The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on August 13, 2020 at 4:30 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, Braxton King, Lori Foster, Nelda Gilreath, Deborah Gibson and Superintendent, Corey M. Keith. Also present were school system staff.

This Special Board meeting will be by video teleconferencing, in keeping with the requirements of KRS 61.826. The primary location of the video teleconference is the McCreary County Board of Education's Central Office, 120 Raider Way, Stearns, KY. The video teleconferencing is being made to include Board Member, Lori Foster, in order to accommodate her unavailability to attend the meeting at its physical location and in light of the exceptional circumstances of the current state of emergency.

The McCreary County Board of Education will be following the NEW GUIDANCE from the Attorney General, see OAG 20-05 for the following meeting as well as Kentucky 2020 Senate Bill 150. There will be no public meeting location. We will use YouTube to stream the meeting. The link is https://youtu.be/FqBB7V-yEz8

APPROVE AGENDA - #10438

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS - #10439

At this time, Chairman Stephens turned the meeting over to Superintendent Keith. Superintendent Keith wanted to share the distance learning plan for exceptional learners. He asked Ms. Amelia Strunk, Director of Special Education to share what the district is working on to help with the needs of the exceptional learners. Ms. Strunk shared that the Administrators have been working all summer to come up with a plan that would work for in-person and at home learners. She shared that the challenge has been to find and remove barriers. She reviewed the student, teacher and external variables. The department has communicated with parents and staff by phone, emails and surveys. She explained that staff will need to stay: student-focused, be flexible, be creative, problem solve, collaborate, use of networking, have a shared vision and be patient. She shared that we have specially designed instruction and supplementary aids and services in place to meet these needs. Some of the tools that will be available are: virtual meetings, iReady, Google Classroom, Teacher-made videos, educational resources for Parents, mailed/delivered instructional supplies and scheduled visits with special education teacher.

Superintendent Keith also shared an update on mentoring options for the district. He has been speaking with Ms. Privett regarding high school students working as Peer Tutors. These students would need to be 18 years old and go through confidentiality trainings. He also shared that the Public Library would be a good partner. He explained that due to liability issues, we will need to make sure that we provide the proper trainings.

APPROVE ACTIONS BY CONSENT - #10440

A motion was made by Mr. Braxton King and a second by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath to approve the actions by consent as presented. Members voted as follows:

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

A. Approve Create Guidance Counselor Position at McCreary County Middle School (paid with state and federal grant funds)
B. Approve (1) One Digital Coach position at Pine Knot Elementary School
C. Approve (1) One-Year Approval for School Media Librarian Certification
D. Approve The Code of Conduct for 2020-2021
E. Approve Title IX Sexual Harassment KSBA 2020 Interim Policy & Procedure Update - Emergency Reading

ADJOURN - #10441

A motion was made by Mrs. Nelda Gilreath and a second by Mr. Dustin Stephens to approve adjourning the meeting. Members voted as follows:

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