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The Simpson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2013, with all five members present. The following business was transacted.

1. Dr. Flynn made welcome announcements including: Simpson County Schools is celebrating high attendance week Sept. 16th-20th, with high attendance day on Wednesday. LES had the highest attendance rate on Wednesday and 5th grade was highest overall in the district. Congratulations to FSHS Seniors Robin Tyler -- named as Semifinalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship program and to Hunter Bowles -- named WBKO Scholar of the Week. Megan Hatfield, teacher at LES, was selected WBKO's Hometown Hero. A segment on Ms. Hatfield will air on WBKO Friday, September 27th at 6 and 10pm. FSHS also made WBKO news for their increases in college/career -readiness and graduation rates. FFA Reporter, Molly Fleming was interviewed. Franklin Elementary School has been named one of the 49 TELL Honorable Mention schools by the Kentucky Education Cabinet, after the school met certain criteria for safety, resources, teacher personal development and leadership. FSMS was named a HIGH HOPE SCHOOL by the Gallup Organization based on a student survey taken last year. FSHS was named one of two HUB schools in the state of Kentucky. Principal Schlosser presented the board with a certificate for the efforts in gaining HUB status. Dr. Flynn spoke of how well the homecoming week went and thanks our students, staff, parents and community (everyone was safe, had a great time and all events went well). There will be no school for students on Friday, September 27th. Check with your school to schedule a visit for parent-teacher conferences. Fall break (for students and staff) will be October 7th-11th this year.
2. Chairperson David Webster called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.
3. FSHS Principal, Tim Schlosser, updated the board on the CCR rate. Currently 94 seniors are college/career-ready. This is almost 50%! Commissioner Holliday visited and celebrated FSHS' HUB status last week. FSHS is one of only two schools chosen in Kentucky for their improvements. Visits from other Kentucky schools are planned, including a visit from 6-7 schools in November.

Mr. Schlosser turned the podium over to FFA sponsor Samuel Evans. Mr. Evans introduced two students who placed first in the state in their areas. Lilly Robertson gave a presentation on organic vs. conventional milk. Jacob Fleming demonstrated his (ag. dept.) power structure & technical program using a hobby of his – micro pulling tractors.
4. Felicia Dalton, agriculture department teacher at FSHS, gave a Power Point presentation on a proposed Greenhouse Project. Her hopes are to secure funds to build a new greenhouse to replace the two outdated ones presently in use. She would like to make it more accessible for students and the community.
5. During visitors' comments, Jeff Wells of Alliance Corporation gave an update on the construction projects at FSHS. He gave credit to the crews who pushed to get the stadium and concession stand ready in time for big events. After football season, they will put finishing touches on the stadium and concession building. They are relatively on schedule for the performing arts building (only about 4

days behind). The roof should be on next week; and the expected completion is still after Christmas break. The field house should start being erected next week as well. There have been no safety issues during the construction thus far. There are a few change orders, but there are credits as well.

8. **Superintendent and Staff Reports included: ADA/dropout reports, out of district student trips, out of district administrative travel, daycare financial report, food service financial report, monthly vendor report, monthly investment report, monthly reconciliation, construction reconciliation report, monthly VISA charges and post secondary plans for the Class of 2014.**

6. **The following personnel report was submitted. Employment was reported for 1 Science teacher at FSMS, 1 custodian at FSHS, 1 custodian at FSMS, 1 (3-hr.) custodian at SES, 2 Sp Ed instructional para educators at LES, 1 transfer, 1 resignation, and 1 retirement.**

7. **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 FFA – Plant and Weed ID Kit**
 - **Approve fund raising form – LES – St. Jude Math a Thon**
 - **Approve fund raising form – LES Art – Artwork Sale**
 - **Approve four hours of board member training credit for Brigette Crawford and Debbie Hudson who attended the 2013 NSBA conference**

8. **Approved Simpson Elementary PTO as an external booster for the 2013-2014 school year**
9. **Approved Lady Cats Softball Boosters as an external booster for the 2013-2014 school year**
10. **Approved the recommended 4% tax rate on real and personal property at 47.6 cents**
11. **Approved the exemption of aircraft, watercraft and inventory in transit tax**
12. **Approved the recommended 54.6 cent motor vehicle tax rate**
13. **Approved Summary of Payments No. 2 for FSHS Performing Arts Center, stadium and concessions projects**
14. **Approved Summary of Payments No. 1 for FSHS Athletic Field House project**
15. **Approved change orders No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 for FSHS Performing Arts Center, stadium, concession projects**
16. **Approved a student/staff Leader in Me incentive fund with FSEEF**
17. **Approved the purchase of two school buses and the KISTA participation resolution**
18. **Approved Roy Swisher's revised military leave for the 2012-2013 school year**
18. **The Board formally adjourned.**