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The Simpson County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, September 24, 2015, with four members present. The following business was transacted.

1. Supt. Flynn made welcome announcements including:

- Our partnership with WKU and the Confucius Institute has brought us four new Chinese teachers this school year to teach Chinese culture for grades 1st through 12th. We extend our welcome to Fay (Miao Zhang) – SES, Anna (Zheng Liao) – LES, Vicky (Bin) – FSHS and Spring (Shi Baolin) – FSMS. This is the first time the teachers have traveled to the United States and they are embracing all their experiences. Everyone is invited to stop by the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce After Hours hosted by The Beasley House on Tuesday, October 20, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., to meet and welcome our new teachers.
- WKU Confucius Institute also hosted the program “Amazing China” at Lincoln Elementary. The performers from the New York Chinese Traditional Art Center demonstrated Chinese culture through Peking opera and face changing performances. We appreciate the institute for providing this treat for our students.
- Franklin-Simpson Middle School had the opportunity to host a music video on August 12 for twelve year old artist Bailey James. The video was a great opportunity to showcase our students, school, and district. Students were able to have parts as extras and Cari McBrayer, teacher at SES, portrayed a teacher in the video.
- Congratulations to the Franklin-Simpson FFA Agronomy team (Grace Clark, John Wesley Forshee, Owen Carey, and John Webb) for winning at state competition in Louisville and advancing to Nationals. Congrats to Owen Carey for also being named the State High Individual. The chapter also placed second overall in Wheat, with sophomore Owen Carey placing first in the state. Also, Lilly Robertson will be serving as the Regional Vice President for the Barren River Region for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Thanks to the FS Quarterback Club the FS Moonwalk is complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 25 at the entrance to the football complex. The community is invited to attend.
- Congrats to the FSHS girls’ volleyball team for breaking a state record with their 47 - 45 win against Butler County on August 25. Also, FSMS cross country runners, Jaydee DeGraffenreid and Logan Garner, set new records at the Glasgow Christian Warrior Run on the 12th.
- There was a nice showing for the 47th annual FS marching competition on Sunday, September 12. Congratulations to our band for hosting a great event.
- During September, the elementary schools celebrated our students’ grandparents with several breakfasts held at SES and LES and Goodies with Grandparents (cookies & milk) at FES. It’s great to see all the grandparents at school!
- Board member, Nancy Uhls, and SCS employee, Mickey Lewis II -Family Resource Center Assistant, were recognized for their performance in the play *Raisin in the Sun* hosted by the Franklin Community Arts Council on Sept. 18 – 20.

- **Good luck to the seniors competing this weekend in the Distinguished Young Woman of Simpson County scholarship program. Participating are Allie Forshee, Hannah Grimes, Michaela Morgan, Lakayla Atkins, Madison McMillin, Alex West, Alannah Fuller, and Tianna Williams. The program is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Goodnight Library on September 26.**
 - **Franklin-Simpson Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, October 2. The annual parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the football game against the Warren Central Dragons at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Everyone is invited to the festivities.**
 - **Fall break is scheduled for the week of October 5th. This is a great opportunity for our staff and students to relax, Sharpen the Saw, and come back refreshed and ready to go.**
 - **Natalie McCutchen, Franklin-Simpson Middle School Math Teacher, received a certificate of recognition from Simpson County Schools for being named a recipient of the 2016 Ashland Inc. Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. McCutchen will be recognized at an awards ceremony and luncheon in Frankfort, KY on October 7. Governor Steve Beshear and a number of other dignitaries will be in attendance to recognize the honorees.**
2. **Chairperson David Webster called the meeting to order and stated that this is a special meeting; therefore no items may be discussed that are not on the agenda.**
 3. **Tim Schlosser, Franklin-Simpson High School Principal, presented data on college and career readiness and reported on the Reading Assistant program used during academic time; grade equivalent testing comparisons; and intervention successes.**
 4. **Lincoln Theinert, Ross Sinclair & Associates, addressed the Board to provide an update on the bond status and current financial standing. A proposed bond sale would provide a projected \$2.6m which could financially support the planned roofing project costs of \$670k and leave \$2.0m for projects going forward. Brian Woosley, CPA – Stiles, Carter & Associates, thanked Amanda Deweese, Simpson County Schools Chief Finance Officer and the Finance Department for working with them during the audit process and the Board for allowing them to provide their auditing services. Mr. Woosley reviewed the highlights of the 2014-2015 financial audit and discussed new standards for all state and local government regarding the CRS Pension Plan.**
 5. **Superintendent and Staff Reports included: 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, monthly VISA charges, AP scores and programs, CDIP (I&I Check), learning community day report, post secondary plans – class of 2016, and preschool program review (P2R) cohort IV final report.**
 6. **The following personnel report was submitted: Employment was reported for 2 certified and 10 classified staff, 4 transfers, 4 resignations, 1 leave, and 1 declined position.**
 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 2015-2016 school-wide supervision plans**
 - **Approve ARC chairperson designees**
 - **Approve per policy 01.821, ODT for board members to attend NSBA conference**
 - **Approve FSEEF grant application – FSMS – interactive math website subscription**
 - **Approve request to declare fork lift truck surplus and offered for sale**

- Approve FS Baseball Boosters as an external booster for the 2015-2016 school year
- Approve Fundraising Form – FS Baseball Boosters - Various
- Approve Franklin-Simpson Boys’ Soccer as an external booster for the 2015-2016 school year
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS Cheer – Car Wash and Yard Sale
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSHS Travel Club - Various
- Approve Fundraising Form – FS CTE – Various Sales
- Approve Fundraising Form – FFA - Various
- Approve Fundraising Form – DECA – Engraving Tags and Candy
- Approve Fundraising Form – FES PTO – Various
- Approve Fundraising Form – LES – St. Jude Math-A-Thon
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS GT Art Club - Various
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS Ecuador Trip – Various
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS STEAM Team – T-shirt Sales
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS – Chocolate Sales
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS Speech – Beverage Sales
- Approve Fundraising Form – FSMS PTO – Message Board

8. Approved 2014-2015 audit report
9. Approved 2015-2016 working budget to be submitted electronically to KDE Division of Finance
10. Approved construction bids for BG Project #15-268
11. Approved BG Project #15-268 revised BG-1 form based on accepted bids
12. Adopted resolution authorizing the Simpson County School District Finance Corporation to issue revenue bonds
13. Approved transfer of \$524,755.54 from unassigned to committed for future construction (account #10 8745) in the general fund
14. Approved revised final BG-1 and BG-5 for FSHS Phase 2 and Stadium Repairs (Project #13-028)
15. Approved revised final BG-1 and BG-5 for FSHS Field House Facility (Project #13-029)
16. Approved HVAC system replacement at Franklin-Simpson Middle School
17. Approved Job Description 2.023 School Administrative Manager
18. Approved AdvancEd district accreditation process and timeline for external review
19. Approved Simpson County Schools Intervention Plan for Instructional Excellence
20. Approved Roy Swisher’s military leave for the 2015-2016 school year
21. Approved rescheduling Board meeting from October 20 to October 29 due to conflicts
22. The Board formally adjourned