

**LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

January 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on January 18, 2011 at the Carl Uessler Corporation Office, at 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana 47136. Board President, Donald Hussung, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members present at the meeting were as follows:

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

Donald Hussung presented the minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting for approval. Denzil McKim made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of January for approval. Robert Schickel made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Discussion included a request from Donald Hussung that the repair and maintenance bills acquired for the upkeep of the current heating and air conditioning unit be submitted to the architect for his review when he considers what is needed when installing the new system. Mr. Morris also pointed out that the charges for Marzano Research were for the speaker at the January 17 teacher in-service and that those funds were paid from Title 2 grant money. Motion carried 5-0.

Before proceeding with public comments, Donald Hussung asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Mr. Morris stated that there would be a request for an additional 3 weeks for maternity leave for Amber Wineinger that would be added under personnel. With that addition noted, Hussung called for public comments. There were none.

Mr. Morris proceeded with the Superintendent's report.

The school corporation had received a letter from State Superintendent, Tony Bennett, congratulating Lanesville Elementary and Lanesville Jr-Sr High school on meeting the AYP each year since 2003. Mr. Morris will make reference to the letter in the school newsletters and on the school website.

Mr. Morris had met with other Superintendents at Spring Mill State Park the previous week to discuss with State representatives, Rhonda Rhodes, Terry Goodin and Richard Young issues facing Indiana Education. He asked them about the school consolidation issue. All three responded that there were no plans to make school consolidation a mandatory issue, however, some schools may be forced to consolidate due to the economic situation. Both Rhodes and Young had nothing but positive comments about Lanesville Community Schools.

Update of issues in the State Legislature:

- Mr. Morris brought up the proposed bill in the state legislature concerning the school calendar. The proposed bill states that school could not begin before Labor Day. He pointed out that there is no educational organization backing this bill, it is strictly parent driven. Schools practicing the balance calendar are exempt from this bill.
- The funding formula for 2010 will be tweaked for 2011-12 budget year. It will have an impact on how the money will be distributed to school districts based on enrollment. Those schools losing enrollment will get less money.
- The school voucher bill is being discussed. It includes a sliding scale based upon family income for tuition at private schools. It was Mr. Morris' opinion that private schools are directly linked to religious beliefs and that no public money should be used to fund private schools. Donald Hussung stated that the public school system should be looked at very closely and before giving money away to private school systems, the public schools should be improved. Vouchers will only add to school competition and the recruitment of athletes that was encountered when the state changed the general fund support.
- Expansion of Charter Schools is also an issue. Currently, only Ball State University can charter schools. This bill would allow more entities to charter schools that would receive student money. This proposal would also mandate that public schools with space available would have to lease that space to charter schools for as little as \$1.00, and share transportation with them.
- The bargaining contract for teachers could be limited to wage and benefits. Discussion followed as to what was considered to be "benefits". It was agreed that the state needed to define that term.

Mr. Morris has proposed a calendar for the 2011-12 school year. He is investigating a late start during the week in order to have professional development for the faculty. This would allow the teachers to have more bank time in a smaller amount of time and they would have professional development more regularly. Mr. Morris will conduct a survey of parents to see how the delay would work in their daily schedule. This would eliminate the 2:30 dismissal on Fridays.

At the time of this meeting the school corporation has missed 5 days of school due to snow. There are two days built into the calendar. It is being discussed that the remaining three days will be taken from Spring Intersession in March and school would be in regular session on March 14, 15 and 16.

Mr. Morris reported that the Professional Development program entitled "The Highly Engaged Classroom" was presented to the faculty on January 17. The presentation included very useable information and the feedback from the faculty had been very positive.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Marsha Himmelhaver, elementary school principal, proceeded with her report.

She agreed with Mr. Morris that the in-service presentation on the 17th was well received and contained valuable information to take back to the classroom.

Enrollment in the elementary school decreased at the end of the semester. Nine students left at the end of the semester, and four enrolled at the beginning of semester two.

Attendance at the January intersession was as follows:

- 49 students received an invitation to attend
- 42 students accepted the invitation
- 2 students withdrew
- 24 males out of the 25 who were invited attended
- Over-all attendance rate for the week was 95%

There will be an elementary awards program on February 1, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. in the elementary gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This concluded Mrs. Himmelhaver's report.

Mr. Morris proceeded with the Jr-Sr High School principal's report.

The results of the End of Course Assessment tests were in and he was happy to report the following:

- In Algebra I, 70% of the students passed the exam, which only leaves 17 students yet to pass and they have this year and next to do so.
- In English 10, 50% of the students passed the exam, which only leaves 6 students yet to pass. These students are primarily juniors.

These students will retest in May along with the students who are in English 10 and Algebra 1 classrooms at the present time.

Report cards will be mailed by the end of the week. The administration will be reviewing those students who need credit recovery and will be getting them enrolled in those programs as soon as possible.

The January intersession went well. There were approximately 105-110 students in attendance.

There is Renaissance assembly scheduled for Friday, January 21 for Honor Roll students in grades 7 – 12. There were 73 students who made all A's and B's and 29 students who made all A's.

Harrison County Community Foundation Grants that were applied for during this cycle are as follows:

- Senior Class for funding for class trip to Washington D.C.
- Technology department for Math Lab equipment
- Lanesville Elementary for Smart tables for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade
- InSai funding
- Weight room and health room equipment
- Destination Imagination for funding of High school team

A Metro United Way grant was also written to fund the "boot camp" in which elementary students visit college campuses as a way of introducing them to college.

Mr. Morris made the board aware that there were discussions concerning the volleyball program at the varsity level and he would keep them updated on the issue.

This concluded the Jr-Sr High School principal's report.

Robert Schickel made the motion to approve the extended day trip to Indianapolis for the Lanesville Elementary 6th graders. This trip will replace the annual camping trip. The cost is \$135.00 per student and will be offset to the student by selling cookie dough and using existing funds in the 6th grade extra curricular account. No child will be denied the trip due to inability to pay. The total cost to the student is estimated at \$70.00. Kenneth Acton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Denzil McKim made the motion for the FFA group at the Jr-Sr High school to attend the dairy judging competition at Purdue University in W. Lafayette on January 28 and 29. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the facility use request by the Lanesville Heritage Committee for September 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2011 for the annual festival. The request is all-inclusive and includes the Boys Scouts and Pacers and Racers. It includes the practice for the Queen Contest on Thursday, contingent upon the gym schedule. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel issues were addressed as follows:

Denzil McKim made the motion to approve January Intersession contracts for Leanne Geswein and Pam Johnson. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Robert Schickel made the motion to accept the resignation of Irene Kiesler, special education teacher assistant. Kenneth Acton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Denzil McKim made the motion to approve Rhonda Bridges to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ms. Kiesler. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Himmelhaver reported that Ms. Bridges had been subbing for Ms. Kiesler prior to board approval.

Mr. Morris asked the board to consider a three-week extension to the maternity leave of Amber Wineinger. She would be returning on February 25, 2011. Ron Wolfe made the motion to grant the extension. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kenneth Acton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Donald Hussung
President

Robert Schickel
Secretary