

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 24, 2017 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, Rhonda Armijo, Dustin Stephens, Deborah Gibson and Superintendent, Michael M. Cash. Absent from the meeting were: Nelda Gilreath. 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.

### **APPROVE AGENDA - #10038**

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

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

### **Communication**

#### **A. Prayer**

Bruce Dixon

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

WCES - Kayden Ross

#### **C. Rewards Program Recognition**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Dr. Jason Creekmore. Dr. Creekmore recognized students from the district who received Rewards for the 2016-2017 school year that could not be present at the June 22, 2017, board meeting.

#### **D. Reports**

At this time, Superintendent Cash presented Ms. Sharon Privett, Principal at MCHS with a plaque and thanked her and the staff at MCHS for their hard work and dedication. MCHS was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as One of the Best High Schools in Kentucky. He also recognized Ms. Cammie Gilreath who was awarded the Governor Scholar's Program for the McCreary County School District for the summer of 2017.

#### **2. Whitley City Elementary School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Foster Jones, Principal at Whitley City Elementary School. Mr. Jones shared with the Board early days at school. The school now has a football team which is good that the kids can practice at their school. Girls Basketball has started. They have been reviewing test data and safety drills. He shared that the gym floor had been stripped to the wood and totally repainted which made the lines wider and meets the code. It also gives more room. He has had new window decal images put on doors and windows.

Staff have been decorating the doors. He shared that the school has a new buzzer system for visitors. This is working well and a great tool for the safety of our students.

### **3. 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 Open House was a great success with a huge turnout at both buildings. She shared the positive behavior incentive the students are learning about and working towards. She shared some pictures of the First Day for Kindergarten students. She shared the new gym floor at building 1 (PKPS), that new tile had been redone and rooms painted. Everything looked nice and ready for the new school year. She shared information regarding the 4th Grade Math centers and showed a picture of the Science Garden. She shared some information from the FRYSC (Family Resource Youth Service Center). Some the services FRYSC provides: Dental Van, Kidfest supplies, shoes, clothing, hygiene products, household products, school supplies, food, and they provided hot dogs and water for their Open House. Ms. Blakely shared that they've had back packs donated for the Backpack program.

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

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Todd Waters, Principal at McCreary County Middle School. He shared with the Board there are 432 chrome books for the students at MCMS. These are available for students to use in all their core content classes. He also shared that the Special Education and Related Arts Teachers have access to these for their classes. He shared that the buzzer system is working well. He shared that the Girls Basketball and Football teams have started their season.

### **5. McCreary Academy**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Sunshine Canada, Administrator at McCreary Academy. Ms. Canada shared that the Academy has started off full force with 50 students. She shared that at the end of the school year for 2016-2017 there was an enrollment of 82 students. They had 13 students that graduated and participated in the graduation ceremony at MCHS. She shared they have Science Labs for students and they have a full credit recovery program in place and they have students that have transitioned back to the high school and middle school.

### **6. McCreary Central High School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Sharon Privett, Principal at McCreary Central High School. Ms. Privett shared with the Board the mission for this school year is: Beyond the diploma. She shared that at the Career and Technical conference in Louisville, MCHS was the only school that was recognized from the entire state. She went over the building and grounds ad track project. She shared the sports activities that have started and underway: football, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, Ranger and Drill Teams and Golf. She recognized the 4H team for coming in 10th at Nationals. She shared that each class has chrome books for all students. She also shared that the summer PD trainings were awesome.

## **7. Finance**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Bill Boyd, Director of Management Services. Mr. Boyd shared with the Board the Federal Government has lowered the taxes for the 2017-2018 school year to \$12,550. Three years ago the district was receiving over \$300,000 in taxes from the government. Mr. Boyd also shared with the Board that the CERS (County Retirement) for classified personnel will be increasing which will cost the district more in order to provide retirement for the classified staff. Superintendent Cash reiterated and explained in more detail the changes for these two issues.

## **8. Technology**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Jeff Terry, Technology Coordinator. Mr. Terry shared with the Board that each student from Grade 3 and up have Google Chrome books. He explained that the infrastructure has been taking place for over three years to be able to withstand this need. He explained that the students would be able to use these devices at home as well. Mr. Terry went over the Data Security and Privacy policy and the law that the district has to follow. He explained the process if there is a breach and what data could be affected by a breach.

## **9. Athletics**

At this time, Superintendent Cash, introduced Mr. Robert Jones, Athletic Director. Mr. Jones shared with the Board that fall sports have started and are underway. There will be a softball clinic for younger girls. He went over the items that has to be reported on the Title IX report and the regulations that the district has to follow to be in compliance and to keep the funding from the federal government.

## **10. Attendance**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Clint Taylor, Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP). Mr. Taylor shared with the Board that the high school had made tremendous gains in attendance for the 2016-2017 school year which helped the district as a whole to see increased attendance. The improved attendance will be reflected in our test scores. He shared that he went to the high school and spoke with the students there about truancy and the steps that are taken before it goes to court. He also shared that the first NTI day was a success.

## **11. Food Service**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Mitzi Stephens, Food Service Director. Ms. Stephens shared with the Board that the year has started off great. She said that their POS (Point of Sale) had a few glitches but are now resolved. She shared that the after school feeding program for the 2016-2017 school year served full meals to students. She shared that Food Service will be going through another audit this year. Mr. Cash shared that starting the summer of 2018 we will be having a summer feeding program that will go out into the county. Ms. Stephens shared that the prices for Adult Breakfast and Lunches would be increasing this year. The Students will still eat free.

## **12. Academics**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Dr. Aaron Anderson, Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Anderson shared with the Board that test scores are embargo right now and that he can't wait to share the information with the Board. He shared

Preschool and Kindergarten news. He also shared the speaker at one of the District PD days, Scott Harvey, SRO-Police Officer. He said Mr. Harvey's presentation was on bullying and cyber-bulling. He explained that Mr. Harvey's presentation was more for students but that the staff and faculty really enjoyed the presentation. Mr. Harvey will be coming back to speak with the high school students and middle school students and 6th grade students.

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

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

**APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10039**

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Gibson and a second by Mr. Brandon Kidd to approve the actions by consent with item J. Approve Granting Easement to McCreary County Water District (MCWD) pending Kentucky Department of Education approval. Members voted as follows:

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

**A. Approve Leaves of Absences**

**B. Approve Minutes**

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**C. Approve Field Trips**

**1. McCreary Central High School**

Football - Sept. 8th - Fort Knox High School (Football game-use Charter Bus)

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

**E. Approve Monthly Financial Reports for June 2017**

**F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Somerset Mental Health**

**G. Approve Revised Salary Schedule**

**4.H. Approve Flooring Service Bid for 2017-2018**

Award the bid to Danny Troxell (Tri-County Flooring)

**Bids:**

Danny Troxell (Tri-County Flooring)

**I. Approve CA-4F Application for Full-time Emergency Certification**

**J. Approve Granting Easement to McCreary County Water District (MCWD) pending Kentucky Department of Education Approval**

**K. Approve Food Service A La Carte Prices for 2017-2018**

**L. Approve Price increase for Adult Breakfast and Lunches**

**APPROVE TAX RATES FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR5 - #10040**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandon Kidd and a second by Ms. Rhonda Armijo to approve the compensating rate at 41.1 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on Real Estate & Personal Property, 46.7 cents per \$100 for Motor Vehicle Tax and 3% Utility Tax. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10041**

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Gibson and a second by Ms. Rhonda Armijo to approve a special working session on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. and a special meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary**