**SPENCER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Board of Education Agenda Item**

 Meeting Date **5/30/2023**

 Topic/Title **Speech Language Pathologist Addition**

 Presenter(s) **Chuck Abell/ Todd Russell**

**Type of Information/Board Action**

[ ]  Information only. No Board action required.

[ ]  Action requested at a future meeting: **Click or tap to enter a date.**

[ ]  **Consent agenda for approval at this meeting.**

[x]  **Action requested at this meeting.**

**Board review is a result of:**

[ ]  State or federal law or regulation.

[ ]  Board of Education policy.

[ ]  Past practice.

[x]  Other: **Best practice based on ECE numbers**

**Previous Review, Discussion, or Action**

[x]  No previous Board review, discussion, or action.

[ ]  Previous review/action on: **Click or tap to enter a date.** Action: **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Background/Summary of Presented Information**

Currently, we have 5 Speech-Language Pathologists and 1 Speech Language Pathologist Assistant in the district. Because of the numbers, we had to contract with another Speech Language Pathologist this school year in order for services to be provided to all students. This has been extremely costly for the ECE department. So, we are requesting to add an SLP position in order to not contract services. This position will be paid out of IDEA-B funds just as the contracted position currently is.

**Financial Considerations**

[ ]  There is NO financial impact on resources.

[x]  There is a financial impact on Board resources. Chief Financial Officer must review.

**GKM** Chief Financial Officer’s initials, if required

This is a grant-funded position so there would be no impact on the General Fund.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

[x]  Recommend approval as presented.