**WCBE Work Session**

August 12, 2019, 5:30 PM

Board Conference Room

 Dixon, KY 42409

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

Present Board Members

Mr. Mickey Dunbar

Mr. Cameron Edwards

Mr. Tim McCormick

Ms. Venita Murphy

Absent Board Members

Mr. James Nance

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Work Session Board Meeting of the Webster County Board of Education was called to order by Chair Mickey Dunbar at 5:30 p.m.

**B. PRESENTATION**

**B.1. Personalized Learning Center - Capstone Presentation**

As part of his Superintendent’s Certification requirements, Aaron Harrell presented to the Board of Directors his Capstone project, Webster County High School’s Personalized Learning Center. This program helps students who fall behind in their credits because of lifestyles that affect their education, those who are working, or earning early college or dual credit hours the availability to use an alternative setting to complete their school work. After reviewing the development of the project and the impact of the program on students, Mr. Harrell called on Mattea Meadows to discuss her role in helping students secure their high school diploma.

**B.2. Facilities Update WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance**

Greg Bowles, Asst. Superintendent/DPP, presented to the Board an update on the high school's safe/secure entrance project. The project is on schedule and the barriers have been set up so that students can easily move throughout the building without being in the way of construction. Mr. Bowles also reviewed maintenance projects that were completed at other Webster County schools prior to student’s arrival in classrooms on Tuesday.

**C. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT**

**C.1. 2019-2020 Tax Rate Funding Financial Update**

Mrs. Burnett presented the proposed District Tax Rate for 2019-20. The compensating rate for the new tax year is recommended at 55.6% with a rate of 57.8% an option should the Board choose the four percent rate. Burnett told the Board that she recommends the district approve the compensating rate which is projected to generate $3,727,448 in revenue for the district. Burnett said the district does not presently have a reason to ask for the four percent rate which would require a public hearing. The Board will vote on the tax rate at the August 26th meeting.

**C.2. WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance Change Order #2 in the Amount of $9,299.80**

Brandi reported the Change Order #2 for the WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance in the amount of $9,299.80. This change description and justification is for: (1) asbestos abatement work, (2) bad soil conditions, (3) adding sign letters to front facade. This will be presented for approval at the next regular Board Meeting.

**C.3. Q&S Pay Application #3 in the amount of $190,639.80.**

For the Board's approval at their next regular Board Meeting, an invoice from Q&S Construction for payment #3 in the amount of $190,639.80.

**C.4. GRREC 2019-20 District Dues $5,521.82 Invoice AR-07119**

The Director of Finance/Treasurer asked the Board to review a couple of invoices from GRREC. One invoice is for the 2019-2020 District Dues in the amount of $5,521.82 and the other GRREC invoice is for 2019-2020 Grant Writing Symposium in the amount of $1,000.00.

**C.5. GRREC Grant Writing Consortium 2019-2020 in the Amount of $1,000.00 AR-07157**

(*See above)*

**D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**D.1. 2019-2020 Opening of Webster County Schools Recap**

**D.1.a. New Staff Orientation 8-5-2019**

New Staff Orientation was held on August 5, 2019. There were 39 new staff members in attendance of those twenty-six(26)were certified employees and thirteen(13)were classified employees.

**D.1.b. Instructional Strategies Institute 8-6-2019 thru 8-9-2019**

Beginning August 6th and ending on August 9th, Webster County certified employees attended the Instructional Strategies Institute. On August 6th, Webster County staff shared ways to enhance instruction through technology. The following three days were spent in their schools’ working on new standards, unit assessments and bundle revision.

**D.1.c. #1WC Family Fun Fest 8-9-2019**

On August 9 at Baker Park, Webster County Schools hosted its first Annual Family Fun Fest for the school district's employees and their families. With over 200 in attendance, staff enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs and Dibby's Ice Cream. Drinks were donated by Dr. Pepper.

**D.1.d. FRYSC Ready Fest 8-7-2019**

The FRYSC Ready Fest was held on August 7. The event drew over 600 attendees and provided shoes for 355 district school children.

**D.1.e. Opening Day 8-12-2019**

The Webster County School District welcomed colleagues at the Opening Day event held on August 12. The theme for this year focused on empowering and equipping our students to be future ready. Staff members visited the Vendor Fair and were then treated to a delicious breakfast prepared by WC Food Service. Denis Hodge, teacher and coach in Crittenden County, was the guest speaker. He spoke about taking care of yourself, taking care of others, and being resilient and finishing strong. WC students representing each graduating class from 2020 through 2032 shared what they were looking forward to this school year. Students from the APEX Learning Center and Mr. Joe Campbell's Science Class provided a STEM Presentation that included a 3-D Printer, a drone and a robot.

**D.2. Board Member Training Hours**

Superintendent Callaway discussed the remaining opportunities available for Board Members to complete their in-service hours for 2019.

**E. CLOSED SESSION: KRS 61-810 (f) for Personnel**

**Order #7 - Motion Passed:**  Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the meeting went into closed session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel issues passed with a motion by Mr. Cameron Edwards and a second by Ms. Venita Murphy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Absent

**F. OPEN SESSION**

**Order #8 - Motion Passed:**  Approval to return to Open Session at 6:55 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Venita Murphy and a second by Mr. Cameron Edwards.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Absent

**G. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mickey Dunbar, Chairperson

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Rhonda Callaway, Superintendent