Superintendent's Report

November 24th, 2014

I. Safe Schools Agreement

As communicated earlier in a previous message to members of the board, the agreement on the agenda tonight needs formal BOE action before we may utilize this free service. The agreement is a standard disclaimer that states that by signing this agreement, we understand KCSS and employees are not liable for anything that transpires as a result of Spencer County Schools utilizing this service. KCSS merely sets up the account for us to use as another layer of protection regarding school safety.

II. Out-of-district meetings

October 31st – FFA Nationals; Louisville November 7th – Safe Schools Training; Shepardsville November 12th – OVEC; Shelbyville

III. Principal's Meeting Agenda

*See Attached

IV. Program Director's Meeting

*See Attached

V. Advisory Council Agenda

*N/A

VI. New Elementary Committee

Communication has taken place between myself and Ms. Arnold relating to a stakeholder committee comprised of TES staff and a parent or two currently involved in PTA and/or SBDM governance. The purpose of this committee is to give a voice to those who will be working and/or serving in this new environment in a day-to-day capacity, an avenue to express necessities that a new construction will offer relating to space and other specifics that will eventually become a primary function of the SBDM Council.

VII. Facility Survey Proposal

As part of the four year process revolving around local facilities planning, architects are governed by law and/or administrative regulation to closely inspect the facilities as a prerequisite to the meetings that begin in January. Unfortunately, as you have already noticed, there is a price attached to this process that we are obligated to pay to ensure our compliance in the process.

VIII. Calendar Committee

As we prepare to begin work on the 2015-2016 school district calendar, a volunteer or an appointment is needed to represent the Board of Education. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th at 4:15 at SCHS.

IX. Christmas Dinner

Although dynamics and scheduling didn't permit it last year for the first time in 8 years, traditionally Sondra and I have invited the BOE members and their spouses out one evening for a Christmas Dinner during the break at my expense. It should be noted that taking the time to come together on occasion to fellowship at a venue other than a board meeting is a tremendous opportunity to bond and develop a greater understanding of one another as we work to ultimately benefit the children of Spencer County. This is done in a manner that is not posted as a board meeting, but the caveat is that absolutely nothing connected to school and/or district business can be discussed. We have found through the years that we in fact have much more in common through casual dinner conversation than school district business, therefore, take a look at your calendar in the near future and look for some dates that will NOT work in your calendar as I begin planning several holiday events that I'm apart of.

X. Purchase Agreement

Attached is a formal copy of the executed purchase agreement for the McAllister Property. According to Charlie, survey should be completed before Thanksgiving which will allow him to begin title search.

XI. SPGES

Along with the information I provided each of you in late July, I will also be providing the Superintendent Learning Plan (SLP) rubric tonight so that you have a chance to look at it along with the various indicators included. Because this new format isn't numerical or holistic in form, the emphasis is to look at areas of growth and concentrate on evidence addressing them in a satisfactory manner. Much like new teacher and principal evaluations, the emphasis lies on quality of growth components rather than quantity of components. Based on the growth components of the June, 2014 evaluation, my growth components transition into two categories of the new format: Instructional Leadership (standard 2), and Managerial Leadership (standard 5).