

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2019

The Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on August 19, 2019 at the Carl Uessler Corporation Office located at 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville, Indiana. Board President, Robert Schickel, called the meeting to order at 6:08 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

Robert Schickel presented the meeting minutes from the July 30, 2019 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 August. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve payment of the claims as submitted. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Lisa Hammond, elementary school principal, proceeded with her report.

Thank you all for your support in providing a new playground for our students. The students love the new playground and we have received many compliments so far. We opened our playground on Monday, August 5 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and provided the students with Kona Ice.

Elementary picture day was last week. We had our 3rd Annual Glow Run on Friday evening. The Glow Run was well attended with over 100 participants. Besides the race, students had a great time with a dance party, face painting, photo booth, and Kona Ice.

We will have our first Breakfast with the Bus Drivers at the end of the month. Students are chosen by the bus drivers for displaying bus appropriate behavior.

The school year has gotten off to a great start. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

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

Results from the new ILearn testing have been released to schools; however, the scores have not been made public yet. That won't take place until September 4, 2019. Results will be mailed to parents this week. Results are disappointingly low for the school. Results statewide are not much better partly due to the fact that this testing process is new to the schools. Mr. Morris assured the board that Lanesville is putting in place plans to address this issue, concentrating on more professional development for teachers.

Mr. Morris passed along that it looks like the health insurance for employees will have a 5% rate increase 2020. This isn't definite yet and he should be able to share more at the September board meeting.

High School picture day is August 22, 2019.

NWEA testing will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The students will follow a block schedule (double periods) in order to accommodate the test.

Construction is moving along. Parts are here for the HVAC units and the installation started today. Over the next few weeks, workers will be putting the finishing touches on trim work, painting, exterior doors and interior door locks.

Corporation Treasurer, Penny Schmelz, and Mr. Morris will be attending a budget workshop on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Under new regulations by the state, it is necessary to have three meetings for teacher contract ratification. One of these meetings needs to be public. Bargaining cannot begin before September 15, 2019. Mr. Morris suggested to the board that the public meeting regarding this issue be held on September 17, 2019 either as a separate meeting from the School Board meeting or it could also be part of the agenda for the school board meeting. This meeting will need to be posted and the public is invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to let everyone know that bargaining has begun.

Meeting #2 would announce that both sides had reached a tentative agreement. Mr. Morris suggested a date of September 28, 2019. Notice would be given 72 hours in advance and this meeting cannot be combined with a school board meeting.

Meeting #3 would announce and approve ratification of the new contract. This can be taken care of at the October 15, 2019 Board meeting, or the board could call a separate meeting to conduct the ratification process.

This concluded his report.

The pension reduction plan was passed in the last legislature, State government is returning to the school corporations pension monies that would have been collected. The school corporations are to use this money for teacher salaries and benefits. In Lanesville's case, there is \$40,000.00 to be returned. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the resolution. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 book rental and fees list for both the elementary and the high school. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the following fundraisers:

- a. High School cheerleaders, BPN card sales
- b. FFA, mum sales September 1st through September 29th, 2019
- c. Soccer team, field signs and banners August 1 through August 15, 2019
- d. Macho Man Volleyball tournament, September 20, 2019

Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the facility use request from Girl Scout troop #988 for use of the cafeteria for their meetings. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ron Wolfe made the motion to accept the donation from Mefford Construction in the amount of \$400.00 for Jr. High volleyball uniforms. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel issues were addressed as follows:

Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the existing ECA contracts for teachers. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

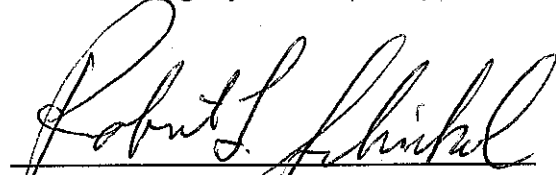
Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the recommendation to hire Emily Kunkel as Jr. High Cheer Sponsor and James Campbell as 6th grade girls' basketball coach. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to hire Donesa Higginbotham to work in the cafeteria. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the resignation of Carrie Simler as high school receptionist, and to approve the recommendation to hire Mary Simcoe as the new high school receptionist. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris stated to the board that there was still an opening for an elementary boys' basketball coach. Mikel Miller had someone in mind that he wanted to talk with, but Mr. Morris wanted to speak with the board about the coach before Mikel could approach him about the position. No board action was taken.

Robert Schickel asked for public comments related to the meeting agenda. There were none. He then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Wolfe made the motion to adjourn. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Mr. Morris reminded the board that the meeting dates for the September and October meetings could not be changed due to budget hearing restrictions. He also confirmed that those meetings would begin at 6:00 p.m. With no further comments, the motion to adjourn passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Robert Schickel, President


Sharon Rothrock, Secretary