Superintendent Leonard Whalen: Board Report for March 17, 2014

Items of focus/discussion since our February 17, 2014 Board Meeting:

-Ongoing discussion with Principal’s regarding MAP Testing assessment results and how we continue to try to “close gaps” and ensure progress for every student. Principal’s continue to have discussions with Teachers daily about student progress.

-Mr. Whalen, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Stockman, and Mrs. Wooton visited Taylor County Schools on February 18th to look and discuss performance/competency based curriculum. Taylor County is doing some interesting things in this area and we envision trying to expand student opportunity here in some areas. Currently we have some students moving forward in math courses on a “performance” basis and we are considering expanding into other areas as it is conducive.

-February 21st: Regular Administrator/Director Meeting

-On February 26th I attended the WKEC co-op meeting and the main discussion revolved around the KISBIT Insurance lawsuit…which gets more complicated daily. Another major topic of conversation was the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) which is ever changing.

-February 28th: Regular Principal’s Meeting

-March 1st: Attended the Elementary Academic Team Match in Hopkins County. We had multiple students do well and our Quick Recall Team won first place.

-March 3, 4, 5: We dealt with snow and had school closed 2 days and a 90 minute delay (bringing total days missed to 10).

-March 6th: Spent most of day and evening helping Joe Loney due to accident he had in our parking lot.

-March 10th, met with City Clerk Janet Dunbar to discuss use and contract regarding city ball fields.

-March 11th, attended Chamber of Commerce Meeting at the Darby House

-March 13th, in the afternoon, I attended an online new superintendent training session dealing with teacher evaluations and quality teaching…based on the Charlotte Danielson Framework.

-March 14th, Regular Scheduled Administrator/Director Meeting

 & Meeting with Denise Beach, Director of the Hopkins County Health Dept.

\*\* Coming up I will be out of the District in Lexington March 19-21 attending the new superintendent training which includes the finance and operations institute. (the 19th taking my daughter to the orthodontist for braces in Northern Kentucky)