

Lanesville Community Schools Board of Trustees Meeting

June 21, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community Schools Board of Trustees was held on June 21, 2011 at the Carl Uessler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue NE, Lanesville, Indiana 47136. Board President, Donald Hussung called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Board members in attendance were as follows:

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

Donald Hussung presented the minutes from the May 17, 2011 meeting for approval. Robert Schickel made the motion to approve. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the claims. Robert Schickel seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Morris presented the Superintendent's report. He reported that there would be a construction meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am. He reported that the terrazzo is being installed, electrical work has started, and steps to the elementary entrance are being poured. The window replacement will be discussed at the update tomorrow.

Mr. Morris reported on Charter Schools, merit pay, and that the current salary schedule for teachers will be used for this next year and then it will have to be changed. The corporation can use a state model or create one of its own.

He had attended a meeting at Harrison County Community Foundation with the other school superintendent's regarding working with Ivy Tech on dual credits. Looking at maximizing resources across the county. This will not go into effect this next school year. They are looking at the following school year.

He had met with Dr. Bev. Garrison, of the Harrison County Special Education Co-op. regarding an audit report on special education. He will be sharing the results with our special education staff. They discussed using the co-op for more support. They discussed looking into forming a committee for the next year to analyze the audit recommendations.

Mr. Morris reported that our DI team is now Global Champions and we are proud of the team and their endeavors.

June 30th is the Excellence in Education presentation at Lincoln Hills Church in Corydon at 5:30 p.m. The recipient from Lanesville Community Schools this year is Bethany Miller, Special Education teacher. Several staff and board members will be attending the reception.

Marsha Himmelhaver had no principal report for the elementary.

Mr. Morris stated the student management rollover is completed for the year. InSAI reports are being completed. There are some retainage issues in the Jr/Sr. High School. Several students are being retained. Mr. Morris explained in detail the reasons for retaining the students to the board. Mr. Morris presented handouts to the board members regarding test scores and student performance. He remarked that he was pleased with the ISTEP scores. He would like to see 90% consistently. ECA scores are showing good growth. This year's class had a 96% graduation rate and 87% received an advanced diploma.

Kovert Hawkins representative, Jamie Lake presented change orders regarding the QSCB construction. Change #3 was on the site stairs, there would be no dollar change regarding this change order. Robert Schickel made the motion to approve and Denzil McKim seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Change #4 was regarding the front lot drainage with an additional dollars cost of \$28,580.00. Kenny Acton and Robert Schickel asked questions in regards to the drainage of the parking lot and drainage behind the steps to the elementary entrance. After the discussion, Ron Wolfe made a motion to approve Change #4 and Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Jamie Lake stated that the drainage issues would be discussed in more detail at the construction update meeting tomorrow. He also reported that there might be additional changes due to issues with rock under the pavement.

Mr. Lake presented a letter from Wright Consulting Associates regarding the sound system in the high school gym. The report showed issues with heat and wiring problems. They had repaired some of the issues and have recommendations at the end of the letter to correct the remaining problems with the sound system. WCA came and did the evaluation and corrected some of the issues at no charge as a favor to Mr. Lake. Mr. Morris will follow up in getting their recommendations completed.

Mr. Lake went over the budget update sheet showing the cost and work to be completed with the QSCB. The cost currently is \$932.00 over budget. He did report that the windows have been ordered and they are trying to get at least some installed before the beginning of the school year. No board action was taken on this area of his report.

Marsha Himmelhaver presented a handout to the board for approval changes in the 2011/2012 elementary handbooks. These were:

- Attendance letter information added 5 day, 10 day, and above 10 day letters.
- Students should not wear shoes that are not secure to their feet, i.e. flip-flops. Students may wear shorts from the start of the school year through fall break. Shorts may not be worn again until after spring break.

Denzil McKim made motion for approval. Kenny Acton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Marsha Himmelhaver presented a handout (see attached sheet) showing the elementary book rental and fees for the 2011-2012 school year. She stated that the rates have increased, mainly due to the consumables costs. Science has adopted hands on learning kits. Mrs. Himmelhaver told the board that the 6th grade Science has not been ordered yet; she will be sending a letter directing the parents not to make payment until the cost is determined. Kenny Acton had questions regarding worksheets and textbooks. After discussion the motion to approve was made by Robert Schickel, Kenny Acton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Morris presented for approval the Interlocal agreement with Harrison County in the amount of \$220,453.57. Motion to approve was made by Kenny Acton and seconded by Ron Wolfe. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Morris presented three donations for approval

- Anonymous donation of \$50.00 to cover entry fees for the 4th graders to the First State Capitol. Stationary
- Office supplies from New Life Christian Church to the Elementary and High School
- A donation from the YMCA of Harrison County for transparencies to the Jr./Sr. High School.

Motion was made to approve by Ron Wolfe and seconded by Robert Schickel. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel issues addressed were as follows:

- Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve Michael Sizemore as the Assistant Girls Tennis Coach. Denzil McKim seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Kenny Acton made the motion to approve the resignation of Robert Harrison as the Business Education teacher. Robert Schickel seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Approval of the Business Education position to Stacy Baker was made by Denzil McKim and seconded by Robert Schickel. Motion carried. 5-0. It was mentioned that she had been a finalist before and that the position was not posted again after Mr. Harrison's resignation.
- Robert Schickel made the motion to approve Allison Schalk for the High School English position. Ron Wolfe seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Morris spoke about the number of qualified excellent candidates that had applied for the position. And what the current hires will add to Lanesville.
- Robert Schickel made the motion to approve Tyler Duff for the elementary position. Denzil McKim seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Himmelhaver spoke about the number of excellent candidates that had applied for the position. She stated that Mr. Duff was an excellent candidate. Mrs. Himmelhaver also stated the there will be repositioning of staff to different grade levels in the upcoming school year.
- The Board approved the June intercession contracts/employees, and added the authorization to hire and pay peer tutors. Motion was made by Ron Wolfe and seconded by Robert Schickel. Motion carried 5-0.

Donald Hussung added that he would like to say hats off to the administration for the hiring of the new staff for going so smoothly. He was impressed how well it had gone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Donald Hussung
President

Robert Schickel
Secretary