**SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**SPENCER COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

**Monday November 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

1. Jeanie Stevens, Chairperson 4. Sandy Clevenger
2. Shannon Medley, Vice Chair 5. Scott Travis
3. Mary Ann Carden

**Others Present:**

Superintendent Adams, Norma Thurman, Brett Beaverson, Ed Downs, Peter Clevenger, Michele Barlow, Mallory Billger and others.

**Order # 79**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Ms Jeanie Stevens.

**ACTION WITH DISCUSSION**

**Order # 80**

**SCMS Fundraiser – Llama Fundraiser**

Mr. Ed Downs and middle school teacher Beth Clifton, provided more information regarding the llama fundraiser ($1.50 donations) to purchase a llama from Heifer International.

A motion to approve the SCMS Llama Fundraiser was made by Ms. Shannon Medley and second by Ms. Mary Ann Carden.

Ms. Jeanie Stevens Yes

Ms. Shannon Medley yes

Ms. Mary Ann Carden Yes

Ms. Sandy Clevenger Yes

Mr. Scott Travis Abstained

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Land Acquisition**

Superintendent Adams reviewed three sites under consideration. Information packets on each site were provided.

Site A: Tanglewood Property

Site B: Porter Property

Site C: Roby Property

Superintendent Adams also shared two other possibilities: Tichenor’s property at the Industrial Park and Anthony Travis’s property across from Spencer County High School.

Justin with Sherman Carter and Barnhart reviewed each plot of land with the Board and discussed the pros and cons of each, but said they could work with any of the three sites.

Ms. Mary Ann Carden would like the land to also accommodate our buses.

Everyone agreed that Site A (Tanglewood) is the most favorable; however, the location near a gun range raises concerns.

Superintendent Adams asked Mr. Brett Beaverson to contact KDE and the Department of Transportation to begin organizing a visit for their comments and possible approval.

**Transportation Updates**

The Board reviewed routes numbers and capacity. Currently the district is showing a decline with no problems with overcrowding. The numbers reviewed were “possible numbers” per route. The Board requested to see “actual numbers” on routes in the next 2-3 months.

Ms. Jeanie Stevens would like actual numbers provided for routes 17 and 7 by the next Board meeting on December 19.

**Title IX**

Athletic Department actions based on Title IX Corrective Action Plan for SCHS were reviewed. Ms. Mary Ann Carden would like to see an addendum for girls sports. Also, clarification is needed as to whom owns uniforms and parents need to be in agreement.

**Bonding Potential**

Mr. Glen Brashear with Ross, Sinclaire & Associates addressed the Board and reported a savings in the amount of $761,000. Mr. Glen Brashear also reviewed the summary of outstanding bonds and funds available for debt service. The bonding potential as of November 21, 2011 is $ 12,435,000.

**Policies**

**Homework Policy**:

Sample homework policies were reviewed. Board agreed that students need time to adequately do make up homework and Infinite Campus needs to be updated with grades weekly.

Mr. Scott Travis left meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Upon review of the sample policies, the Board liked the “make up” and “Suspension” samples and would like to to see them inserted in our current policy.

Make-up Work

Students shall have the number of days absent, plus one, to make up work missed, unless additional time is allowed by the teacher. It is the responsibility of the student to request the work/assignments. Teachers shall provide make-up work to elementary students.

Suspension

Projects or homework assigned prior to suspension shall be accepted for credit. Students shall be responsible for submitting assignments upon return to school following suspension.

Long‑term projects assigned during the suspension and due at a later date shall be accepted. It is the student’s responsibility to get those assignments from the teacher.

Work assigned and due during suspension will be accepted. Students have the number of days of the suspension, plus one (1), to make up the work missed, unless additional time is allowed by the teacher. It is the responsibility of the student to request the work/assignments. Teachers shall provide make-up work to elementary students.

The policy also needs clarification with # 2 that an absence is equal to one day/per day.

First reading for Homework Policy will be December 19 and the second reading will be in January. Board agreed that this policy should be enforced immediately upon second reading.

**Superintendent Evaluation**

Superintendent Adams provided several copies of different sample policies. All different formats.

* Ms. Jeanie Stevens does not believe the current policy is proficient and is very difficult to use, and is not fair to Superintendent.
* Ms. Sandy Clevenger would like to see a formative evaluation.
* Ms. Mary Ann Carden believes that the Superintendent should bring his expectations and plans to take the district annually, allowing the BOE to add to it, and then allow this piece to set the goals.
* Ms. Jeanie Stevens would like to see the Vice Chair able to help in calculating the evaluation.
* Ms. Sandy Clevenger reviewed the pros/cons of timelines for evaluation and would like to see a list of standards as part of an addendum.

Superintendent Adams will begin looking at specific criteria, and he asked that the board send him any thoughts they may have over the next few days.

**Order # 81**

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Ms. Shannon Medley and a second by Ms. Sandy Clevenger to adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Ms. Jeanie Stevens Yes

Ms. Shannon Medley yes

Ms. Mary Ann Carden Yes

Ms. Sandy Clevenger Yes

Mr. Scott Travis Absent