

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 27, 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, Nelda Gilreath, Deborah Gibson, Dustin Stephens and Superintendent, Michael M. Cash. Also present were: the media, school system staff and interested parties.

## **APPROVE AGENDA - #10007**

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

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Prayer**

Mike Casada

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

PKIS-Bryson Nichols

### **C. Reports**

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

Superintendent Awards – Superintendent Cash presented an award to Melinda Higginbotham-Cook/Baker and Jeffrey Terry-Chief Information Officer for their outstanding service to the students and staff for McCreary County School District.

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mike Sparkman, Alt32 Architect. Mr. Sparkman gave an update on the track project. Superintendent Cash shared with the Board the district bought two (2) more school buses and that the district has bought 8 new school buses in the past two years. He explained that the district needed to buy 4 per year to get caught up with a new fleet of buses. He also shared some of the upcoming events the schools had planned and Kindergarten graduation will be May 19th for both schools and Senior graduation will be May 20th.

#### **2. 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 upcoming events at McCreary Central High School: Tennis meets, Drama Club, Military Ball, Job Fair, New Career Pathways, District Adjudication Spring 2017-the school held their own adjudication, Madrigals Spring Concert, TSA

went to State Competition, 4-H Forestry Team Competition, KPREP testing, Readiness, Breaking News-State Forestry Champs 2017.

### **3. 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 upcoming events: KPREP testing-morning activities to cheer students on for testing, Preschool Ceremony May 15th at 6:00 p.m., Kindergarten Graduation May 19th at 6:00 p.m., May 11th Field Day, he shared teacher of the year and student of the year, Honors Choir, Family Resource Center activities for testing and decorating the halls for testing.

### **4. Pine Knot Primary School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Stuart Shepherd, Principal at Pine Knot Primary School. Mr. Shepherd thanked the Board for the renovations that has been done for the schools. He shared the activities the students have been participating in: times table challenge, WASBI field trip-to experience different culture, Science fair, Dental Van visit, Hoe Down Fundraiser, Art class made birthday cards, Literacy Bell visit and Ronald McDonald. He shared upcoming events: Kindergarten registration is April 18th, celebrating distinguished students, Simple Machine lesson with Kelly Genoe, Earth Day, KPREP testing, AR field trip, last day for Preschool, Kindergarten Luau, May 16th-No school on primary election day and 18th will be the last day for students.

### **5. Pine Knot Intermediate School**

MS. Gibson presented Art Supplies for the students at Pine Knot Intermediate School.

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Rebecca Blakley, Principal at Pine Knot Intermediate School. Ms. Blakley shared some school events: Honors Choir received distinguished score, Music in the Schools, Dental Van visit, SERECC Fish and Wildlife visit, Tell-Me-A-Tale-Kentucky Arts Council-Gifted and Talented field trip, West Africa to America, Wulfe Brothers Patriotic Day-different wars, Family Reading night with Author, Vince Vawter, MAP rewards, Health Department's Lung Cancer Awareness Poster Contest, 6th grade field trip to University of the Cumberlands-cost and opportunities at college, 4th Grade trip to the Water Plant, McCreary County Public Library Display and Duck stamp contest. She also shared the most improved student award, 4th Grade student of the month, 5th Grade student of the month, 6th Grade student of the month, AR Reward trip, Teacher of the month and the Survivor Day Activities and Spelling Bee winners.

## **6. McCreary County Middle School**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Rick Kenney, Interim Principal at McCreary County Middle School. He shared with the Board the school activities: NTI-recovery camp, Raider Nation Immigration, 7th Grade students visit to ECU Planetarium, Presentation of the Flag Ceremony, KPREP testing and Mr. Kenney commended the Board for their decisions.

## **7. Finance**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Michelle King, Director of Finance. Ms. King shared with the Board the Medicaid Cost Report, Munis update is scheduled to go live April 28th, Tentative Budget due May 30th.

## **8. Technology**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Jeff Terry, Technology Coordinator. Mr. Terry shared with the Board the number of devices on the district's network, infrastructure is in place, there are 800 chrome devices, the high school has almost 1 to 1 for each student.

## **9. Athletics**

No Report

## **10. Attendance**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Mr. Clint Taylor, Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP). Mr. Taylor shared with the Board the comparison for the last month with last year's numbers. Mr. Taylor also shared the ADM and ADA increases.

## **11. Food Service**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Ms. Mitzi Stephens, Food Service Director. Ms. Stephens shared with the Board the CEP for students that eat free, the 4 year program will start over again because there was an increase in the number of students eating free, Food Program-provides meals for students participating in sports programs. She shared the cost of food, milk and Commodity foods and the cost to run the Food Service program in the district with regards to salaries and equipment and maintenance.

## **12. Academics**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Dr. Aaron Anderson, Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Anderson shared with the Board the KPREP testing and Goal for the district, Pine Knot Intermediate School was distinguished and McCreary Central High School and Pine Knot Primary School are distinguished. Dr. Anderson commended the Principals and Board on what they are doing for the students. He shared this is a Kid-centered district. Ms. Nelda Gilreath commented that on the good reports and motivation she sees in students. Mr. Brandon Kidd commented on the teamwork he's seen.

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

### **APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10008**

A motion was made by Ms. Rhonda Armijo and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve the actions by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

#### **A. Approve Leave of Absences**

Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt of the leaves of absence authorization

#### **B. Approve Minutes**

Recommend the Board take action on the minutes from the following past regular and special called board meetings:

March 30, 2017

#### **C. Field Trips**

##### **C.1. Whitley City Elementary School**

4-H Art Club - August 25th - Louisville (State Fair-to see the 4-H Art exhibit, animal exhibits and to experience attending the KY State Fair) – Charter Bus

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

#### **E. Approve Monthly Financial Report for March 31, 2017**

#### **F. Approve Alt32 Invoice for McCreary Central High School Track Project- Invoice No. 1704.0-1**

#### **G. Approve revised BG3 for the MCHS Athletic complex BG # 17-156**

#### **4.H. Approve Revised BG-1 for the McCreary Central High School Track Project BG# 17-156**

#### **I. Approve Revised Policy 09.11 School Attendance Areas - 1st Reading**

#### **J. Acknowledge Revised Procedure 09.11 AP.22 Application for Change in School Assignment**

#### **K. Approve Property and Liability Insurance Bid for 2017-2018**

Recommend the Board take action on Property and Liability Insurance Bid for 2017-2018 and award the bid as follows:

Liberty Mutual - Auto Fleet, General and Educators Legal Liability and Property

Nationwide Life Insurance/Roberts Insurance - Student Accident

Crabtree Wilson Insurance Agency/KEMI - Worker's Compensation

#### **Bids:**

Hall and Clark Insurance

Roberts Insurance and Investments

Crabtree Wilson Insurance Agency

#### **L. Approve Family Resource Youth Service Center Americorp Youth Service Application-2017**

#### **M. Approve Independent Consultant Contracts for 2017-2018 for Billy C. Boyd, Jason Creekmore and Shirley Surface**

#### **N. Approve Non-Traditional Instruction Program Application for 2017-2018**

#### **O. Approve District Technology Plan for 2017-2018**

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Jonathan Coffey, Site Coordinator for Save-the-Children. Mr. Coffey shared with the Board the program activities for Early Steps, the AR goals for In-school/After School program, the Foster Grandparents program-read with kids. Mr. Coffey explained how the program works and how it is helping the students.

**APPROVE SAVE-THE-CHILDREN AGREEMENTS FOR 2017-2018 PENDING APPROVED FUNDING FROM SAVE-THE-CHILDREN - #10009**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandon Kidd and a second by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath to approve Save-the-Children Agreements for 2017-2018 pending Approved Funding from Save-the-Children. Members voted as follows:

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

At this time, Superintendent Cash introduced Dr. Aaron Anderson to give the District Facilities Plan. Dr. Anderson shared with the Board the State (KDE) requirements for all districts to review facility needs. He went over the committee and the members of this committee. The committee is responsible in reviewing the findings from the Architect for the 4 year plan. The plan is broken into priority needs to want needs.

**APPROVE DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN - #10010**

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

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

**APPROVE SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN - #10011**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandon Kidd and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve setting date for public hearing for the District Facility Plan for Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN HEARING OFFICER TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING - #10012**

A motion was made by Ms. Rhonda Armijo and a second by Ms. Deborah Gibson to approve the District Facility Plan Hearing Officer to conduct the Public Hearing and appoint Melanie Pitman. Members voted as follows:

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

At this time, Chairman Kidd wanted to answer the questions that were brought up in the Tax Hearing meeting. He reminded everyone that the Tax Hearing was a hearing only and the Board couldn't comment. As far as the surplus balance the district is showing, this is the contingency balance. The State requires each district to have a contingency balance of at least 2%. Most districts carry a 10% contingency. The McCreary County School District's policy states that there be a 5% contingency balance for unforeseen items. Superintendent Cash asked to speak at this time. He explained that he is the Superintendent and Principal at the Academy. He only received one pay for both positions. He explained that the roof at Pine Knot Intermediate School was leaking and causing damage and the middle school roof was leaking and the foundation was bad causing structural problems. Also the parking lot at the middle school needed repaired which was causing flooding problems during thunderstorms. These items have been repaired with new roofs and the foundation and parking lots renovated. He shared that the high school gym floor and auditorium was renovated, and now the old roof is leaking and causing damage to the new floors. The maintenance workers have been repairing leaks but this is not a permanent fix. He also shared that the roof at the primary school is leaking and the roof at Whitley Elementary is starting to leak (this roof is 13 years old). Chairman Kidd explained that the district does not have two (2) Finance Officers from another question at the tax hearing. Ms. King is the district Finance Officer and Mr. Boyd is the district Director of Management Services Consultant. The Board wants the facilities to be in good shape to provide a healthy learning environment for our students.

**APPROVE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR 2016-2017 AT 47.7 CENTS PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION - #10013**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandon Kidd and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve Property Tax Rate for 2016-2017 at 47.7 cents per \$100 Assessed Valuation. Members voted as follows:

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

**APPROVE NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN - #10014**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Ms. Rhonda Armijo to approve the next meeting of the McCreary County Board of Education for Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board's Central Office and to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

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

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary**