

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine Knot Elementary School Bldg 1. Chairman King welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Braxton King, Lori Foster, Stacey Hammons, Sherry Duncan, Johnny Barnett and Superintendent, Corey M. Keith. Also present were the media, school system staff and interested parties.

PINE KNOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BLDG 1 DEDICATION - #10754

Naming Pine Knot Elementary School Building 1 Library - The Nelda Gilreath Library
Chairman King shared with everyone that he used to go to Nelda's house and coffee, talked about Jesus and her prayer life. She told him he needed to pick-up the name plates at the end of the board meetings (which he still does). She also asked him to get her some water at Senior Breakfast which he does for the Board Members before each board meeting. Her life was an example of a life of service to her Family, to this school district, her church and this community. Mrs. Hammons shared that there are many ways to get to know people. She first knew Nelda as her First Grade Teacher. She then began to know her as her friend's Mother. Later on she knew her as a friend. She not only taught her how to read, write, draw circles and squares but also how to interact with others. She was always encouraging others and was interested in what was going on in her life. Mrs. Hammons is thankful to be a part of this recognition honoring Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and thankful to the family for sharing her with other. Mr. Barnett is honored to have known Nelda. She taught him to mean what you say and say what you mean. She wanted to do what was best for the kids. She was Board Member for 4 terms. She was an amazing person who will be missed. Mrs. Foster met her when she first became a Board Member. Nelda was kind and steered her towards becoming a good Board Member by walking her through things to look for and to think about. Her heart was for the kids. Nelda made an impression on her when she stood at the end of the Graduation stage and shook the hands of the Seniors and gave them a hug. Ms. Duncan first met Nelda at a ball game. She saw her doing the YMCA and decided she needed to get to know her. She had a joy of life and loved being with the kids. Mr. Blevins shared that he has known Nelda for most of his life. He felt like outside of family, that she truly loved him. He shared many fond memories he had with her. She believed in him and was always there for him. She was an important person in his life. Mrs. Blakley shared how Nelda was a leader, a servant leader. She was a voice for teachers. She was always asking what they needed and how could they help. She came to school functions and read to students. She enjoyed dancing with the students and was a voice of reason. The loved her Grandchildren, farm animals and sharing her Christmas decorations. She was a Classy Lady. Mrs. Durham shared that she was her Aunt and her favorite phrase was "O'Boy". Recognizing and naming the Library after Nelda means so much to the Family. She always wanted to know what she could do for the kids and the teachers. She was a Special Lady. Mr. Gilreath shared that she was real passionate about reading and wanted to make sure everyone could read. She loved her job. She enjoyed being a Board Member who made her own decisions. Her Daughter, Lisa, read a poem that she read at her funeral about

"The Dash" in between that dates of her life. Her Sisters shared that Nelda being recognized and honored by naming the Library after her means alot to the Family.

ADJOURN - #10755

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Duncan and a second by Mrs. Stacey Hammons to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

Barnett – AYE; Hammons – AYE; Duncan – AYE; Foster – AYE; King - AYE

Chairman

Secretary