

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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.

Superintendent Taylor asked for nominations for Board Chairperson.

APPROVE ELECT BOARD CHAIRPERSON - #11380

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to nominate Mr. Johnny Barnett as Chairperson. Members voted as follows:

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

The meeting was turned over to the Chairperson.

APPROVE ELECT BOARD VICE-CHAIRPERSON - #11381

A motion was made by Mr. Andrew Sexton and a second by Mr. Braxton King to nominate Mr. Estle Swain as Board Vice-Chairperson. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE ESTABLISH VOTING/SEATING ORDER - #11382

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the same voting and seating order as the previous year. Starting on the Chairs far right it will be Mr. Braxton King, Mr. Andrew Sexton, Mr. Cody Perry, Mr. Estle Swain, Superintendent, Clint E. Taylor, Board Chairman, Mr. Johnny Barnett and ending on Chair's left with Board Attorney, John T. Blevins. The voting order will continue to be on a rotation basis each time. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION - #11383

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to set the regular meeting date, time and location for the 4th Tuesday of each month with the exception of July, November and December which will be the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Members voted as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11384

A. Superintendent Communications

Superintendent Taylor shared with the Board that the elementary school Principals will present their annual school report to the Board.

1. Annual School Reports

a. Whitley City Elementary School Annual Report:

Whitley City Elementary School will present 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.

Mrs. Angela Loudermilk, Principal for Whitley City Elementary School presented the report to the Board. She shared that Whitley received a score of 81 which was an increase from last year and they are in the Green category with KDE. She reviewed each scoring for Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing and School Climate along with the previous years to compare the changes. She also shared how they've implemented programs and activities to improve each student's needs in these areas.

b. Pine Knot Intermediate School Annual Report:

Pine Knot Intermediate School will present 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.

Mrs. Cynthia Moore, Principal for Pine Knot Intermediate School presented the report to the Board. She shared that Pine Knot received a score of 80.2 which was down just a bit from last year and they are in the Green category with KDE. She reviewed each scoring for Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing and School Climate along with the previous years to compare the changes. She also shared how they have implemented programs and activities to improve each student's needs in these areas.

c. Pine Knot Primary School Annual Report:

Pine Knot Primary School will present 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.

Mr. Timothy Stephens, Principal at Pine Knot Primary School, presented the annual report to the Board. He shared that the third grade isn't scored the same way as the Intermediate. They have been using MAP scoring and have compared the Fall scores with the Winter scores for this year. This has shown progress from the beginning of the year to now. He reviewed some of the things they have implemented to improve some of the issues and gaps and these changes will help make the transition to the Intermediate better.

Superintendent, Dr. Taylor shared with the Board that they met with the Architect's today and saw that the lowest bid for the Athletic Field House well exceeded the district's budget. He suggested that the Maintenance Staff could do this work instead of hiring it out. He asked the Board to table this item to a future date.

TABLE ACCEPTING ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE BIDS - #11385

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to table accepting the Athletic Field House bids to a future meeting. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE SFCC OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FOR \$11,743 - #11386

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to approve the SFCC Offer of Assistance for \$11,743. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE ADJOURN - #11387

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

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

Chairman

Secretary