LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on February 19, 2019 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The Board President, Robert Schickel, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Robert Schickel, President

Ron Wolfe, Vice-President

Sharon Rothrock, Secretary

Margaret Meyer, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Before proceeding with the evening’s agenda, Mr. Morris introduced Ben Blackman, the high school swim coach. Several members from the swim team were present at the meeting. Mr. Blackman gave a brief presentation on their accomplishments for this season. They had won a meet and they had set several personal best records and school records. He stated that there were 14 students who participated and that the program is continuing to grow.

Mr. Morris thanked them for attending. He said that swimming is one sport that doesn’t get a lot of publicity and he wanted to let the board know of their accomplishments.

Robert Schickel moved on to the business meeting. He presented the minutes from the Board of Finance meeting on January 15, 2019. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept those minutes. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert Schickel presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 15, 2019. Sharon Rothrock pointed out one typo on the last page. The word “contacts” should read “contracts”. With that change noted, Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the minutes. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of February. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve payment of the claims. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Last month the students were able to participate in “Animal Tales”, an educational assembly that brings students some of their favorite animal characters from their most beloved books to life.

Earlier this month Ben Sevilla represented our school at the county spelling bee. While Ben did not win the county bee, he did an excellent job representing our school.

This morning students had a kick-off assembly for Jump Rope for Heart. Students were given 3D glasses while they watched a short video on keeping heart healthy and the benefits of the program. This is a fun and exciting event, done during their PE time; where students learn about their heart while helping others and raising money for the American Heart Association. The Kids Heart Challenge prepares your child for success through physical and emotional well-being.

Third grade students are preparing to take the IREAD3 the week of March 11. Last week, third grade teachers held a parent night to give parents important information about the upcoming assessment as well as the new ILEARN assessment. Due to our spring break window, we were given a waiver to administer the IREAD3 a week early.

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

February 18th was a professional development day. Math teachers and kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers worked specifically with Math, while the rest of the teachers attended a workshop covering growth mindsets.

There were 2 performances today by Ondekoza, a Japanese drumming group. They performed for grades 3 - 6 and grades 9 – 12, and also spent some time in the afternoon with the band students. They are traveling with the Midwest Arts Festival, and are sponsored by Main Street Corydon.

Work One had a presentation for the senior class this morning. Several seniors signed up for small group classes on things such as resume writing. Work One plans to return this spring to hold those small group sessions.

ISTEP retest starts tomorrow for Juniors and Seniors. We have about 12 students for English and 20 students for Math. This is followed by the ISTEP 10 exam in March for sophomores and the I Learn test for grades 3 through 8. AP testing and final exams will finish out the testing period this Spring.

The School Board members are invited to attend meetings in the cafeteria on February 25th and March 12th. The February meeting will be a pre-bid informational meeting on the upcoming construction project. On March 12th, bids will be opened, and the bid awards will be at the March 19th board meeting.

The high school boy’s basketball sectional will begin on February 26th. Lanesville team will play on Friday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.

Legislative updates:

Mr. Morris reminded the board that the area legislative meeting will be held on March 9th at the government center in Corydon.

The house passed the first budget run increasing education funding by 2% per year over the next two years. How much money comes back to the school depends on enrollments. Mr. Morris stated his concern regarding teacher pay. He sees no current action being taken to increase the pay for teachers in the state of Indiana. He encouraged the board members to support public education by attending a rally in Indianapolis on March 9th.

There is also a bill that would change school pension obligations. It would change the school percentage from 7.5% to 5.5% and the money saved by the corporation would be put toward teacher salaries. The state would cover the 2% difference in the pension fund. Mr. Morris stated that it would amount to approximately $40,000.00 for Lanesville teachers.

Sharon Rothrock, serving as the legislative liaison for the board, gave updates on the following bills as well:

#1253 Hand gun training for teachers. This is controlled by the school board.

#1398 Threats to school safety. It states that all threats should be shared with the Administration

#1404 K-12 School accountability which states that schools would be responsible and accountable for tracking student progress 6 – 12 months after graduation. Mr. Morris added that if this does become law and a graduate did not fulfill or finish their post graduate plan, it would count against the A-F school grade.

#266 Mental health and substance abuse program. This will be funded through another bill.

Mr. Morris also stated that there is a new bill dealing with referendums. It states that a referendum can be held only on the ballot during a general election.

This concluded the report.

A list of outdated checks from the Extra Curricular ledger was presented for removal. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Those checks will be removed from the ledger and the funds will be returned to the original account from which they were drawn.

The following fundraisers were approved.

* 1. Prom Committee, candy bar sales
  2. FFA, Farmers Breakfast
  3. National Honor Society, ice cream sales at lunch
  4. High School boys basketball team, Heritage Road Race
  5. High School Golf team..free will donations in exchange for cancer awareness bracelets at the game on 2-21-2019

Chan Bailey made the motion to approve. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Facility use requests were approved as follows:

* 1. Franklin Twp. Farm Bureau, Cafeteria for meetings
  2. Redeem the Dream Organization, basketball clinic July 22nd - July 26th, 2019

Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris read a thank you letter from Pete and Joan Schickel. Pete is retiring from the Building Corporation and was presented with a paperweight from Zimmerman’s Glass.

Steve Morris stated that it would be necessary to have an executive session on March 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting, which starts at 7:00 p.m. All members were in agreement.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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Robert Schickel, President Sharon Rothrock, Secretary