LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 21, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board was held at the Carl Uesseler Corporation office located at 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville IN 47136. Board President, Ron Wolfe, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members present at the meeting were as follows:

Ron Wolfe, President

Robert Schickel, Vice President

Sharon Rothrock, secretary

Margaret Meyer, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Ron Wolfe presented the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting for approval. Sharon Rothrock 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 November. Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the claims. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Steve Morris informed the board that there was one additional item for the agenda. The Softball team would be traveling to a soup kitchen over Christmas break. Jody Jones was donating her services and her bus as a means of transportation. That would now be item #11.

With that additional item noted, Ron Wolfe asked for public comments related to the agenda. There were none.

Lisa Hammond proceeded with the elementary school principal’s report.

We had a busy month beginning the second nine weeks. There were many fall field trips; the girls’ basketball season ended with both the 5th and 6th grade girls being undefeated and Harrison County Champs; the boys’ basketball season has started and will continue until early February.

We had 31 elementary students that attended the fall Intersession for math and language arts skills. Mrs. Boone and Ms. Freiberger planned curriculum for those students that had non-mastery of skills from the first grading period.

The elementary celebrated the 50th day of school by dressing in 50s attire and having an old fashioned sock-hop in the gym at the end of the day. 50s memorabilia was displayed in the hallway for students to explore as well as QR codes for the students to research the 50s era.

Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended. 96% of the parents attended, while the other 4% were contacted by phone. Following conferences, was the annual Trunk or Treat. The parking area was at capacity and it was estimated that 400 children attended the event.

Mrs. Miller organized the Title I Family Night in which the families were served a spaghetti dinner. The students were able to play Book Bingo and had a Book Walk. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ketterer were available to answer questions about the Title I program.

On Friday, Nov. 10, the elementary hosted a Veteran’s Day program for family and community members. The HS choir performed some patriotic songs; the color guard and Lt. Col. McLane performed a flag folding ceremony; and the Veterans took part in some trivia questions concerning our military history. Many thanks to Darcel McLane for organizing the event.

Last week we had a practice eLearning day in which the students came in their pajamas and worked on assignments as if it were an inclement weather day. Kindergarten and new parents were invited to come to the school for a tutorial on how to access teacher sites and submit assignments.

Today was the culmination of our previous Reach for the Stars program. Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Nassiff were duct taped to the wall as the students met the challenge to raise over $8,000 and read over 100,000 minutes. Students that raised $100 and read for at 30 minutes for 10 days took a Limo ride today to have lunch at Culver’s.

When we return from Thanksgiving break next week, we will have a new activity in which to invite parents to visit the school. On Tuesday, we have about 250 moms/special females that will come have Muffins with Moms with their student(s). In January we are planning a day for Donuts with Dads.

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

Random drug testing was done during the first week of November. Fifteen students were randomly chosen to participate and he was happy to report that all 15 passed the test.

The silent auction held in the old Home Ec room on November 2nd brought in approximately $3500.00. The room is now empty and ready to begin renovation.

There was a corporation wide E-learning day on November 14th. This was a good practice day in case we need to utilize them during the upcoming winter months.

The annual ELF program will be starting when we come back from Thanksgiving break. There was a school wide kick off in the high school gym at the end of the day today. It was totally student planned and conducted. Goals were set, games were played. The canned food drive starts Monday after break and cans will be collected for two weeks. Donations will be accepted for three weeks and the annual shopping trip to Meijer in New Albany is scheduled for December 9th. Families will pick up items on December 16th. This year it was also decided to include a gift for head start kids as well.

Update on construction:

The home ec room now has an additional door and will be used as a temporary classroom while the current classrooms get new carpet and updates. After Christmas break, 6 classes will relocate until their current rooms are renovated.

The front part of the weight room is being used for storage. The dark room is gone and everything has been removed.

Plans are in the works to replace lights in both the high school and the elementary gym. Those funds will come from the Capital Projects fund.

The state champion baseball team will receive the championship rings on November 22nd during the high school boy’s basketball game vs. Cannelton. The presentation ceremony will take place immediately following the JV game.

Mr. Morris will be attending the state superintendent’s conference in Indianapolis next week.

ISTEP and ECA re- testing will be conducted during December.

The high school Christmas concert and art show will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. The elementary concert and art show will be held on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Morris gave the board members information regarding the upcoming vote by the state board of education to implement the new graduation pathway guidelines beginning next year. These new guidelines would begin with students who are currently in the 7th grade. Guidelines include test scores, applied learning, job experience and community service. Schools will need to track all of this information on every student. Mr. Morris stated that he had looked at the graduation class from last year and 15 of those students would not have met the requirements, even though ten of them graduated with a Core 40 diploma. They did not acquire an ACT score, they didn’t have 9 college credits and they did not attend Prosser, so they had no career training.

Mr. Morris requested that the board approve the master contract agreement between the LEA and the Corporation. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the master contract for 2017-2019. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Ron Wolfe did notice one typo in the contract and asked that it be corrected. Page 12, item 4 reads “in accordance with item E above. It should read “in accordance with item 3 above. Mr. Morris agreed and said that it would be corrected.

Robert Schickel made the motion to approve option #2 for the proposed school calendar for 2018-2019. There were two options presented for review. Option #2 shows school beginning July 26th with two teacher days prior to that. One of the teacher work days was moved to February. Christmas break begins on December 19th, with students returning to school of January 7th. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Chan Bailey made the motion to allow the Corporation Treasurer to pay claims at the end of December 2017 without calling a special meeting for approval. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The facility request from the Lanesville Alumni Assn. was presented for approval. The Association would like to use the cafeteria and the high school gym on May 12, 2018 for their annual meeting. Set up would be on May 11, 2018 in the evening. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the request. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel issued were address as follows:

* 1. Approve resignation of Dakota Mills as part time custodian
  2. Approve David Hussung as part time custodian
  3. Approve John Wernert as 7th grade girls basketball coach
  4. Approve Kayla Smith as Jr High girls basketball coach, volunteer position
  5. Approve Stephanie Stickels and Jamie Smith Jr. High Cheer sponsor, volunteer positions

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve items A-E having to do with school personnel. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert Shickel made the motion to approve the softball team trip to the soup kitchen during Christmas break. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Before adjournment, Mr. Morris asked if the board would be able to meet with representatives of the Lanesville Heritage committee in December in order to get a better understanding of what the committee needs from the school in order to build a better relationship between the two groups. Everyone was in agreement to that. Ron Wolfe stated that it was recorded that students from Lanesville performed 162 hours of community service during the last festival. That was more than double from the year before.

Steve Morris also asked the board to convene in executive session in December to discuss issues regarding the non- certified staff. The executive session will begin at 6:00 p.m.

With no further comments or business, Ron Wolfe called for adjournment. Robert Schickel made the motion to adjourn. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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