

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

APPROVE AGENDA - #11361

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11362

A. Prayer

Braxton King

B. Pledge

MCHS - JROTC - Cadet, Oliver Owens

C. Superintendent Communications

D. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

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

No Action Required

E. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, shared September's monthly financial report with the Board. The General Fund received SEEK payments, Special Fund had Grant reimbursements and disbursements, District Activity received a donation from OVC to McCreary Central High School Drama and Construction Groups, Debt Service had Bond payments, Food Service received reimbursements totaling \$202,501.40 with the General Fund having an ending balance of \$10.224 million.

F. Public Comments

Ms. Kaitlyn Ross spoke with the Board regarding her concerns for the Smithtown Property. She asked the Board if they knew the history of the Smithtown School. Dr. Taylor shared with her that the Board could not legally respond to her question but they can listen to her concerns. She shared several questions and concerns regarding the property from renovating or rebuilding, how the asbestos would be removed to how the cost for the removal would be funded. Dr. Taylor answered a few of her questions. He stated there was an architect hired to give an estimate of renovating the property. He also shared that a survey was done by a licensed company regarding the asbestos and the removal/destruction of the property. He stated that the district's insurance carrier is concerned about liability issues for the district with break-

ins and squatters that have been found in the past. Ms. Ross stated that the property was an historic site and asked if the property could be sold instead of demolishing it. Dr. Taylor thanked her for sharing her concerns.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11363

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:

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

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

B. Approve Minutes

Regular - September 23, 2025

Board Training - October 20, 2025

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

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

E. Approve Grant Applications

1) MCHS FY26 CTE Innovation and Support Grant -

- Through KRS 157.069, as amended by 2024 HB 499, for the purpose of supporting innovation in new or emerging career fields, the KDE Office of Career and Technical Education has available approximately 5 grants to award for up to \$100,000 to support innovative career paths. MCHS plans to submit a grant application for a FY26 CTE Innovation and Support Grant. Due date of application is November 20, 2025

2) UNITE Grants -

- STEAM Club - \$1,500 - focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematic activities
- Raising Reading Raiders - \$1,000 - to raise awareness of the importance of early education across the board
- Back Pack Program - \$500 - provide food for the weekend for students in the program

3) US Department of Education Grant - focused on hiring Licensed School Psychologist

F. Approve FY26 KETS First Offer of Assistance for \$27,160

G. Approve Campbellsville University Memorandum of Understanding for Student Teaching for 2025-2026

H. Approve Request for One-Year Approval for School Media Librarian

I. Approve Purchasing (3) Three New School Buses

The funding will be a KISTA (Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association) loan.

Dr. Sam Marple, Director of Transportation shared with the Board the reasoning behind the request to a stipend for additional routes for Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors. He stated that the district is short 2-4 drivers and then when one calls in sick that puts an extra burden on the department. He shared that some drivers are doing additional/double routes and not getting any compensation for the extra service (route). He also shared that this would not be additional funding as Ms. Duvall has budgeted for these positions that are vacant but have not been filled. He asked the Board to consider compensating the drivers and monitors who have an additional route due to the vacant positions and call-ins.

APPROVE ADDITIONAL ROUTE COVERAGE STIPEND FOR BUS DRIVERS AND BUS MONITORS – #11364

A motion by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve the additional route stipend for Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors as presented of \$30 per route for Bus Drivers and \$15 per route for Bus Monitors to begin November 1, 2025 and update the Salary Schedule. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11365

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve the next meeting for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board’s Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary