LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on March 19, 2019 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office at 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville, Indiana. Board President, Robert Schickel, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members who were present for the meeting were as follows:

Robert Schickel, President

Ron Wolfe, Vice President

Sharon Rothrock, Secretary

Margaret Meyer, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Robert Schickel opened the meeting by introducing Jeff and Mark Shireman of Shireman Construction and Hal Kovert, of Kovert Hawkins Architects. Jeff Shireman announced that the lowest bidder for the upcoming construction project was Coupe Construction. Mr. Shireman stated that although they had never worked with this company before, the references that he contacted were favorable. Every company had great things to say about their quality of work. The total bid came back for $1,646,330.00. Mr. Shireman asked that the board give Steve Morris the authority to sign the contract. Ron Wolfe made the motion to proceed with the Coupe Construction Company contract. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert Schickel presented the minutes from the February 19, 2019 board meeting for approval. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Steve Morris presented the claims for the month of March. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the claims. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert Schickel called for public comments related to the meeting agenda. There were none.

Mr. Morris read the elementary principal report that was submitted by Lisa Hammond. Mrs. Hammond was absent from the meeting.

Lanesville Elementary competed in the regional Math Bowl competition at West Washington last month. We placed 2nd in our division and placed 39th in the state. The Math bowl was coached by Mrs. Denny. Team members are: Shelby Allen, Leeann Boone, Christian Gernand, Aiden Herley, Lena Jacobi, Isaac Klusmeier, Elliot Nannan, Landon Ovington, Rex Perkins, Siobahn Powell, Benjamin Sevilla, Landen Sutherland, Tucker Wolfe, and Maisey ZurSchmeide.

Lanesville Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss day earlier this month by having a school wide read-in. Older students partnered with younger students to read Dr. Seuss books during the afternoon. Ms. Beckort also helped students with performing a small play of a Dr. Seuss book during the morning assembly.

Third grade students took their IREAD3 assessment last week. The Friday before the assessment the third grade heard from several 4th grade students who scored a perfect score on the assessment to help them prepare for success. Students also had a t-shirt signing session in support of students preparing to take the test.

Last Friday our students celebrated the end of the third grading period with “Bounce into Spring”. The PBIS celebration was to celebrate students who display positive behavioral expectations on a daily basis and serve as a good role model for all students. The students were able to enjoy some time in bouncy houses and games, as well as a treat for their efforts.

Mr. Morris proceeded with the high school principal and Superintendent’s report.

Mr. Morris congratulated the high school boys’ basketball team for their sectional title.

Part one of the ISTEP 10 in English and Math is completed. Part two will be taken in April and then ILearn testing will be done after that.

Mr. Morris attended a meeting and tour of the Restore Program. This is sponsored by the Special Education department and is housed at Corydon Middle School. This program is designed to reach out to very young students (grades K-2nd) who cannot function in the regular classroom. The program employs two teachers and a few teacher assistants. The goal is to transition these students back into the regular classroom at their home school.

Grades 9 – 12 participated in Brain Drain, the Friday afternoon before Spring Break. The Jr. High played some Family Feud in their home rooms after lunch.

March Intersession is this week. The focus for this intersession period is grade improvement.

Spring sports practice is underway.

Upcoming events include:

NWEA testing in April for both English and Math

Kindergarten Roundup on April 11, 2019 during the day.

Mr. Morris and Robin Morgan will be meeting with parents on April 11th concerning scheduling classes, particularly with the 8th graders starting the graduation pathway requirements next year.

Spring Festival is April 12th in the high school gym.

April 16th is another day of professional development for math (6th grade teachers and math teachers in grades 7 – 12.)

The Art department classes are participating in a project initiated by the Harrison County Road Department. The project is called “Paint the Plow”. Area schools are invited to paint a road plow. This project will be completed during April.

On March 8, 2019, the drama club had its first performance consisting of short sketch comedies and improvisation. There were about 20 students who participated.

Sharon Rothrock gave the legislative liaison report for the month. Sharon Rothrock, Margaret Meyer, Liz Schigur and Angie Hood attended the Legislative town meeting in Corydon. Mark Eastridge brought up the issue of school accountability after a student graduates. He suggested to the group that it be considered a bonus if a school could complete that instead of a penalty if they don’t.

Sharon stated that the legislative group seems to agree that there is plenty of money, but make no promises of more than the 2% increase for schools.

House bill 1021 was not an issue until they added amendment #4. It would cost some corporations that have a tax cap up to $736,000.000.00 more. It would be a budgeting issue.

About 35 bills of the 185 proposed will be passed. Mr. Morris stated that the budget bill was the biggest concern and he and Sharon were in agreement that the legislature feels that they have done enough with the 2% increase, so they don’t anticipate anything changing with it.

Negotiations for bus driver contracts have been completed. Mark Lambertus, transportation director, has signed agreements on file with all of the bus drivers. They will be receiving a 10 to 12 percent increase. We have two new bus drivers. Two drivers will cover several routes. Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the contracts for 2019-2023. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

A resolution concerning the responsibilities of upkeep and maintenance on the flashing caution lights on Crestview Avenue was presented for discussion. The school corporation will cover the cost of current repairs. The resolution states that the Town of Lanesville and the school corporation will split the cost of any future repairs. Mr. Morris informed the board that the town of Lanesville will be installing a speed table at the cross walk across Crestview Avenue that leads to the school building. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the resolution. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Facility use requests were approved as follows:

* 1. Harrison County Health Dept., Rabies clinic on May 9, 2019
  2. Lanesville Alumni Assn, cafeteria and HS gym, annual meeting on May 11, 2019

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

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the following fundraisers:

* 1. Lanesville Drama Club, soliciting donations to cover cost of performance on March 8, 2019
  2. National Honor Society, soliciting donations to cover cost of Brain Drain
  3. High School Boys basketball, Little Eagle Summer Camp, June 3 - 7, 2019
  4. High School Boys basketball, Little Eagle Winter Camp, November/December 2019
  5. Softball Team, Tee shirts for Strike Out Cancer
  6. Baseball team/coupon books

Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel issues were addressed as follows:

Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the March intersession staff:

* High School, Rebecca Klusmeier, Cindy Jones, Pam Tobbe, Aafke Garlock, Christina Ordner
* Elementary, Catherine Chuprinskas, Brittney Denny
* Director, Bethany Miller
* Bus drivers, Heather Smith, Anna Stockhoff, Mikel Miller
* Approval to pay peer tutors

Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

It was decided to combine the approval of the coaches for baseball, cheer, softball, tennis and track, into one motion except for item #6B, Jon Will, volunteer assistant, at the request of Chan Bailey. All board members were in agreement. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve all coaching staff, except for Jon Will, item #6B. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve Jon Will as a volunteer assistant for the high school baseball team. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Chan Bailey abstained from the vote.

With no further business, Mr. Morris reminded the board members that the April meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m. with an executive session at 5:00 p.m. Robert Schickel called for a motion to adjourn. Sharon Rothrock made that motion. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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