

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Board of Education Central Office. Chairman Stephens welcomed everyone then called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Present were: Dustin Stephens, Deborah Gibson, Nelda Gilreath, Lori Foster, Braxton King and Superintendent, Corey M. Keith. Also present were: the media, school system staff and interested parties.

APPROVE AMEND AGENDA - #10305

A motion was made by Mr. Dustin Stephens and a second by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath to approve amending the agenda as follows: Item 4. - take out, "KRS 61.810(1)(f) Discussions which might lead to the appointment of Board Attorney" and change to Item 5; Item 9. - change to: "Consider and/or Accept Board Attorney's Resignation"; Add Item 10 to, "Discuss and/or take action on hiring Board Attorney"; Item 10 change to Item 11. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

APPROVE AGENDA - #10306

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve the agenda as amended. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

COMMUNICATIONS - #10307

A. Prayer

Pastor - Darrin Kidd

B. Pledge

WCES - Caylyn Daugherty

C. Superintendent News

1. South Kentucky RECC - Soar STEM Certification Presentation to Two Teachers - Presented by: Kevin Newton, Interim President and CEO or Mr. Rodney Hitch - STEM Masters Certification:

Joy Waters

Tanya Jones

At this time Superintendent Keith introduced Mr. Kevin Newton with SKRECC. Mr. Newton introduced Mr. Rodney Hitch to share with everyone what this program is all about. Mr. Hitch stated that SKRECC wanted to recognize two of the district's teachers who have completed the 3 year SOAR STEM Certification program. These teachers are part of 100 elite teachers who have or are going through this very extensive and rigorous

program. These teachers have to complete their National School Board certification, have their Master's Degree and complete the STEM Certification. So far out of the 100 there are 81 that have completed all 3 requirements.

D. Superintendent's Report on Personnel/Employment Authorization

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

ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON PERSONNEL/EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION - #10308

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to acknowledge the Superintendent's Personnel/Employment Report as presented. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

APPROVE ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810 (1)(c) - Discussions of pending litigation - #10309

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve entering into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) at 6:45 p.m. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

APPROVE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - #10310

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Mr. Braxton King to return to Open Session at 7:46 p.m. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

PUBLIC COMMENTS - #10311

At this time, Chairman Stephens shared with everyone that there would be a (5) five minute limit to each speaker. This is being exercised to maintain order and to ensure the expedient conduct of the Board's business. Chairman Stephens recognized Brian Kiser. Mr. Kiser shared his concerns with the Board. Chairman Stephens recognized Ms. Stephanie Spradlin. Ms. Spradlin shared her concerns with the Board. Chairman

Stephens recognized Laura Louis. Ms. Louis shared her concerns with the Board. The Board, Superintendent and School System Staff addressed each concern.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10312

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Gibson and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve the actions by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

A. Acknowledge Superintendent's Report on Leave of Absence Authorizations

B. Approve Minutes

Regular - July 22, 2019

Special - July 25, 2019

Special - August 5, 2019

Special - August 13, 2019

C. Payment of Bills and Claims

D. Approve Monthly Financial Report for Month Ending, July 31, 2019

E. Approve 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding with Berea College Talent Search (TS) Grant

F. Approve Municipal Advisor Agreement with Ross, Sinclair & Associates

G. Approve Create (1) One Head 5th/6th Grade Cross Country Coach at \$750

H. Approve Create Whitley City Elementary School ACE (Achieve, Create and Explore) Program Stipend for \$3000

I. Approve Creating (1) One Full-time Substitute Teacher position at McCreary Academy

J. Approve Create (1) Extra Service Duty at McCreary Academy at \$2000

K. Approve Create (1) One Assistant to School Psychologists position

L. Approve Create (1) One Instructional Assistant - Exceptional Child at Pine Knot Elementary School

M. Approve 2019 Data Privacy and Security Presentation

N. Approve Set Tax Rates

Stay the same at the compensating rate:

- Real Estate
 - The compensating rate would be 40.4 (per \$100 of assessed value) if you include the 0.1 that is allowable for exonerations.
 - That is 0.5 less than last year's rate.
- Personal Property
 - That would be 41.2 if you include the 0.1 that is allowable for exonerations.
 - That is 0.1 more than last year's rate.
 - If we chose not to take exonerations on this, the rate would be 41.1. This would generate about \$580 less revenue, but it would be the same rate.
- Motor Vehicle – Remain at 46.7
- Utility Tax – Remain at 3%.

O. Approve Lake Cumberland District Health Department Head Start Full Utilization Memorandum of Agreement for 2019-2020

P. Approve Full-time Emergency Certification

Q. Approve Athletic Trainer Contract with PT Solutions

Mr. Keith shared that a position was created and posted and we did not have applicants. He is asking that the Board approve contracting with PT Solutions for an Athletic Trainer for \$19,000. They have offices in Williamsburg, Oneida and opening an office in Somerset.

APPROVE McCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT PAY APPLICATION #5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,336.32 - #10313

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Gibson and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve McCreary Central High School Roof Project Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$53,336.32. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

APPROVE McCREARY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS : CO#1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500 AND CO#2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,730 - #10314

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve McCreary Central High School Roof Project Change Orders: CO#1 in the amount of \$24,500, CO#2 in the amount of \$1,730. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

At this time, Superintendent Keith asked Mr. Peter Fisher, RossTarrant Architect's to share with the Board information regarding these change orders (CO). Mr. Fisher shared that the \$24,500 CO was due to blisters on the roof of the high school. This was shared with Mr. Sonny Fentress when he was Interim Superintendent. The blister repair was not part of the original quote. He shared that the \$1730 CO was for the metal facing that didn't match the rest. This cost was to make all match and covered the prep/prime and painting of all the facing.

APPROVE PINE KNOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAY APPLICATION #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,941.83 - #10315

A motion was made by Mr. Dustin Stephens and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve Pine Knot Elementary School pay application #2 in the amount of \$244,941.83. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

Mr. Fisher shared that this pay application was for work completed and installed with much of the work being done.

ACCEPT BOARD ATTORNEY'S RESIGNATION - #10316

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to accept the Board Attorney's, Mr. Timothy Crawford, resignation letter. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

At this time, Ms. Deborah Gibson shared her concerns about the resignation of the Board Attorney.

At this time, Chairman Stephens asked the Board to review the submitted resumes'. Each Board Member shared what they knew about the Attorney. Attorney, John T. Blevins had submitted his resume and shared that he does not have school law experience, but is willing to learn and work with the Board. He shared with the Board a little about himself and the experience he has and he very much would like to work with this Board. Chairman Stephens shared another attorney who is highly regarded in the State.

APPROVE HIRING BOARD ATTORNEY - #10317

A motion was made by Ms. Deborah Gibson and a second by Mrs. Lori Foster to approve hiring John T. Blevins as Board Attorney on an as needed basis. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens – NAY

and

A motion was made by Mr. Dustin Stephens and a second by Mr. Braxton King to approve hiring English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley Law Office as Board Attorney. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – Abstain; King – AYE; Foster – NAY; Gibson – NAY; Stephens - AYE

Motion Failed: To hire English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley Law Office as Board Attorney failed with a motion by Mr. Dustin Stephens and a second by Mr. Braxton King.

APPROVE ADJOURNING - #10318

A motion was made by Mr. Dustin Stephens and a second by Mr. Braxton King to adjourn the meeting. Members voted as follows:

Gilreath – AYE; King – AYE; Foster – AYE; Gibson – AYE; Stephens - AYE

Chairperson

Secretary