

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, February 3, 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 the media, school system staff and interested parties.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION - #11388

A board is...

...a group of individuals with diverse qualifications, backgrounds and experiences to act collectively...

Dr. Taylor shared with everyone that January is School Board Member Recognition Month. He shared the definition of what a school board member is and read the newspaper article recognizing the Board. He shared how long each member has been serving office and roles they've carried. He personally thanked the Board for everything they do and have done and for their support. He read the Proclamation from Judge Greene proclaiming January as School Board Member Recognition Month. The Board received a backpack with school logo, cups, survival bag with goodies to survive school board work, and a certificate showing our appreciation for each one.

APPROVE AGENDA - #11389

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS - #11390

A. Prayer

Braxton King

B. Pledge

Everyone

C. Superintendent Communications

Dr. Taylor wanted to thank everyone for their diligence in working together to get through this cold spell we've been having.

D. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

E. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Tiffany Duvall, Finance Officer, shared with the Board December's monthly financial report. General Fund had SEEK payments and revenue from tax payments. Special Revenue received Grant reimbursements. District Activity had operational expenses from DAF accounts. Capital Outlay transferred to Debt Service Fund to cover bond payments. Food Service received reimbursements totaling \$180,508.11. General Fund had an ending balance of \$10.771 million

F. Public Comments

No comments

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #11391

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain 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 - December 16, 2025

Special - January 6, 2025

C. Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

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

E. Approve Proposed Salary Schedule Changes

CTE Stipend reassignment - CTE Auto Maintenance Stipend to Public Speaking Stipend

F. Approve Roberts Insurance Plan #3 for Student Accident Insurance

G. Approve Shortened School Week for (3) Three Students

H. Approve Family Resource and Youth Services Centers School District Assurance Certification 2026-2028 for all schools

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WCES

I. Approve University of the Cumberland's Clinical Affiliation Agreement for Nursing Students

Dr. Taylor shared with the Board that the Athletic Field House bids were higher than what the district budgeted therefor, he recommends the Board reject these bids. He shared the Maintenance Workers for the district have been working on this project and have completed most of the work for a fraction of what was on the bids received.

APPROVE REJECT ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE BIDS - #11392

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Johnny Barnett to approve to reject the Athletic Field House bids. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Darrell King, Director of Pupil Personnel, reviewed the draft 2026-2027 School Calendar. He shared that this calendar is very similar to the current year calendar. He reviewed the scheduled opening and closing dates, professional development dates, Staff development days and scheduled Fall and Spring breaks.

ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST CALENDAR COMMITTEE READING FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR - #11393

A motion was made by Mr. Andrew Sexton and a second by Mr. Braxton King to acknowledge First Calendar Committee Reading for 2026-2027 School Year as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Ms. Duvall shared with the Board that the Draft budget is a first step in the budgeting process. At this time of year, there are a lot of unknowns on what our revenues and expenses will be for the next school year. This budget should be viewed as a preliminary planning tool.

ACKNOWLEDGE 2026-2027 DRAFT BUDGET - #11394

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to acknowledge the 2026-2027 Draft Budget as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Ms. Duvall shared with the Board that Patrick and Associates, LLC have completed the 2024-2025 Financial Audit for the district. They issued an unmodified opinion which is a clean opinion. The audit work found no evidence of fraud or misappropriation of funds and found no issues related to compliance or internal control related to the District's major Federal programs or school activity funds.

APPROVE 2024-2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT - #11395

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve 2024-2025 Financial Audit. Members voted as follows:

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

APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #11396

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

Chairman

Secretary