LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 20, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees took place on September 20, 2016 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville, Indiana.

Board President, Ron Wolfe, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members who were in attendance were as follows:

Ron Wolfe, President

Robert Schickel, Vice-President

Margaret Meyer, Secretary

Denzil McKim, member

Sharon Rothrock, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Ron Wolfe presented the minutes for the August 15, 2016 meeting for approval. Denzil McKim made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of September. Robert Schickel made the motion to approve the claims. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

There were three additions to the agenda for the evening. Under personnel, Bob Campbell would be added as a Jr High boys basketball volunteer assistant, Karen Armstrong would be added as an elementary PE teacher and approval for an overnight trip for the elementary cheerleading squad would also be added.

In addition Mr. Morris asked that the board recognize Jeremy Tyree and Tim Oberdieck, representing the group who went to Costa Rica this summer. Both students gave an excellent account of what they accomplished on the mission trip as well as conveying their emotions as to seeing first hand how much help is needed for clean water and hygiene. The Water Step organization organized the trip and the students paid for some of their expenses on their own, but also did some fundraising in order to offset the cost of the trip. While on the trip, they built water filtering systems, gave out eyeglasses and taught hygiene to the students and adults. There were eight students and one teacher who went on the trip, and plans are in the works for another trip this summer.

After the presentation, Ron Wolfe asked for public comments relating to the agenda items. There were none.

Lisa Hammond proceeded with the elementary principal’s report.

Lanesville elementary students began taking NWEA assessment earlier this month to get benchmark data. Teachers will then use the information obtained from the assessments to guide classroom instruction. Assessments will be given again in January and May to monitor student growth.

Third and fourth grade students participated in the annual Heritage tours. Fourth grade students participated in the Torch Relay in Corydon.

Lanesville held the first planned E-learning day on September 13th. There were 22 elementary students who attended school on that day. 99% of the students submitted their assignments digitally, either online from home or from school that day.

Elementary (5th and 6th grade) girls basketball season is underway. The girls started the season with a win at both levels. There are several elementary students participating with the Jr. High tennis and cross country teams.

Parent teacher conference notifications will be sent out this week in order to schedule times for parents to meet with the teacher during conference time on October 26th.

This concluded her report.

Steve Morris proceeded with the high school principal/superintendent report.

The first planned flex pilot day went well for the high school side. It proved to be a good day for professional development for the teachers. Those students who chose not to complete the assignments for that day as well as some Prosser students, will be required to attend school on the next planned flex pilot day. The corporation has approval for four (4) planned flex pilot days, and feedback is being collected from parents, teachers and staff.

This week a representative from the Department of Education visited the school in order to perform an on-site safety inspection. The corporation is in compliance with their requirements.

The 9th graders attended a college and career fair at Corydon Central High School this week. The Juniors and Seniors will be attending one at Floyd Central later in the week.

Mr. Morris attended the area Principals meeting last week. Vince Bertram was the speaker. He is a member of the Indiana State Board of Education. Regarding the issue of ISTEP testing, he didn’t give the attendees much direction on what the outcome would be as far as doing away with the test. He reminded those present that it is not up the the Board to make that decision. The decision is a legislative one.

This Thursday, Mr. Morris, along with area Superintendents, will attend a meeting at IUS to review their secondary education program.

Mr. Morris reminded the board of the upcoming School Board Conference in Indianapolis on September 26th and 27th. He will meet the board members in Indianapolis on Sunday evening.

The flu shot clinic is scheduled for September 21st at 11:00 a.m. in the high school conference room.

Mr. Morris hopes to have the 2017-2018 school calendar ready for approval by the end of this semester.

This concluded his report.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the facility use request from the Lanesville High School Alumni Association for their annual meeting in May, 2016. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel issues were addressed as follows:

Robert Schickel made the motion to approve Adam Teeter and Bob Campbell as Jr High boys basketball assistants (volunteer), and Dan Stilger as the 5th grade boys basketball coach. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept/approve the retirement of Fred Bridges, maintenance department. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the hiring of Susan Thode for the facilities maintenance department. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the resignation of Garrett Blackman, elementary PE teacher and cross country coach. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Contracts for the following intersession teachers and peer tutors were approved on a motion from Sharon Rothrock. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

* Pam Tobbe
* Rebecca Klusmeier
* Aafke Garlock
* Sherry Dour
* Leeann Geswein
* Erin Boone
* Bethany Miller

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the hiring of Karen Armstrong for elementary PE teacher. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert Schickel made the motion to approve the overnight trip for the elementary cheer squad. Trip destination will be determined upon checking availability of cabins. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Before adjourning, Ron Wolfe gave an update on the Alternative School. A board meeting was held with representatives from area schools attending. There are currently 34 students at the school. The board received very positive feedback on the school. Hopefully this will become an annual meeting.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe called for adjournment. Denzil McKim made the motion to adjourn. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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