Superintendent Leonard Whalen: Board Report for February 15, 2021

Items of involvement (not all-inclusive) since our January 2021 Board Meeting:

Things seemed to be getting somewhat back to the “new normal” as we had students in on rotation for

a week and half the first few days of February before the winter weather caught up to us. We’re hopeful we

can get back on track quickly and get the weather behind us. The students and staff seemed to be very

excited to “get back to it.”

Although the calendar may seem somewhat “thin,” all our focus and discussion has been around safely

getting staff and students back in the building and getting them engaged. Major discussion and feedback is

happening right now regarding:

 - Staff feedback on potentially having school through Spring Break. At last look the responses seemed to be about 50/50. If this may be a viable option we would seek feedback from students families.

 - Summer session is most likely going to be needed. We are working on potential options on how this may look. We have ESSER 2 funds to help pay for this.

 - Potential other options for ESSER 2 monies…possibly use a large chunk to help address antiquated HVAC system in HS and other areas. This would allow the monies to help us for quite a long time as it would benefit student and staff health.

 - Potential pre-school expansion to help bring in more studnets. We currently have a survey out to gauge interest.

Wed. Jan. 27th: - Attended the WKEC Supt Virtual Meeting

Fri. Jan. 29th: - Held regularly scheduled Principals’ Meeting

 - Attended funeral of Kyle Chappell’s father

Mon. Feb 1st: - It was great to have students back in school on our rotation…it was great to see students and staff.

Tues. Feb. 2nd: - Visited schools and spoke to students and staff

Wed. Feb. 3rd: - Attended GRREC Supt. meeting in Bowling Green

Thur. Feb. 4th: - Attended home boys basketball game vs. McClean County

Fri. Feb. 5th: - Held regularly scheduled Administrators’ Meeting

Tue. Feb. 9th: - Attended KY Commissioner of Education, Dr. Glass’ webinar

Wed. Feb. 10th: - I, along with several other staff got our second dose of COVID19 vaccine. We had a few staff get their first dose.

 - Participated in WKEC Supt. virtual roundtable discussion

 - Attended DS Rotary meeting

Fri. Feb. 12th: - Reviewed mowing bid, finalized Board agenda

On the radar for the coming month:

 - Focus on trying to get back into school safely

 - Attend GRREC and WKEC Co-op Meetings

 - Conduct regularly scheduled Principal and Administrator Meetings

 - Attend multiple extracurricular activities as available