Superintendent Leonard Whalen: Board Report for May 19, 2014

Items of focus/discussion since our April 21, 2014 Board Meeting:

\*April 21st and 22nd: I attended the Western Kentucky Co-op meeting and annual Institute where we discussed multiple items surrounding the ongoing KSBIT Insurance lawsuit. For us, the preliminary estimate is that we will owe in the vicinity of $52,000. We will be responsible for paying 25% up front ($13,000) and the remainder divided equally over 5 yearly payments ($7,800) per year. There is potentially an additional 8 million dollars to be paid that may have to be divided by all districts involved…at this time it is unclear what portion of that we’d be responsible for…it is in litigation at this time. We also had discussion about the Superintendent evaluation process and the training associated with that…for Superintendent’s and Board Members. We will need to work on this.

\*April 24th: Dan Dillingham and I traveled to Madisonville and attended the Regional Jr. Achievement Board of Directors Meeting. We are considering pursuing and implementing some of their programs to help our students. Hopkins County Schools are using some of these programs at various levels in their schools. We will meet again with a representative on May 16th in Dawson Springs.

\*April 25th: Met with Principals’ in regularly scheduled bi-weekly meeting, we discussed MAP Testing scores and student progress.

-Met with retired Dawson Springs teachers for lunch at Pennyrile Park Lodge.

\*April 26th: Worked with Staff and Students on our first SUDS event…which was very successful and we are excited to expand in the coming years.

\*April 28th: Met with Judy Rhodes to discuss ongoing opportunities for Dawson Springs students utilizing Madisonville Community College.

\*April 29th: Met with Macolm Blane who handles our insurance to prepare quotes for us. He will get 2 quotes from two different companies for our comparison.

\*May 1st: Met with scholarship committee led by Counselor Wooton to review scholarship applicants.

\*May 2nd: Held regularly scheduled bi-weekly administrator’s meeting.

\*May 5th: Met with K-1 teachers and Principal Ward to discuss concerns and I explained budgetary concerns.

\*May 7th: Held regularly scheduled bi-weekly Principals’ meeting and also met with Karen Wallace to discuss next year’s technology.

\*May 8th & 9th: Attended the KSBA Federal and State Law Update at Embassy Suites in Lexington.

\*May 12th: Met with Principal Ward and Principal Stockman and other member of our administrative team about potential restructuring.

-Discussed relocation of Preschool with Trudy Hendrickson.

-Attended Rotary meeting.

\*May 13th: Attended Chamber of Commerce Meeting

\*May 16th: Held regularly scheduled bi-weekly Principals’ Meeting

\*Continue to finalizie restructuring plan to maximize strengths and opportunity and educate all on budget issues.