

# THE SIMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

# BULLETIN-BOARD

VOL. 27, NO. 6

DECEMBER 20, 2012

The Simpson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 20, 2012, with all four members present. The following business was transacted.

1. Mr. Flynn made welcome announcements including: FSHS wins at HOSA on the Hill. All-District band tryouts. FSHS Yearbook won best overall 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year at the WKU Mark of Excellence. F-S choir students performed at KSBA conference. FSHS cheerleaders marched in the Disney Christmas parade. 6<sup>th</sup> grade academic team had several wins at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Showcase. FFA was well represented at the regional competition. The FSMS Chess Club stood out at the WKU Winter Invitational. Simpson County was well represented at the First Lego League Regional competition. Students from FSHS, FSMS, LES and SES will advance to the STLP State Championship to be held in March 2013 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. Both FSMS and FSHS had several students make All-State Choir. Three FSHS students placed at the KACTE Entrepreneurship event and won \$500. Simpson County Schools was one of 23 districts in the GRREC group which was awarded an RTTP District grant. They will share in \$40 million, over four years, to be used for innovation in education. In light of the recent national tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary, Mr. Flynn asked the attendees to join in a moment of silence. He assured that safety is always paramount at Simpson County Schools. We currently have a full time SRO on campuses every school day. We have 4 school social workers, an elementary FRC and YSC at the middle and high schools. We have secure vestibules at all schools, except FSHS. Video cameras are in place at the middle school, high school and all buses. We are still looking at several strategies for increasing security. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, Scott Harvey will be speaking to 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders about bullying. Parents will be invited to his presentation that night.
2. April McNaughton, LES Principal and Tim Schlosser, FSHS Principal gave their school's quarterly reports.
3. Chairperson David Webster called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.
4. Mrs. Pais, SES Principal introduced Mrs. Sopko and students from Ms. Herrin's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. The students designed and presented their own program about the "7 Habits" of the Leader in Me program.
5. Shelina Smith, DAC/Instructional Supervisor, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the "Leader In Me" program.
6. Jim Ivy, RBS Design, gave an update on the FSHS Phase II projects. After several planning meetings, schematic designs are on the agenda for board approval. He and Mr. Flynn visited KDE earlier this week about the schematics. He feels that they are agreeable with the plans, which include booster involvement in the field house project. KDE did request a signed agreement with the boosters. Mr. Ivy also will be taking a look at school safety, particularly the high school, to make recommendations for improvement.
7. During visitors' comments, Chad Drake expressed concern about school safety and requested that the board look into partnering with the Sheriff's Dept. and the Detention Center, to get more presence on school grounds. Eric Vaughn agreed with Mr. Drake, and has a concern with the

visibility at the Kids' First entrance. He also added that if a Security Advisory board is formed, he wants to join. Robert White will look into the concern and Mr. Flynn invited parents to stay and discuss school safety concerns and ideas after the January 7<sup>th</sup> presentation.

8. **Superintendent and Staff Reports included: monthly ADA/dropout report, staff attendance report ODT student trips, ODT administrative travel, daycare financial report, food service financial report, monthly vendor report, monthly investment report, monthly reconciliation, fixed asset report, review EPAS results, review organizational chart of administrative positions, 2013-2014 early revenue projection, student teacher report, college and career readiness report, and monthly VISA charges.**
9. **The following personnel report was submitted. Employment was reported for 15 certified guest teachers, 4 classified guest employees, 1 bus mechanic at Transportation Dept., 1 custodian at FES, 1 two-hour custodian at FES, and 1 four-hour custodian at SES. There were also 2 transfers and 1 resignation.**
10. **The following consent items were approved:**
  - **Approve minutes of previous meetings**
  - **Approve monthly financial report**
  - **Approve payment of bills, salaries and regular accounts**
  - **Approve FMLA for three certified and four classified employees**
  - **Approve non-resident contracts for 2013-2014 with surrounding school districts**
  - **Approve FSEEF grant application – FSMS – Science Dept. supplies**
  - **Approve second reading on policy 01.42 – Regular Meetings**
  - **Approve fundraising form – LES Art – After School Drawing Classes**
  - **Approve fundraising form – LES – Art Fund**
  - **Approve fundraising form – FSHS Choir – Candy Bar Sales**
  - **Approve fundraising form – SES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music – Christmas Concert DVD**
11. **Approved/awarded landscaping contract for 2013 to Lonnie's Lawn Care at \$29,440**
12. **Approved/awarded mowing contract for 2013 to Perfect Cut Lawn Care at \$24, 950**
13. **Approved shortened school day – Middle School Student**
14. **Approved FSHS Phase II (Band, Chorus Room and Field House) Schematic Design, presented by RBS Design Architecture**
15. **The Board formally adjourned.**

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOLS PROVIDE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES