

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Kidd welcomed everyone then called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Present were: Brandon Kidd, Deborah Gibson, Nelda Gilreath, Rhonda Armijo, Dustin Stephens and Superintendent, Michael M. Cash. Also present were: the media, school system staff and interested parties.

Mission Statement: The McCreary County School System will provide a safe, supportive environment to meet the individual needs of all students and ensure they are college and career ready.

### **APPOVE AGENDA AND ADDENDUM - #10090**

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Gibson and a second by Ms. Rhonda Armijo to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Members voted as follows:

Armijo – AYE; Stephens – AYE; Gilreath – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Kidd - AYE

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Prayer**

Anthony Reaves

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

MCHS - Shiana Honeycutt-JROTC Cadet and this year's Battalion Commander.

#### **C. Reports**

##### **1. Superintendent News**

Superintendent Awards/Recognition/Reports:

Superintendent Cash shared with the Board that the high school was awarded the Best High School 2018 on U.S. News and World Report.

Superintendent Cash presented Bill Boyd with the Superintendent award for all his help since coming on board with the school district in 2015. He has been able to help the district purchase new buses, update/renovate buildings and keep the district finances working in the black-no cuts for the past three years.

Anthony Reaves presented the Fixed Asset and Technology report to the Board. He shared that the district had no missing fixed assets, all were accounted for. Technology was missing 8 items over all. These items are small and could've been overlooked-not worried about this small amount. He appreciates the help from the staff in the schools that help him track the fixed assets and technology items.

## **2. McCreary Central High School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Sharon Privett, Principal, at McCreary Central High School. Ms. Privett shared that at graduation the CTE students had a transition plan to either attend college, enter the workforce or enter the military. She appreciates the Board and Superintendent for the new gym floor, freshman class got to do some transition activities with the assistance of Gear-Up this summer. Students got to experience a STEM camp studying calculus, physics, etc. The high school got to host the district days-proud to show off the school to district staff from other schools. She asked everyone to play Kahoot which tested the audiences' knowledge of the high school.

## **3. McCreary Academy**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Sunshine Canada, Administrator at McCreary Academy. Ms. Canada shared with the Board the Academy is running the APECS Program-online program, they are collaborating with the high school, teachers use this for different activities with students and students can use this at home. Students at the Academy can now participate with CTE classes that is provided with this online program, too. (Spanish/Marketing/Business to name a few) She shared that there are some students that are ready to transition back to the high school. They are taking one or two classes of the morning to make sure that they are ready. She shared that the FRYSC at MCMS has a working closet that is assisting the students.

## **4. McCreary County Middle School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Todd Waters, Principal at McCreary County Middle School. Mr. Waters shared with the Board that the middle school had a great start to the year. He thanked the Board and Superintendent Cash for all the improvements at the middle school-new freezer, roof, gym floor, new tile in the hallways. The custodians do an amazing job keeping the floors and building clean. He recognized Mr. Mark Bowman, Lead Custodian, for keeping the floors clean and shining. He works hard and appreciates him and the custodians at the middle school. He was proud to have the Kidsfest at the middle school again this year and to be able to show-off the middle school. The Kidsfest had supplies for students to use in school and therefore there is no supply list for student's classes. We supply everything they need. The middle school's open house was a great success. 7th Grade had 90% attend open house and 8th Grade had a good turn out, too. The students were able to get their schedules and meet their teachers. Mr. Waters shared that the safety trainings this summer were good and needed to be prepared just in case something may happen and we hope never does. Our first priority is keeping our students and staff safe. He thanked the Board and Superintendent Cash for the new gym floor which looks great. The building looks good and it is not hard for students and staff to be proud of their school.

## **5. Whitley City Elementary School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduces Mr. Foster Jones, Principal at Whitley City Elementary School. Mr. Jones shared that open house had a good turn-out. He shared that their enrollment was up by 14 students from last year. The students and staff have been practicing safety drills (fire, lockdown, tornado, etc.), keeping students informed. They been looking at individual test scores to make sure students are placed in the right classes. The district has experienced a climate change. He shared that Superintendent Cash visits the school and asks him how it is going, do you need anything. He appreciates Superintendent Cash and the Board for all their help and support. WCES asked for the parking lot to be resealed, building improvements, grounds, gym floor and new tile are done. The school looks great and they are proud of it. Their football team is playing now. He's meeting with the teachers to get things lined out since starting school. Board Member, Dustin Stephens congratulated Mr. Jones on the first day of school. Everything went smoothly. He appreciates the hard work Mr. Jones and staff have done. Mr. Jones is thankful for the School Resource Officer who helps out when needed. He thanked Ms. Deborah Gibson for the art supply donations. Ms. Gibson asked Mr. Jones how the new road around the back of the building was working out. He told her that was utilized in the mornings and was going well. They cannot use it in the afternoon because of the bus line up.

## **6. Pine Knot Elementary School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Rebecca Blakley, Principal at Pine Knot Elementary School. Ms. Blakley shared with the Board that PKES had a smooth start to the school year. The enrollment at PKES is just under 1,000. They had a reading camp this summer for the kids to have something to do and be able to read. They have the Football Team and Girls Basketball Team playing now. They've been looking at student data and MAP testing to utilize data driven instruction. They are offering the Advanced Science and Math classes and adding rigor to help students stay engaged in instruction. They are offering the Honors Choir and Art classes again. The Art students will be traveling to the Kentucky State Fair. She is thankful for the shelter that was built at building 1 for Parent's to stay while waiting on their child. She said the Parents really appreciated this, too. Students and Staff are proud of their building/school. She thanked the Board and Superintendent for all the improvements to PKE's building, grounds, gym floor, tile and instructional needs.

Ms. Nelda Gilreath, Board Member, shared that she appreciates the Principals for doing a good job. She is planning on visiting all the schools and being there to greet the Teachers. She's glad that when you asked for supplies, you received them and in a timely manner. She let the Principals know that if they needed anything to not be afraid to ask for it.

Mr. Dustin Stephens, Board Member, shared that asking for help and getting help didn't use to happen in the previous administration. His first child didn't get to attend preschool and now his second child can and he appreciates this improvement.

Mr. Brandon Kidd, Board Member, thanked the Principals for all the hard work they do in their buildings.

Ms. Gibson echoed Mr. Kidd's sentiments.

Ms. Rhonda Armijo, Board Member, thanked the Principals for all their hard work.

Superintendent Cash shared that they put the district funds where it was needed-buildings, grounds and instruction.

Ms. Gilreath shared that she visited another school district with family and the school was nice and had nice things, but they had only 6 iPads for students to use in that one classroom. She is proud that in our district each student has a Chromebook through 3rd grade.

Ms. Gibson shared that she visited another school district they didn't have the same technology as our district either.

Mr. Kidd shared that when he's visited other districts, some of them still have window air conditioners. He shared that we may be a poor district, but our buildings look great.

Mr. Tim Crawford, Board Attorney, shared that another school district was talking about McCreary County and that they didn't want McCreary County to be ahead of them. He shared that they wanted what we have.

Superintendent Cash shared that our schools are better, our instruction is better and our test scores are better and our Parents are recognizing this. Our safety trainings this summer was awesome. Our enrollment is growing. The new start time for school is better. We had no calls of complaint since school started. He shared that the Commissioner was visiting our district and would be visiting our schools. He is here to see our improvements and how he can help our district.

Mr. Jeff Terry, Technology Coordinator, shared that they upgraded the district phone system. The old phones were no longer sustainable and we had to upgrade. All new phones were put in all classrooms in every building and networked, too. They had training sessions this summer for all teachers with Google classroom.

Mr. Kidd shared that he seen on Facebook negative things about the school district about students not being college or career ready. Yet, there are many graduated students posting on Facebook about starting college how things are going for them.

Ms. Gibson asked Ms. Privett about the welding students. Ms. Privett shared that all students that graduated went to work and are doing well. Ms. Gibson is proud and impressed for our students.

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

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

No action required

**APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10090**

A motion was made by Mr. Dustin Stephens and a second by Mr. Brandon Kidd to approve the action by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

Armijo – AYE; Stephens – AYE; Gilreath – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Kidd - AYE

**A. Acknowledge Superintendent's Report on Leaves of Absence Authorization**

Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt of Superintendent's Report on Leaves of Absence Authorization.

**B. Approve Minutes**

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

**D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for July 31, 2018**

**E. Approve Field Trips**

**1. McCreary Central High School**

Choir - Stone Mountain, GA (Collaborative Trip with Southwestern and Pulaski County Choirs to Fox Theatre-to explore music careers and give the students a greater appreciation for the arts, by watching an off Broadway production), using Wombles Transportation, Inc.

**F. Declare Walk-in Freezer located at McCreary County Middle School as Surplus (Asset Tag #50120)**

**G. Declare Refrigerator located at McCreary Central High School as Surplus (Asset Tag #50051)**

**H. Approve Memorandum of Agreement with McCreary County Extension District Board for 2018-2019**

**I. Authorize Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) to represent our interest before the PSC and commit to reimburse KSBA in an amount up to \$347.00 as our share of the costs**

**J. Approve Policy Revision for 03.11 and 03.21 Hiring - 1st Reading**

**K. Approve Procedure 09.14 AP.241**

- L. Approve RICOH 60 month copier lease for MP7503 for Central Office and MPC4504 for MCA at a cost of \$256.36 and \$155.15, respectively for a savings of \$17.71 per month.**
- M. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Allison Maxey, Speech Language Services for 2018-2019**
- N. Approve Family Resource Youth Service Center Memorandum of Understanding for 2018-2019**
- O. Approve Revised Salary Schedule 2018-2019**
- P. Create One Certified Preschool Position**
- Q. McCreary County Fixed Asset and Technology Inventory Report for 2018**
- R. Approve District Representatives 2018-2019**
- S. Approve RICOH 40 month Copier Lease for MPC40SPF for Preschool at a cost of \$92.45**

**APPROVE BG-1 FOR McCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND PINE KNOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO SEEK REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING FIRMS PER MODEL PROCUREMENT CODE AND RECOMMEND A FIRM TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT FUTURE BOARD MEETING - #10092**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandon Kidd and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to Approve the BG-1 for replacement of the roof at McCreary Central High School that was installed over 20 years ago and approve the BG-1 for replacement of the roof at Pine Knot Elementary Bldg. 1 and authorize the Superintendent to seek requests for Qualifications of Architectural/Engineering Firms per model procurement and recommend a firm for board approval at future board meeting. Members voted as follows:

Armijo – AYE; Stephens – AYE; Gilreath – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Kidd - AYE

Superintendent Cash shared with the Board that the high school roof is in crisis of needing repairs. We cannot have any games in the gym if it is raining due to the rain pouring into the gym. He shared that the life of the roof at Pine Knot Elementary building 1 has expired and needs replacing. At this time, he introduced Mr. Joe Nance with Ross Sinclair. Mr. Nance shared with the Board how the district's bonding potential is calculated and how it will increase each year when other bonds are paid out. He showed the Board the current outstanding debt and that Ross Sinclair refinanced all that they could. They sell bonds for a 20 year period. He reviewed the summary page with them and said they should remember this page which shows the local bonding of \$4,095,000. and SFCC Bonding of \$420,000 with a total bonding potential of \$4,515,000. Mr. Boyd shared with the Board that we have not received the district PVA tax rates from the state yet. The state has not received them from the County PVA office yet. These are usually sent out between the 1st and 10th of August. As of August 23rd, they have not been sent to KDE. This means that we cannot levy a tax. We can't send out tax bills nor collect taxes. We cannot include this in our budget which affects how this district will be run which will decrease the budget by \$900,000 in revenues.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - #10093**

At this time, Ms. Gibson shared with everyone that this is the first time in 29 years that McCreary County School District has hosted KSBA (Kentucky School Board Association) Upper Cumberland Fall Regional Meeting. This meeting will host 15 school districts and representatives from Frankfort and Legislators which will be held on August 28th at McCreary Central High School. Ms. Gibson is KSBA Upper Cumberland Region Chair. Our Principals have volunteered to help serve the attendees.

**APPROVE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(c) DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY - #10094**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Members voted as follows:

Armijo – AYE; Stephens – AYE; Gilreath – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Kidd - AYE

At this time, Honorable, Timothy Crawford, Board Attorney, stated that the Board met in executive session and no action was taken.

**APPROVE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #10095**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandon Kidd and a second by Ms. Deborah Gibson to return to Open Session. Members voted as follows:

Armijo – AYE; Stephens – AYE; Gilreath – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Kidd - AYE

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10096**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at McCreary Central High School Jean Blevins Library- (KSBA's Upper Cumberland Fall Regional meeting) and Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn.

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary**