

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 16, 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 school system staff and interested parties.

### **APPROVE AGENDA AND ADDENDUM - #11375**

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:

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS - #11376**

#### **A. Prayer**

Braxton King

#### **B. Pledge**

MCHS JROTC - Cadet Isaac Stephens

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

##### **1. Food Service Update**

Dr. Taylor introduced Mr. Shane King, Food Service Director, to the Board. He gave an update to the Board sharing some big savings the program has received since the beginning of the school year compared to last year. He shared with the Board that early in the year last year, they were concerned about the rising cost of food for the district. He said that other districts were experiencing the same thing and that they were having to borrow money from the General Fund. So, he started doing some research to find ways to save money on purchasing food. He found that Green River Regional Education Cooperative (which the entire district is a member of now) was able to assist the district in joining ATS (a buying Cooperative that helped with opening bids with other vendors). Gordon's picked up our bid and from August to November compared to last at this time the district saved \$112,000 dollars. This savings will help Food Service to do some renovations that have been long over-due and needed. Also, for the Summer Feeding Program the department served over 70,000 meals. With these savings and renovations in place, it will open the opportunity to have a second place to provide meals for the Summer Feeding Program in Pine Knot.

## **2. Annual School Reports**

### **a. McCreary Central High School Annual Report**

McCreary Central High School presented their annual report to the Board as directed by Board policy 02.44. This report shall describe the school's progress and goals set forth in KRS 158.649/KRS 158.6451/KRS 158.6453 and district goals established by the Board.

Ms. Charlotte Barnett, Principal at McCreary Central High School, presented the annual report to the Board. She shared that the high school is now in the Green status with KDE (Kentucky Department of Education) and went from the bottom third to the top third in the state. The Reading score went from 55.7 to 66.2 with a change of +10.5. The Combined Writing Score stayed about the same, went from 61.2 to 61.7 with a change of +.5. The Math score went from 44.2 to 55.9 with a change of +11.7. The Science score went from 30.2 to 33.1 with a change of +2.9. The Social Studies score went from 57.7 to 47.5 with a change of -10.2. The Graduation Rate stayed about the same, went from 94 to 93.8 with a change of -.2. The Post-Secondary Readiness score went from 111 to 114.5 with a change of +3.5. The School Culture and Climate score stayed about the same, went from 62.9 to 62.6 with a change of -.3. She shared other achievements: dual credit opportunities, Associate Degree Pathway, new Auditorium upgrades, CTE garage doors, host first dual diploma ceremony and offering EMS and Fiber Optics programs this Spring.

### **b. McCreary County Middle School Annual Report**

McCreary County Middle School presented their annual report to the Board as directed by Board policy 02.44. This report shall describe the school's progress and goals set forth in KRS 158.649/KRS 158.6451/KRS 158.6453 and district goals established by the Board.

Ms. Sasha Taylor, Principal at McCreary County Middle School, presented the annual report to the Board. She shared that the middle school fell and is considered Orange with KDE. They are in the bottom 10% in the state. The overall score fell to 44.8. She shared that the Reading & Math scores went from 51.6 to 46.9 with a change of -4.7. The Science, Social Studies and Combined Writing scores went from 43. to 39.1 with a change of -3.9. The Quality of School Climate/Safety score went from 76.2 to 85.8 with a change of +9.6. She shared last year's scores with the previous scores on graphs to show the trend of each score. She shared the school's Commitment mission with the Board, "committed to ensuring safety, fostering a positive culture, and promoting academic growth for every student, every day.

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

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

No action required.

**E. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Director, shared with the Board the financial report for November. She shared that the General Fund received SEEK payments and revenue from tax payments. Special Revenue received Grant reimbursements. District Activity had operational expenses from DAF accounts. Building Fund had transfer of tax payments to capital outlay as required by KD. Debt Service had bond payments. Food Service received reimbursements of \$286,948.76 and the General Fund had an ending balance of \$10.808 million.

**F. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11377**

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:

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

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

**B. Approve Minutes**

Regular - November 18, 2025

Special - December 2, 2025

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

**D. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims through the End of Month**

**E. Approve Monthly Financial Report for the month ending, November 30, 2025**

**F. Approve Save-the-Children 21st CCLC Assurance Proposal - Whitley City Elementary School**

**G. Approve Kentucky Community and Technical College System Memorandum of Agreement for Nursing Students**

**H. Approve Laurel County Commercial Driver's License Examiner's Contract**

**I. Approve Create a Special Olympics Kentucky Unified Champion Schools Program Grant Stipend of \$500 and adjust the Salary Schedule**

**J. Approve Create (2) Two Stipends for PELI Coordinators for \$2,000 each and adjust the Salary Schedule**

**K. Approve Create One (1) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) or Licensed Professional Associate (LPCA) and approve the job description for LPCA**

**L. Approve Shortened School Day/Week for (10) Ten Students**

**ACTION WITH DISCUSSION - #11378**

Chairman Barnett shared with the Board that they needed to set a Special Called meeting early in January to hear the annual reports for the elementary schools.

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11379**

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to set the next, special called meeting for Tuesday, January 6, (to present the elementary school's annual reports) and a regular meeting for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board's Central office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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Chairman

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Secretary