

# **SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS**

## **LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL PILOT NEW STRATEGIC PLAN PROCESS**

Following a request by Superintendent James Evans, Jr., Lee County Schools will be participating as a pilot district in the new strategic planning process. Evans met with representatives from the Kentucky Department of Education to discuss the need for the development of a new vision and mission for the district.

Strategic planning is a systemic process for envisioning a desired future. During the development of Lee County Schools' Strategic Plan, stakeholders will identify the district's vision and then translate this

vision into broadly defined goals and objectives to achieve them. The planning process will include three (3) two hour meetings involving students, parents, educators, and community stakeholders. These meetings are open to interested parties and will be held at the Lee County Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. February 4th, February 28th, and March 7th.

## **LOCAL FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN**

**The first Public Forum has been scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Southside Elementary School at 6:30 P.M. local time.**

Per Kentucky Administrative Regulation 702 KAR 4:180 Section 1, A school district shall develop a local District Facilities Plan (DFP) once every four (4) years in accordance with the schedule set by the Commissioner of Education. Lee County Schools have recently begun the process to develop a new four year DFP. A Local Facilities Planning Committee (LPC) made up of 20 members has been established to develop the new plan. The LPC will include parents, teachers, building administrators, facilities directors, central office staff, local board members, local governmental building planning officials, and the school superintendent. Lee County Schools' LPC held their initial orientation meeting on January 7, 2013,

to discuss roles and responsibilities of those involved in plan development, and the process and procedures to be implemented. Mr. Ray Shuler was elected to serve as chair for the LPC and Mr. Larry Burgess was elected to serve as vice-chair. A minimum of three (3) Public Forums will be held during plan development to allow for public input and discussion. These Public Forums will be advertised in the Three Forks Tradition, on the district website at [www.lee.kyschools.us](http://www.lee.kyschools.us), and in the district newsletter. The first Public Forum has been scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Southside Elementary School at 6:30 P.M. local time. The school district welcomes input from all stakeholders.

**LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 21ST, 2013.**

# SCHOOL BOARD SETS DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

At the regular board meeting held January 8th, 2013 at 7:00 PM, new board member Melissa Judd and incumbents Larry Burgess and Curtis Davis were sworn in to serve four year terms. The board then elected Larry Burgess to serve as Board Vice-Chair, and William Owens to serve as Board Chairman.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent James Evans, Jr., it was ordered to set the date, time, and location for the Lee County Board of Education's 2013 regular board meetings as follows:

January	08, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education
February	12, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Middle School
March	12, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Beattyville Elementary School
April	09, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Southside Elementary School
May	14, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education
June	11, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education
July	09, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education
August	13, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education
September	10, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education
October	08, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County High School
November	12, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Middle School
December	10, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Lee County Board of Education



January is Kentucky's 18th annual observation of School Board Recognition Month. Lee County School Board members are pictured left to right Larry Burgess, William Owens, Curtis Davis, Janie Thorpe, Melissa L. Judd, and Superintendent Jim Evans.

Beginning with the February 12th, 2013 meeting, the Lee County Board of Education will now meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meeting locations will be rotated among the schools during the fall and spring with all others held at the Lee County Board of Education Central Office. This 2013 Regular Board Meeting Calendar will also be added to the Lee County School District webpage under downloads and links @ <http://www.lee.kyschools.us/>.

On behalf of the Lee County School District, and the Kentucky School Boards Association, Superintendent Evans presented board members William Owens, Larry Burgess, Curtis Davis, Janie Thorpe, and Melissa L. Judd with certificates of appreciation in recognition of their dedication to Lee County students. January is School Board Recognition Month.

Board members received reports from several school district administrators during the January meeting. Ms. Teresa Thomas, Food Service Director, presented the 2012 District Nutrition and Physical Activity Report. Thomas also discussed nutritional guidelines which have been set by the federal government.

Sharon Bush, Instructional Supervisor, discussed instructional issues including a request by Superintendent Evans to begin the process of a District Wide Strategic Plan. Evans informed board members that Lee County Schools had been chosen by the Kentucky Department of Education to be a model school district for strategic planning. "This is a huge honor for our district and I'm excited about getting started."

Ray Shuler, Director of Pupil Personnel provided the board with both calendar and attendance updates. Currently Lee County has missed no instructional days due to inclement weather or illness. Attendance is holding at 92%. Shuler also discussed progress by the Local Planning Committee (LPC) in developing Lee County Schools' District Facility Plan (DFP). The next meeting for the LPC is scheduled for January 28th starting at 5:00 P.M. at Southside Elementary.

Mr. Shuler also reviewed district safety procedures and plans to add front door security locks at both the high and middle schools. Superintendent Evans emphasized the importance of all staff following guidelines set forth by the board of education and the Kentucky Center for School Safety each day.

During the monthly budget report, Zina Gibson, District Finance Officer, presented the FY2014 Draft Budget to board members for review and approval. Gibson provided the board with both projected revenue and expenditures. Superintendent Evans informed members that the school district had received a mid-year funding cut of \$87,000.00 dollars due to a loss in SEEK funding at the state level. He further stated that if no decision is made to stop the fiscal cliff in March, the district will lose an additional \$100,000.00 dollars in federal funds.

Mr. Rupert White of White and Associates provided the board with the FY12 annual financial audit. White commended the board and staff for an excellent audit report and recommended the district continue to plan long term.

In other business, the board approved bus applications and payment of bills and claims. Superintendent Evans informed board members of the following personnel changes: Greg Ramey has retired as the Gear Up Coach, effective immediately; and Karen Angel will serve as the varsity cheerleading sponsor for the remainder of this school year.

Superintendent Evans commended the board and staff members in attendance for their hard work and dedication to kids, and upon motion, the Board adjourned.

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