**WCBE Special Called Meeting**

January 13, 2020 5:30 PM

Board Conference Room

Dixon, KY 42409

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

Present Board Members

Mr. Mickey Dunbar

Mr. Cameron Edwards

Mr. Tim McCormick

Ms. Venita Murphy

Mr. James Nance

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Called Meeting of the Webster County Board of Education was called to order by Mickey Dunbar, Chairman of the Board, at 5:30 p.m.

**B. PRESENTATION**

**B.1. CSIP Presentation**

Principals from each of the schools in the district gave an update on their Consolidated School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Clay Elementary School is targeting a reduction in the number of novice scores in reading and math and pushing an increase in proficient and distinguished student performance. The school's plan to achieve those goals was presented. At Providence Elementary, principal Nita Johnson and her staff are focusing on student writing proficiency. She reviewed some of the activities school personnel has implemented and reported that writing intervention is a major focus for the year. Providence teachers have participated in writing training and are providing responses to student work. The school will also focus on increasing proficiency in both reading and math. Dixon Elementary principal Eric Wheatley said his school will also focus on growth in reading and math but added that science and writing are also top priority for the school. Dixon Elementary personnel has focused on student pacing and holding more student/teacher conferences. Sebree Elementary will focus on reading and math with growth and proficiency goals for both areas. At Sebree, diversity is both a strength and a challenge. The school is using both T2T meetings and intervention as they focus on writing and writing strategies. At Webster County Middle School, principal Michael Gooch told the board, "We are not where we want to be and not where we need to be, but we are working to increase proficiency numbers, and the school is showing proficiency increases." While middle school students did see increases in reading, on demand writing and social studies, WCMS, like most schools across the state, is struggling in science and math scores have declined. In an effort to improve math scores, the school has implemented MAP testing. "We want to become a data driven school." Gooch said. Middle school teachers have also developed WIN periods for daily enrichment in various areas of instruction. High School principal Jarrod Hankins told the board that there has been no significant change in the school's ACT composite score (19.2), but the score is not closer to the state average of 19.8. WCHS is a three-star school; however, Hankins noted that the graduation rate is rated at very low and that is a barrier the school is working to improve. Goals for the high school include increasing transition readiness, continuing with the pre-AP curriculum, implementing rigorous curriculum and instruction, providing training and professional networking for teachers and developing ACT preparation and strategies for success. Teachers will also implement higher level questioning and continue to align assessment to the standards.

**B.2. SFCC Offer of Assistance for Annual Debt Service ($35,372)**

Director of Finance/Treasurer presented the SFCC Offer of Assistance for the Annual Debt Service of $35,372 to the Board. The money is earmarked for use on future building or construction projects.

**B.3. WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance Project Progress Update**

Asst. Superintendent/DPP Greg Bowles reported on the progress of the WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance. The project is currently running two weeks behind putting the completion date near the end of January.

**B.4. WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance Change Order to Add a Concrete Approach to the Sidewalk at the Front of the Main Entrance ($4,328.60)**

Mr. Bowles presented to the Board a change order in the amount of $4,328.60 for concrete approaches at the high school front entrance.

**B.5. Review of Job Description for Digital Learning Coach (Certified)**

Aaron Harrell asked the Board to consider approving a job description for a Digital Learning Coach.

**C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**C.1. KSBA Annual Conference - 2/21-2/23 at the Galt House in Louisville**

A flyer with dates, times and sessions pertaining to the KSBA Annual Conference was given to each Board Member. The annual conference is being held at the Galt House in Louisville from February 21 thru February 23.

**C.2. Grant Updates**

Dawn Forker, Director of Elementary Education, reported that the

District has applied for an additional $12,000 in Striving Readers Grant money. The grant was submitted in two parts-one for elementary schools and one for the middle and high schools. If the application is successful, both programs could receive an additional $12,000 in grant funding. She also told the Board that a Title III Migrant Grant in the amount of $3,223 has been received by the District.

**D. APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**D.1. WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance Change Order to Add a Concrete Approach to the Sidewalk at the Front of the Main Entrance ($4,328.60)**

**Order #63 - Motion Passed:**  Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the WCHS Safe/Secure Entrance Change Order to Add a Concrete Approach to the Sidewalk at the Front of the Main Entrance in the Amount of $4,328.60 passed with a motion by Ms. Venita Murphy and a second by Mr. Cameron Edwards.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Yes

**D.2. Renew Duguid, Gentry & Associates, PSC as Auditor for the 2020-2021 Year**

**Order #64 - Motion Passed:**  Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Renewal of the Contract for Duguid, Gentry & Associates, PSC as Auditor for the 2020-2021 Year passed with a motion by Mr. Cameron Edwards and a second by Ms. Venita Murphy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Yes

**D.3. Approval of Job Description for Digital Learning Coach (Certified)**

**Order #65 - Motion Passed:**  Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Approval of the Job Description for the Digital Learning Coach (certified) passed with a motion by Mr. Cameron Edwards and a second by Ms. Venita Murphy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Yes

**D.4. SFCC Offer of Assistance for Annual Debt Service ($35,372)**

**Order #66 - Motion Passed:**  Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the SFCC Offer of Assistance for Annual Debt Service in the amount of $35,372 passed with a motion by Ms. Venita Murphy and a second by Mr. James Nance.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Yes

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

**Order #67 - Motion Passed:**  Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting of the Webster County Board of Directors at 6:40 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Venita Murphy and a second by Mr. James Nance.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mr. Mickey Dunbar Yes

Mr. Cameron Edwards Yes

Mr. Tim McCormick Yes

Ms. Venita Murphy Yes

Mr. James Nance Yes

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Mickey Dunbar, Chairperson

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Rhonda Callaway, Superintendent