

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lanesville Community Schools Board of Trustees was held on April 19, 2011, at the Carl Uessler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville, Indiana 47136. Donald Hussung, Board president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Donald Hussung, President
Ron Wolfe, Vice-President
Robert Schickel, Secretary
Denzil McKim, member
Kenny Acton, member
Steve Morris, Superintendent

The minutes from the March 15 meeting were presented for approval. One change was noted. The information regarding the farmer's share of the breakfast served by the FFA should read 40 cents instead of 44 cents. With that noted, Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the minutes. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month March. Kenny Acton made the motion to approve the claims. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no changes to the agenda for the meeting. Donald Hussung called for public comments. There were no public comments.

Steve Morris proceeded with the Superintendent's report. His report included the following:

The state legislature made an announcement that an additional \$150 million will be added to the budget for Kindergarten through 12th grade over the next budget cycle. This bill is still in the Senate. This came about because state revenue forecasts are up. Based on the existing proposal, half of that money will be used to fund full day kindergarten. Some of that money will go into the basic funding formula, which is still being tweaked. Until they finalize the budget, it will be uncertain how much of that money will be available. Projections show that at Lanesville Community Schools, \$185,000.00 will be cut from the amount of 2011 and it will even out for 2012 and 2013.

Collective bargaining restrictions will limit the discussion of collective bargaining to teacher benefits and wages. All other items currently discussed at the time of negotiations will not be included. Current contracts will stay in affect. Once the law passes, the newer contracts will reflect the change.

The school voucher bill is moving along and vouchers will now be available to families for their child to attend private schools. There have been some modifications.

Approximately 5 ½ million dollars will go to private schools to fund this program. The state calls these vouchers scholarships.

Another scholarship will be available to students who want to graduate early. If a student leaves high school early, the money that the state would have given the high school for that student, will go to the individual to put toward their first year in college.

The charter school bill has passed. At one time the public schools were going to be required to take part of the transportation fund monies to pay for transportation to the charter schools. That policy was eliminated. Mayors will not be allowed to charter schools as originally stated. The state board of education and all colleges are allowed to charter schools under this new law.

The teacher evaluation bill is alive and well and will probably pass.

Construction bids will be accepted at this meeting. Bids came in under what was expected and there are some extra dollars to consider. Ideas on how to spend those extra funds are being gathered and will be given consideration.

Based on the teacher evaluation bill, the administration has begun discussion with teachers for their input regarding annual teacher evaluations. There is a committee to look at different models across the state and to discuss the program at Lanesville. Yearly evaluations are not a problem at Lanesville due to our size. Mr. Morris is supportive of a yearly evaluation. Current contracts do not specify a yearly evaluation.

The Administration has reached an agreement with the teachers for professional development for next year. Teachers will stay after school every Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 p.m. until 3:55 p.m. for professional development.

December 21, 2011 will be used as a snow make-up day if needed for the first semester.

Upcoming this week is another walkthrough with Lanesville teachers. The last one proved to be very beneficial and informative.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Mr. Morris gave the principal's report for Mrs. Himmelhaver.

Kindergarten registration on April 5, 2011 yielded an enrollment of 34. 29 students were in the school district and 5 were out of district. Two more have contacted the school about registration. One parent that is out of district has requested early entrance for their child. There is a procedure in place to test the student. Last year, there were 40 students enrolled in Kindergarten.

Next week is ISTEP testing for grades 3 – 6. 6th grade will be doing on-line testing. 7th and 8th grade will be doing on-line as well.

The AP testing for the high school will be done at the beginning of May. Around the middle of May, the high school will conduct the End of Course assessment tests (ECA).

School Improvement Update: We are entering the strategy plans this week and are hopeful we will be ready to submit them to INSAI this Friday. The elementary has four strategies and they include:

- Differentiated Instruction K-12 (Encourage Rigorous Curriculum)
- Common Benchmark Assessments
- K-3 Ready Strategy (Focused Academic Group)
- Academic Performance of Male Students (Focused Student Group)
- Graduation Plan (6th graders)

The High School Destination Imagination team is a state champion again this year. The team went to Noblesville and competed against much larger schools. Global competition is May 25 through May 28 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The 8th grade attended Junior Achievement in Louisville for the mock career day. Students engaged in activities that gave them opportunities to see what it is like to hold a job, pay monthly bills, stay on a budget and raise a family.

Other recent trips included a group of students who attended an opera at Indiana University in Bloomington and the Senior Class went to IUS to research information for their Senior Thesis papers.

Robin Wolfe wrote a grant to the Metro United Way for money to fund a "boot camp" for sixth through eighth grade students who show an interest in attending college. The funds from this grant will provide for transportation to visit colleges this summer. She will be presented the money this week.

Interviews for the Business teacher are underway. There are several excellent candidates and Mr. Morris is pleased with the quality of the applicants so far. He hopes to have a recommendation next month.

Renaissance will have a recognition program at the end of the week for all A and AB honor roll students for the 3rd grading period. Teachers will pick three or four students who qualify for "most improved" and they will be honored as well.

April 30, 2011 is the academic banquet at Lanesville High School. School Board members are invited. Lisa Freeman, former graduate, will be the guest speaker. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

There will be an Artist in Residence program on May 5 – 12 working with the art students.

8th graders will be going to the Louisville Science Center on May 12.

This concluded the Principal's reports.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to accept the results of the negotiations from earlier in the evening regarding the contracted bus routes. Bids on seven of the eight contracted routes were accepted. The remaining route is still under consideration by the driver. Final contracts will be available for signatures at the May meeting. Kenneth Acton made the motion to accept the final offers made to drivers pending acceptance of all bus drivers with a comment to continue to look at the fuel adjustment issue. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The approval of the contractor bids for the Qualified School Construction Bond consisted of approval of 4 resolutions. Resolutions were as follows:

- Resolution to accept the contract for construction for the 2010 Quality Schools Construction Bond renovation project for general construction work with James L. Shireman Construction with a base bid, Alternate 1, Alternate 2 and Alternate 3 with a bid of \$909,500.00. Robert Schickel made the motion to accept the bid. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Approval for new temperature control contract in the amount of \$21,085.00 to ACCO. This is to retrofit, extend and upgrade the existing control system. Denzil McKim made the motion to award the contract to ACCO. Kenneth Acton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Approval of Steve Morris, Superintendent, as the owners representative for the construction project. Denzil McKim made the motion to appoint Mr. Morris as the owners representative. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Authorization for the owner's representative to approve changes in the contract within the contingency allowance. The contingency amount is \$50,000. This would authorize Mr. Morris to approve any unforeseen conditions that would result in additional spending up to that amount. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Kenneth Acton asked that all change orders be signed and sent back to the Board at the next meeting. Jamie Lake, architect, will have all contracts signed and returned to Mr. Morris by the May Board meeting.

Mr. Lake gave the Board a presentation showing the summary of the construction contracts. He pointed out that money is remaining on the project and gave the Board a summary of ideas on how that money could be spent. Ideas included floor covering in the elementary building, exterior cleaning and parking lot striping.

Kenny Acton stated that the Corporation should make it a point to require releases on payments from sub-contractors on the project.

Kenneth Acton made the motion to approve the facility use request by the Harrison County Health Department for the annual rabies clinic on May 5, 2011 in the high school parking lot. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Personnel issues were addressed as follows:

Kenny Acton made the motion to approve George Herbert, as the assistant baseball coach. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Robert Schickel made the motion to approve the retirement of Jr-Sr High School English teacher, Sharon Rothrock at the end of the school year. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Donald Hussung
President

Robert Schickel
Secretary