

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:00 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 - #11429

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

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

COMMUNICATION

PRAYER - #11430

Braxton King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - #11431

Everyone

KASA NEW SUPERINTENDENT ONBOARDING CAPSTON PRESENTATION - #11432

Dr. Clint E. Taylor, Superintendent, presented his Capstone presentation to the Board. He reviewed his journey so far sharing his family's support, the good things that have taken place and the challenges that have taken place, too. He shared his vision for the district, the mission statement for the district, the goals for the district and the beliefs he has for the district. He reviewed the five Standards: Standard #1-Strategic Leadership, Standard #2-Instructional Leadership, Standard #3-Cultural Leadership, Standard #4-Human Resource Leadership and Standard #5-Operational Leadership. He explained to the board the programs, events and activities that were put into place that related to each Standard. He finished up with the Next Steps he has planned for the 2026-2027 school year.

COMMENTS FROM MENTORS - #11433

Mr. Scott Hawkins, KASA's Director of Coaching and Mentoring, shared with the Board his role to assist New Superintendents in their Onboarding Program. He stated that the Board's most important decision is hiring the Superintendent. He shared his experiences working with Dr. Taylor during this past school year. He has walked alongside him on this journey and it has been a pleasure working with Dr. Taylor. He is impressed with the way Dr. Taylor has handled himself. Dr. Taylor has a heart for the district and a heart for the community. Dr. Taylor has an even-keeled demeanor about himself and he brings stability and calmness that is needed in the Superintendent position.

Dr. Kirk Biggerstaff, Superintendent of Cumberland County School District-Mentor shared his role in Dr. Taylor's Onboarding Program. He stated that he echoed Mr. Hawkins comments and that Dr. Taylor has an analytical leadership style when making decisions. He is calm and collected when facing challenging issues. He is a good man, authentic, genuine and a Super Star.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 156.557(6)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(k) – to conduct preliminary discussions by the Board and/or between the Board and Superintendent related to the Evaluation of the Superintendent - #11434

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 156.557(6)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(K) – to conduct preliminary discussions by the Board and/or between the Board and Superintendent related to the evaluation of the Superintendent at 7:30 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

No action was taken.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #11435

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to return to open session at 7:45 p.m. Members voted as follows:

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

ADOPT SUPERINTENDENT, CLINT E. TAYLOR'S EVALUATION - #11436

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Andrew Sexton to adopt Superintendent, Clint E. Taylor's evaluation as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Barnett shared with everyone Dr. Taylor's rating on his evaluation.

Standard #1 4.0
Standard #2 3.8
Standard #3 4.0
Standard #4 4.0
Standard #5 3.6

With an overall average of 3.88

ADJOURN - #11437

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

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

Chairman

Secretary