LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Corporation Board of Trustees was held on August 15, 2017 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office at 2725 Crestview Avenue, Ne, Lanesville, Indiana. Board President, Ron Wolfe, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were as follows:

Ron Wolfe, President

Sharon Rothrock, Secretary

Margaret Meyer, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

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

Ron Wolfe presented the minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting for approval. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of August. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the claims. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ron Wolfe called for any changes to the meeting agenda. Steve Morris stated that the only change was that Jeffrey Hammond, listed under approval for Freshman Boys Basketball coach, would need to be changed to a volunteer position. Kyle Brown would fill the paid coaching position. With that noted, Wolfe called for public comments related to the agenda. There were none.

Lisa Hammond, elementary principal, proceeded with her monthly report to the board.

Back to School Carnival was a success. We had the majority of our families come for the event. Each classroom sponsored an event. Events ranged from face painting to hoop shoot to ring toss. Lots of candy was given out to participants and students had a great time visiting with friends and meeting their teacher.

We’ve had a great start of the school year with many new faces. We have 88 new enrollees this year, with 30 of those being grades 1-6. With all the new faces, we are also facing the problem of an overcrowded cafeteria. For the first time in several years, we are unable to accommodate visitors for lunch due to the lack of available seating. We are however planning several events for families to come in to the school and see what is happening at Lanesville Elementary.

Today we held a pre-eclipse assembly sponsored by the Harrison County Public Library. Mark Williams of Star-Geezer Astronomy presented a total eclipse program to the students in gr. 4-6 and members of the community who registered to attend. Participants were able to learn the local circumstances of the eclipse, the history, science and folklore of eclipses, why there aren't eclipses each month, how to safely view both partial and total solar eclipses, and how to get the most out of the viewing experience. Several of the classrooms have their approved glasses and will be viewing the event on Monday, August 21st. A permission slip was sent home with all students involved to be signed and returned prior to participation.

The Eagle Glow Run/Walk will be held this Friday on August 18 from 7:00-10:00 pm. Students, family, and community members who registered will be given a t-shirt, “glow” items, refreshments, and then view fireworks provided by Casabella Fireworks to conclude the evening. At this point we have over 250 participants registered for the event. All proceeds from the event will help fund student celebrations for the 2017-18 school year to promote our Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS) initiative.

This concluded her report.

Mr. Morris proceeded with the Superintendent/high school principal report.

Mr. Morris turned to Mike Rothrock, Facilities Supervisor, to give an update on the upcoming construction project.

Rothrock presented handouts with base bids for everything that needs to be done, along with alternative bids added in to be completed only if funds allow. The base bid contains plans for renovation of bathrooms, flooring in classrooms and hallways, storage area in the weight room, renovation of the dark room, old Home Ec room and the life skills room. Paint samples, carpet and tile samples were also viewed. All renovations include energy saving lighting and materials that are easily maintained.

There will be a meeting on September 5, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, for any individuals who would be interested in bidding on the construction job. The bids will be opened during the board meeting on September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., and on September 26, 2017 there will be a special board meeting to award the bids.

Mr. Morris reported that last week’s speaker at the Rotary Club was varsity baseball coach Zach Payne.

On Friday, August 11, Ted Wiese, lead an assembly on leadership for grades 7 – 12. After the assembly approximately 56 students participated in break- out sessions.

On Monday, August 14, the first random drug test was conducted at the high school. Fourteen students were asked to participate.

This Thursday, August 17th, Mr. Morris will be in Indianapolis participating in the State Superintendent of the Year Program. He is on the interviewing committee.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 there are 22-23 employees signed up for the biometric screening sponsored by United Health Care.

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 will be the next meeting of the health insurance trust. Mr. Morris and Mr. Guernsey will be attending.

He discussed the work that had been done on the upcoming budget. Dollar amounts are very close to what they were last year. There will be a budget hearing next month on the Capital Projects Fund and the Bus Replacement fund. Both will be adopted at the meeting in September.

The board had the second reading of the board policy regarding Teacher Appreciation grant money and how it was to be distributed. It was stated that it was a state requirement for them to adopt this policy as written. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the adoption. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morris and Lisa Hammond presented the book rental and fees for the 2017-18 school year for both high school and elementary. Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the fees. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Chan Bailey made the motion for approval to dispose of two RIZO copiers. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the following coaching positions for 2017-18 winter sports:

* + - Girls’ basketball, 6th grade, Lacy Crosier
    - Girls’ basketball, 5th grade, Kyle Brumley
    - Girls’ basketball, 8th grade, Brooke Hollis
    - Girls’ basketball, 7th grade, Kayla Smith
    - Jr High girls’ basketball, volunteer assistant, Brooklyn Keinsley
    - Girls’ basketball, varsity, Kevin Smith
    - Girls’ basketball, Jr Varsity, Mercades Bierman
    - Girls’ basketball, Varsity assistant, Doug Jacobs
    - Freshman Boys Basketball, volunteer position, Jeffrey Hammond
    - Freshman Boys Basketball, Kyle Brown
    - Girl’s/Boy’s Swimming, volunteer coach, Ben Blackman

Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the resignation of Jill Wolfe, elementary teaching assistant. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve Tara Dye to fill the vacancy left by Jill Wolfe. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Chan Bailey made the motion to approve Cassie Gustin for the school nurse position. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Before adjournment, Mr. Morris had a few closing comments.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce instructed Ball State University to do a research study regarding the impact that smaller school districts have on lowering student achievement. The results indicated that any corporation smaller than a 2,000 student enrollment did have a negative impact on student achievement. He alerted the board that the Chamber of Commerce has clout with the legislature and the issue of consolidation will most probably be brought back to the table.

He also wanted to thank the board for their support of the upcoming construction project.

Ron Wolfe called for adjournment. Sharon Rothrock made the motion. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Ron Wolfe, President Sharon Rothrock, Secretary