

**L. Approve Emergency Certification**

Whitney Braden for English Position at MCMS

Amanda Davis for English Position at MCHS

**M. Approve Purchase of Box Trailer for \$5,189.00**

**N. Approve Google Classroom Program as Traceable Communication Platform**

**O. Approve Stipends for Career & Technical Student Organization Sponsor Stipends**

Funded by CTE Supplemental (formerly LAVVEC) Grant.

Career & Technical Student Organization Sponsor Stipends:

	Position	Amount
FFA-Agriculture	1	\$1,000.
Skills USA-Auto Mechanics	1	\$1,000.
Skills USA-Construction	1	\$1,000.
TSA-Engineering	1	\$1,000.
HOSA-Allied Health	1	\$1,000.
HOSA-Pre-Nursing	1	\$1,000.

Educator Rising-Teaching & Learning	1	\$1,000.
TSA-Network Administrator	1	\$1,000.
ARMY-ROTC	1	\$1,000.

The parental/maternity leave policy was discussed and explained to everyone. The Board decided to make the policy effective July 1, 2025.

**APPROVE MATERNITY LEAVE BOARD POLICIES 03.1233 AND 03.2233 TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 - #11343**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to approve the maternity leave policies 03.1233 and 03.2233 to be effective July 1, 2025. Members voted as follows:

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

Ms. Duvall shared with the Board that the revisions in the Salary Schedule were to update previous changes and the new CTE stipends.

**APPROVE 2025-2026 SALARY SCHEDULE UPDATE - #11344**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve updating the 2025-2026 Salary Schedule to reflect previous revisions and new stipends. Members voted as follows:

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

Ms. Duvall and Superintendent Taylor shared comparable information with the Board of other district’s tax rates and shared that our school district stands at the bottom of the list statewide for tax rates. They shared the loss of revenues and the cost of utilities and insurance rates that are increasing each year.

**ADOPT 2025-2026 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE - #11345**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to approve Option 3 for Real Estate Tax Rate. Members voted as follows:

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

**ADOPT 2025-2026 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE - #11346**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to approve option 2 for Personal Property Tax Rate. Members voted as follows:

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

**ADOPT 2025-2026 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE - #11347**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve the current rate for Motor Vehicle Tax Rate. Members voted as follows:

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

**DISCUSSION ON VIRTUAL SCHOOL APPLICATION AND COMMUNICATION WAIVER - #11348**

Superintendent Taylor shared with the Board the need for the virtual teachers to be able to see the student. The Board approved the Google Classroom which meets the traceable communication platform requirements in Actions by Consent. The Virtual School Application and Communication Waiver agenda items were put in place in case Google Classroom would not meet the requirements. No action taken.

Superintendent Taylor reviewed his growth plan with the Board which focuses on Standard 1 - Strategic Leadership and Standard 3 - Cultural Leadership which he feels go together. He also presented his 30-60-90 Day Plan to the Board.

**APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT, CLINT E. TAYLOR'S PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PLAN - #11349**

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve Superintendent, Clint E. Taylor's Professional Growth Plan as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

**ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(c)-discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency - #11350**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c)-discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency at 6:03 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

**Chairman Barnett stated: “No action taken”.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #11351**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to return to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11352**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to set the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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Chairman

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Secretary