LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on November 15, 2016 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office, at 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville, Indiana. Board President, Ron Wolfe, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows

Ron Wolfe, President

Margaret Meyer, Secretary

Sharon Rothrock, member

Denzil McKim, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Robert Schickel, vice president, was absent.

Ron Wolfe presented the minutes from the October 18, 2016 meeting. Denzil McKim made the motion to approve the minutes. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of November. Discussion included the current makeover of the courtyard. Teachers, staff and parent volunteers are landscaping and trimming trees in order to covert the area to a serenity garden. The expense of these improvements is covered by grant money. After discussion, Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ron Wolfe called for public comments. One gentleman in attendance wanted to thank the elementary school staff for a wonderful Veterans Day program and celebration. He is thankful that the school is exposing the students to the importance of allegiance to their country and to their veterans.

There were no further comments; however, Mr. Morris did have two additions to the agenda.

* Change item #10 to approval of the school calendar for 2017-2018 school year
* Add item #11 to approve a facility use request for Southern Indiana Intensity Softball team to hold practice in the gym on Sunday evenings during November, December and January.

Lisa Hammond proceeded with the elementary principal’s report.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held Wednesday, Oct. 26. The conference was well attended with 97% of our parents meeting with teachers either that night or sometime during the week. Following conferences, the PTSO sponsored a chili supper and Trunk or Treat.

The 5th and 6th grade girls finished their basketball season earlier this month. The 6th grade team finished with a record of 7-4. The 5th grade girls finished undefeated (14-0) and were the 5th grade Harrison County Champs.

This past Friday we had a wonderful Veterans Day in the elementary gym. Many veterans and family members were present for the event. Darcel McLane and the Student Council did an excellent job organizing the program. Veterans were invited to stay after the program for coffee, cookies, and donuts. Every classroom was visited by a veteran that read to their class and shared some of their experiences. Veterans were presented a special baked treat, made by our own Mrs. Beckort, as a small appreciation for their service.

Our Spell Bowl Team will travel to Brady Shrum Elementary in Salem Thursday night for the regional Spell Bowl Competition.

This Saturday is our annual Santa Super Saturday. There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast beginning at 8:00 am in the cafeteria. Students will be able to shop for gifts in Santa’s Secret Shop and Santa will be available for pictures in the Commons area. Several local vendors will have tables set up in the hallway outside the high school gym for shopping as well.

As an incentive for meeting their goals for Reach for the Stars, students will be taking their annual Limo ride to Culver’s for lunch next week. Any student that read at least 100 minutes and collected $100 in pledges was eligible for the Limo ride. We have 62 students that reached that goal. Through this program students and teachers earn free books from Usborne; LES received a 40% profit ($3305.43), as well as a donation of $1,180 will be added to the ELF fund this year. Many thanks to Wendy Kennedy and Darcel McLane for providing this opportunity for our students.

This concluded her report.

Steve Morris proceeded with the high school principal’s report.

The second e-learning day was held today. There were about 20 high school students and 55 elementary students in attendance at school.

Random drug testing was done for 20 students last week.

Nine ROTC students participated in a nine-mile march to Hazelwood Jr. High School in honor of Veterans Day.

The Flag Ceremony, sponsored by the Lanesville Jaycees, will take place on December 3, 2016, at the high school boys’ basketball game vs. Paoli. This ceremony honors local Veterans.

Mr. Morris attended the Indiana Small Rural Schools Association meeting at the Farm Bureau building in Indianapolis. The purpose of the meeting was to brain storm ideas to bring before the state legislature.

Istep scores will probably be released to the public this week. Mr. Morris reminded the board that scores across Indiana will most likely be lower than last year. Superintendents are asking that the State Board of Education have another year of hold harmless for schools. They contend that the test is not fair measurement of teacher and student performance.

The Department of Education conducted an inspection of the Wellness Plan for the school yesterday. All seemed to be in order. They will return on Tuesday, November 22nd for an observation of serving line processes.

The annual Christmas dinner prepared by the Lanesville cafeteria will be on December 15, 2016.

There is a health insurance meeting in the cafeteria immediately after school tomorrow. JA Benefits group will be on hand to answer questions about the upcoming transfer to United Health Care insurance. There will be a 12.5% increase in the health insurance premiums , however, the dental and vision insurance premiums will decrease.

The annual Lanesville ELF program will begin after Thanksgiving. Money and canned goods will be collected for the next several weeks for Lanesville School families in need. The shopping trip to Meijer’s is scheduled for December 10, 2016.

Ivy Tech Community College will be on the Lanesville campus on December 2nd , bringing the STEM trailer. Purpose of the trip is for classes to explore Stem related jobs.

On December 8, 2016, Lanesville will participate in a National event. The Hour of Code will take place and all Lanesville students will be utilizing their chrome books and tablets for one hour of training regarding computer coding and language. i.e. computer programming.

Mr. Morris will be attending the state Superintendent’s conference in Indianapolis on December 5 and 6, 2016.

Holiday basketball games include the Girls participating on November 22, and the boy’s home opener on November 26th against Corydon.

This concluded his report.

A facility use request from Girl Scout Troop #243 for use of the commons area for meetings was presented for approval. Denzil McKim made the motion to approve the request. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Margaret Meyer approved the disposal of outdated and broken equipment from the office, technology and AV departments. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

The board held the second reading of the board policy regarding Criminal History Information. Denzil McKIm made the motion to adopt the board policy as written. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Lisa Hammond gave a description of the new Raptor System that the PTSO purchased for both the elementary and the high school office. The system can scan a visitor’s driver’s license, provide any criminal history regarding that person, and then print a visitor badge if the visitor is in compliance with school regulations regarding visitation of students. This will come into play with school parties, or if visitors ask to enter the classrooms or lunchrooms for visits with their students.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to allow the Corporation Treasurer to pay claims at the end of December 2016, without having to call a special meeting of the Board. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morris presented the school calendar for 2017-2018 for approval. The calendar is a mirror of last year. There are two tentative dates for pilot e-learning days. One in each semester. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the calendar for 2017-18. Denzil McKim seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion for the Southern Indiana Intensity Softball team to use the gyms for indoor practice during November, December and January. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denzil McKim made the motion to adjourn. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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