**SPENCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SCHEDULED WORK SESSION**

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2016**

**Spencer County Preschool**

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Debbie Herndon, Board Chair

Ms. Janet Bonham, Vice Chair

Ms. Sandy Clevenger

Dr. Lynn Shelburne

Mr. Bart Stark

**Others Present:** Superintendent Chuck Adams, Chuck Abell, Steve Rucker, Matt Mercer, Leigh Hardin, Curt Haun, Todd Russell, Mark Thomas, Vicki Goodlett, Jim Oliver, Diana Thomas, SBDM Councils, Pete Clevenger, and others.

**ORDER # 46**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The October 6, 2016 Scheduled Work Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board Chair, Ms. Debbie Herndon.

**ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Chuck Abell presented test scores and explained the new calculations with the State Assessment Scores for 2015-2016. Spencer County Schools ranked as Distinguished and ranks 47th in the State. In the OVEC Region, we still remain 3rd, which keeps Spencer County one of the top performing Districts.

**SBDM/BOE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON ASSESSMENT & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Each SBDM Council along with Board of Education met for Round Table Discussion on Assessment and Student Achievement.

Each SBDM Council shared with the Board their plans and directions for Gap and Novice reduction.

**Taylorsville Elementary**

Taylorsville Elementary shared their excitement over test scores and their focus on Core and Novice instruction. Some examples included: Guided Reading and the focus on letters and vowels. Parent support has been strengthened, resulting in high math and reading support. TES developed strong relations with the public library and 250 students were rewarded with a field trip to see a movie because they read five (5) books over the summer and had discussion with their teachers on books. Students participated in Dream Box to strengthen their ability for math problems.

**Spencer County Middle School**

Three years ago every teacher began to focus on teaching reading and writing. Teachers are meeting to discuss individual students. The accountability system at SCMS remains very strong. Mr. Mercer commended the science teachers for being the best in the state, but since science is not tested in the middle school, they do not get to see their results. SCMS science teachers incorporate math so that after a student learns math concepts, they are able to “apply” those concepts in their science class. SCMS has seen huge gains in the last three years. One way the Board can help is by funding Title 1 personnel, which will help them with Gap reduction.

**Spencer County High School**

Earlier in the year, SCHS saw that ACT scores were a little down so they began immediately preparing their Professional Development to look at curriculum. The Board (4-5 months ago) approved for the purchase of ACT Prep and Kentucky Virtual Library to allow the high school to get a head start. Students, teachers, and parents are all talking about college and career readiness, but there is still more to be done for novice reduction. Currently SCHS sent a team to a novice reduction training to focus on content re-enforcement with ECE students. ECE teachers are being trained with reading strategies. Every class including enrichment classes are focusing on writing and using writing promps. On October 24 there will be a training for PLC’s. Soft Skills have been implemented that go along with Career Readiness. Needs: Science equipment, calculators, risers for choir, math excel programs (online math program for all levels).

**Spencer County Elementary**

Ms. Leigh Hardin started by celebrating with phenomenal math scores of 90.

To focus on Gap students and novice reduction, SCES recently ordered Rip Van Time High Quality Literature Box which contains 60% non-fiction along with Junior Grade Books, another high level literature program. Kids are excited about these programs and every student is pushed to think. Special Ed students are also being pulled for LLI. Parent volunteers and support are amazing.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT**

Superintendent Adams shared with the Board concerns on the possibilities of Phase 2 of construction. We could receive 3.6 million dollars maximum if successful. Justin McElfresh with Sherman Carter Barnhart has projected 8 million dollars to get the current TES building into shape. This does not take into consideration the personnel funds which would come from the General Fund. Justin believes that if this building is used for Early Childhood, and if the 1938 wing comes down, KDE may have favor on this construction project. However, anything less that 3.6 million would make this very difficult (with matching funds), and he asked the Board to consider at what point do we say that this is no longer feasible to do, and at what point should we begin looking at athletic complex etc at the high school.

**ACTION ITEM**

**ORDER # 47**

**APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT KSBA**

A motion was made by Ms. Janet Bonham and seconded by Mr. Bart Stark to approve travel reimbursement for Board liaison to attend the legislative committee.

Ms. Debbie Herndon Yes

Ms. Janet Bonham Yes

Ms. Sandy Clevenger Yes

Dr. Lynn Shelburne Yes

Mr. Bart Stark Yes

**ORDER # 48**

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Bart Stark and seconded by Ms. Sandy Clevenger to adjourn meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Ms. Debbie Herndon Yes

Ms. Janet Bonham Yes

Ms. Sandy Clevenger Yes

Dr. Lynn Shelburne Yes

Mr. Bart Stark Yes

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Ms. Debbie Herndon, Board Chair

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Mr. Chuck Adams, Superintendent/Secretary