

# THE SIMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Simpson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2013, with all five members present. The following business was transacted.

1. Dr. Flynn made welcome announcements including: FFA National Convention winners—Jessie Clinard and Josh Cothorn placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation with their project “Moisture Madness”. Jacob Fleming placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation with his project “Pulling Power”. Lilly Robertson was the sole National Finalist from Kentucky and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation with her project “Organic vs. Conventional: A Study of Societies Misconceptions”. The Agronomy team placed 11<sup>th</sup> out of 34 teams in the nation and received a Gold Rating for their efforts. The agronomy team consisted of Abbey Yates, Bailey Holloway, Jacob Fleming, and Lilly Robertson. The Jr. Parliamentary Procedures team, which consisted of Lilly Robertson, Jacob Fleming, Hunter Bowling, Hilary Vaughn, Isaac Stock, Ben Goodrum, and Tyler Patty, also competed. The 2014 Calendar Girl winners are DaCha’ Robbins, Brittany DeFreece, Allie Forshee, LaKayla Atkins, Chelsea Cummings, Lindsay Curtis, Corrine Owens, Heaven Holder, Rachel Henderson, Katie Eaton, Elizabeth Bunton and Brittany Rowland. Congratulations to FSHS Senior Emmi Thurmond, who signed with Bethel University to play softball and continue her education. Katherine Hightower and Blake Campbell were drawn from a pool of very qualified CCR seniors from Simpson County to qualify for the KSBA First Degree Scholarship. The final scholarships will be awarded based on a drawing conducted by the KSBA Board of Directors. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the FS Swim Team swam their first meet of the season in Lebanon, TN. The boys’ team set three school records in the Medley Relay, and both Freestyle Relays. Ashton Hill broke his own school record in the 100 Breast Event. Danni Coates and Lindsay Owens had personal best times in the 100 Free Style Event. The FSHS Yearbook won 1<sup>st</sup> place best overall yearbook (for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row!), best overall layout and design, best overall theme development, best overall advertising, best candid feature photo, and best division spread. The yearbook also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in best sports spread and 3<sup>rd</sup> in best cover, best academics spread and best organizations spread. The FSHS FFA program is in the top 10% in Kentucky, based on state assessment scores. Supt. Flynn also reported on the education summit he attended in Lexington, which put a spotlight on funding needs in education. His two major areas of focus are staff compensation and teaching and learning resources. He encouraged everyone to contact legislators in support of increased state funding for education, which is constitutionally a state responsibility.
2. Chairperson David Webster called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.
3. LES Principal, Pat Vejr, spoke on the importance of STEM in education. Steven Guthrie introduced Ms. Grimes and two Robotics team members - Lexi Phillips and Madie Hall. The two “engineers” programmed robots to perform precise skills for competition.
4. During visitors’ comments, teacher and KEA member, Diane Cary urged staff to contact legislators and ask them to invest in education.
5. Laney White (Carr, Riggs & Ingram) gave a report on the 2012-2013 audit. Local revenue increased while state/federal revenue decreased. Overall, expenses dropped slightly. Construction costs

increased the use of restricted funds with the projects underway. Expenditures were spent primarily on instruction at a rate higher than the state average. District administrative costs were slightly below average compared to the rest of the state. In summary, expenditures only slightly outpaced revenues. Mr. White stated it was a clean audit with an unqualified opinion (the best rating possible). He was complimentary of our staff for their work in this area.

6. **Superintendent and Staff Reports included: ADA/dropout reports, staff attendance, ODT student reports and basketball schedules, ODT administrative travel, daycare financial report, food service financial report, monthly vendor report, monthly investment report, monthly reconciliation, construction reconciliation report, fixed assets report, monthly VISA charges, review needs assessment process for 2014-2015 budget cycle, program reviews, quarterly reports, portal usage reports, review 2013-2014 emergency school closing procedures, booster organization update, KY TELL facilities and resources, KSBIT update.**
7. **The following personnel report was submitted. Employment was reported for 1 certified guest employee, and 1 classified bus monitor/sub driver at bus garage. There was 1 resignation; and there were four FMLA approvals.**
8. **The following consent items were approved:**
  - **Approve minutes of previous meetings**
  - **Approve monthly financial report**
  - **Approve payment of bills, salaries and regular accounts**
  - **Approve FSEEF grant application – FSHS FCS Department – In class instructional materials**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSHS – Boys’ Basketball**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSHS – Yearbook**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSMS – Yearbook**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSHS International Club – Pasta Night**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSHS International Club – Party Lite Candles**
  - **Approve fund raising form – LES PTO – Elf Project**
  - **Approve fund raising form – LES PTO – Cookie Dough Sale**
  - **Approve fund raising form – LES PTO – Spring Events**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FS Lady Cats Softball Boosters – Various Fundraisers for 2013-14**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSMS Girls’ Basketball – Donations, Taking Pictures, Cookie Dough Sales**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSHS Girls’ Basketball – Calendar Sales, Concessions, Raffles\* (\*pending receipt of charitable gaming license)**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSHS Dance Team – T Shirt Sales**
  - **Approve fund raising form – FSMS Chorus – Misc.**
  - **Approve ODT travel for three board members to attend the KSBA Winter Symposium on Dec. 6-7, 2013**
  - **Approved use of a common carrier and out of district travel for FS Marching Band trip to perform at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, in Hawaii**
  - **Approve ODT travel for Supt. Flynn to attend Supt. Summit in Phoenix, AZ – March 2014 (expenses to be paid for by DA Leadership Institute)**
9. **Approved 2012-2013 audit report**
10. **Approved CBE Adequacy Study, at a cost of \$700 or less**
11. **Approved FSHS Boys’ Basketball Boosters as an external booster for the 2013-2014 school year**
12. **Approved FSHS Girls’ Volleyball as an external booster for the 2013-2014 school year**

- 13. Approved Franklin-Simpson Soccer Booster Club, Inc. as an external booster for the 2013-2014 school year**
- 14. Approved FSHS Girls' Basketball as an external booster for the 2013-2014 school year**
- 15. Approved \$1,000 donation to Project Graduation – Class of 2014**
- 16. Approved School Facilities Construction Commission KETS Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$26,442**
- 17. Revised Asst. Transportation Manager salary schedule and hours (net zero impact on budget)**
- 18. The Board formally adjourned.**

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