ITEM: Approval Request to Apply for a District Energy Manager Funding Grant

APPLICABLE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION OR STATUTE:

KRS 45A
McBOE 01.1, 01.11, & 04.32

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BACKGROUND:
Board approval is requested to apply for a grant to fund the salary of a district Energy Manager. The grant is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“ARRA”) through the combined efforts of the Kentucky Department of Energy and Independence, the U.S. Department of Energy and KSBA. KSBA will administer the distribution of the ARRA funds. The grant is offered to aid districts in complying with KRS 160.325 requirements for the implementation of a district energy plan and a district energy curriculum. The development of the plan and curriculum application will be aided by the district’s mandatory enrollment the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools. The long range goal is to eventually achieve an Energy Star rating for all Kentucky Schools. The Grant will fund up to $41,250 of the Energy Managers salary and benefits the first year and $22,900 in year two. Savings incurred from better energy management should eventually cover the positions entire cost. The KSBA letter of notification is attached. The grant RFP form will be presented at the April 15, 2010 regular Board meeting. The deadline for response is April 30, 2010.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:
Board Prerogative

RECOMMENDATION:
Board Prerogative

CONTACT PERSON:
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Superintendent                                 Date