LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 15, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on March 15, 2016 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville, Indiana 47136. Board President, Ron Wolfe, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present for the meeting were as follows:

Ron Wolfe, President

Margaret Meyer, Secretary

Sharon Rothrock, member

Denzil McKim, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Vice-President, Robert Schickel, was absent from the meeting.

Ron Wolfe presented the minutes from the February 16, 2015 meeting for approval. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of March. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the claims. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ron Wolfe asked Mr. Morris for any additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. Mr. Morris had no changes to the agenda. Wolfe called for public comments related to the agenda. There were none.

Lisa Hammond, elementary principal, proceeded with her report for March.

Last month Emma Shaffer represented our school in the Harrison County Spelling Bee. Emma competed with 4-8 grade students from all of the Harrison County schools and won the Spelling Bee. Emma then had the opportunity to represent Harrison County at the Courier Journal Spelling Bee with representatives from Jefferson County and Southern Indiana. Emma did not advance in the Spelling Bee, but did a great job representing our county. Emma was featured in the Corydon Democrat and will be recognized at the school awards program in May.

We completed our first round of ISTEP for grades 3-6 and the third grade students are currently taking IREAD3. We did not have any computer issues for the online testing. Hopefully our second round of test the end of next month will go as smoothly.

The students celebrated Dr. Seuss Day on March 2 with an all school read aloud. Students gathered in the gym at the end of the day. Thank you to Sharon Rothrock for reading Green Eggs and Ham to the students to kick off the afternoon. Students then paired up with a student in another grade level to read Dr. Seuss books. The students also enjoyed cookies prepared by the cafeteria staff in celebration of this special day.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming break as we have a busy month when we return. Our third nine weeks awards program will be April 7, spring parties will be April 8, Spring Festival will be April 15, and spring field trips are already on the calendar. Kindergarten Round-up will be Thursday, April 14 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Times will also be available the following day by appointment only.

Mr. Morris preceded with the combination high school principal and superintendent reports.

Teacher evaluations have been moving along and they are now at a point where the teacher will need to submit planning documents to the administrators. Mr. Morris and Mrs. Hammond met with new teachers to the corporation to instruct them on how that process worked.

The technology committee met last week. One item for discussion was the flex pilot program. With authorization from the state, school corporations can implement a planned e-learning day. Teachers and support staff would come to school on those days, but students would stay home. A part of the day would be dedicated to the student-teacher e-learning process, and the other part of the day would be used for professional development for teachers. Students who wanted to come to school would be allowed to. Mr. Morris stated that the committee was going to move forward in pursuing authorization to implement this program.

The digital learning grant is expiring this year. This grant was used to pay the salary of the digital learning coach. The technology committee members were in agreement that they would like to continue that position, so the salary of Allison Schalk will be paid from the general fund. The Teacher Technology Leaders will continue next year as well.

Revisions to the acceptable use policy for next year were discussed; trying to show the positive side of taking care of your device.

FFA advisory board met this afternoon. There were about four (4) members of the committee present. Discussion included the election of officers for next year, the spring banquet and the National Convention, which will be in Indianapolis next year. They will meet again on April 7, 2016.

Jon Will, a senior at Lanesville High School, won the title of Mr. Harrison County. The program was sponsored by the County Renaissance Committee. He represented Lanesville very well. His talent was singing. His greatest influence in his life was his parents.

Jamie Abersold will be at the school on Thursday for an assembly. His program includes jazz music and he also delivers an anti-smoking message. Students who are not in an intensive flex program will be invited to attend.

Robin Morgan, high school guidance counselor, will be attending Prosser this Friday for admission day. Lanesville has a high number of sophomores interested in attending Prosser next year.

Plans and invitations for the March intersession have been made. This will be the first intersession in three years that we have been able to hold due to snow makeup days.

Prom and after prom are scheduled for April 9, 2016. Prom will be held at Lakeside Reflections in Jeffersonville. The after prom will be held in the high school gym.

News from the state is that next year will be the last year for ISTEP testing. The federal government through the Every Student Succeeds Act, still requires standardized testing. The states have more flexibility in developing the test.

The state board of education is proposing new accountability models for the A-F grading system for schools. Discussion also includes revising the current diploma requirements. One example would be to raise the graduation requirement for math.

Brad Outland, a 7th grader, won the school geography bee He goes to Indianapolis over spring break to compete at the state level.

This concluded the report.

Denzil McKim made the motion to approve the maternity leave request for Pam Tobbe, middle school math teacher assistant. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the contracts for the following teachers at the March Intersession:

Leeann Geswein

Aafke Garlock

Christine Ordner

Audrey Brown

Emily Cottle

Pam Tobbe

Bethany Miller

Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve David Schmelz and Anna Stockhoff as bus drivers for the March intersession. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Denzil McKim made the motion to approve payment of peer tutors for the March intersession. A list of those tutors will be determined by the coordinator. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the resignation of Tina Walther, assistant corporation treasurer. She thanked Tina for her years of service and her dedication to the school. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Denzil McKim made the motion to approve Mikel Miller as a volunteer assistant softball coach. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe called for adjournment. Denzil McKim made the motion to adjourn. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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