Superintendent Leonard Whalen: Board Report for July 20, 2020

Items of interest/involvement (not all-inclusive) since our June 18, 2020 Board Meeting:

The last few weeks have continued to be very busy for our administrative team. We’ve had many meetings regarding the re-opening of schools in the fall. Given the circumstances and the escalation of COVID-19 I am asking that the Board approve our “late start” innovative/alternative calendar for 2020-2021 with the first day for students being September 1st. On this calendar, staff will report on August 13th to begin preparing and planning for the school year.

Our “Back to School Task Force” (BTSTF) has met and will continue to meet multiple times over the coming weeks to discuss and develop our school reopening plans. Our plan is to have a solid recommendation for our August 17th Board meeting as to our re-opening specifics. The escalation of the COVID-19 virus over the last few weeks and the unknown of where it may be in 4-6 weeks makes planning somewhat difficult. Dealing with current numbers pertinent to the situation will allow us to put together a solid final plan. In addition to our BTSF meetings we will also be conducting surveys for both parents and staff to help us build those plans. As always, student and staff safety is our number one priority and we will follow guidelines as advised from the CDC nationally, state health officials and state government, and KDE.

Items on radar and/or in progress:

- Our gym floor is in process of a full sanding and refinishing…it looks amazing to this point

- We plan to replace the scrolling sign in from of the Board office (marquee only) before school starts back

- We have spoken to our architect and have plans moving to put new safety door inside the elementary

- Our new school video security system is still in process of being installed for safety and security

- HS sidewalk concrete replacement is completed and looks much better…is now safe and functional

- We continue our weekly Principal level leadership team meetings (virtual or in person)

- We continue to work on preparations for school to resume

**ON THE RADAR OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS:**

 - Continue to be active, visible, and accessible around our schools and community

- At this time, virtually attend WKEC & GRREC Co-op Meetings as scheduled