

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 19, 2023

The monthly executive meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held September 19, 2023 at the Carl Uessler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by board president, Robert Schickel. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Robert Schickel, President  
Jaycen Abell, Vice President  
Sharon Rothrock, Secretary  
Tara Smith, Member  
Ryan Lind, Member  
Dr. Ryan Apple, Superintendent

The board met in executive session discussing personnel. No official action was taken.

With no further business, Robert Schickel made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The budget meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held September 19, 2023 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by board president, Robert Schickel. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Robert Schickel, President  
Jaycen Abell, Vice President  
Sharon Rothrock, Sectary  
Tara Smith, Member  
Ryan Lind, Member  
Dr. Ryan Apple, Superintendent

Robert Schickel said that the board met in executive session on the topics listed and no official action was taken.

Dr. Apple proceeded with the budget meeting.

Bus Replacement fund

Currently the school corporation owns 3 mid busses and 4 full size buses. Dr. Apple stated that one mid size bus may need to be purchased in 2023-2024. The budget allows for \$130,000 for bus replacement. The bus replacement fund also covers school bus driver contracts. Dr. Apple suggested the following five-year plan:

2024 – purchase of new mid bus	\$130,000
2025 – replace bus #10	\$150,000
2026 – replace mid bus #1	\$135,000
2027 – replace mid bus #2	\$135,000
2028 – replace mid bus #3	\$135,000

#### Capital Projects

Capital projects funds support professional services, bonding requirements, utilities, building repairs, purchasing new equipment, paving the parking lot, lighting upgrades plumbing issues, maintenance and renovations of the building and grounds. The capital projects fund is supported by local tax dollars.

The following amounts were approved:

Referendum fund	\$ 500,000.00	Tax Rate .1682%
Debt Service fund	\$ 635,233.00	Tax Rate .2502%
Education fund	\$ 6,767,185.00 (comes from the state, based on enrollment)	
Operations fund	\$ 2,997,226.00	Tax Rate .8618%
Total	\$10,899,644.00	

Current Investment Balance \$4,083,641.55

Capital projects 3-year plan includes the following:

- Cafeteria tables and chairs - \$50,000
- Central office lighting and carpet upgrade - \$30,000
- Parking lot repaving - \$175,000
- Plumbing repair-installation of new toilets and urinals - \$60,000
- Tennis court resurfacing - \$100,000
- Concrete work (repair and replace sidewalks and walkways) - \$200,000
- Gasoline/tank pump - \$50,000
- Fire alarm system upgrade - \$35,000
- Double sided LED marquee sign - \$75,000
- High school gym bleachers (new) - \$300,000

After discussion regarding the proposed budget for 2023-2024, Robert Schickel made the motion to adjourn the budget meeting. Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held September 19, 2023 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. by board president, Robert Schickel. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Robert Schickel, President  
 Jaycen Abell, Vice President  
 Sharon Rothrock, Sectary

Tara Smith, Member  
Ryan Lind, Member  
Dr. Ryan Apple, Superintendent

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting. Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the motion to approve the claims for the month of September 2023. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jeff Smitley, Elementary Principal presented his report.

Mr. Smitley said that teachers of grades K-2 had a PD over our reading program in those classrooms.

Mr. Smitley said the 4<sup>th</sup> grade won the Heritage Float Award for the third year in a row. He gave a shout out to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, Mrs. Boone, Mr. Barnickle and Mrs. Worrall for a great effort.

Mr. Smitley said that on September 14<sup>th</sup> school improvement meeting began. This group will be setting up a council to receive information from anyone that is a stakeholder. He said that as of now the council consists if Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Uesseler, Mrs. Action and Mrs. McLane.

Mr. Smitley wanted to recognize all involved in the emergency vehicle day that took place on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He gave a big thank you to the first responders who showed up and educated the students on how these vehicles help save lives. He mentioned that Mrs. Holdridge, Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Irwin did a great job making this day possible for the students.

Mr. Smitley said that Reach for the Stars started yesterday. He said that a large portion of the pledge money comes back to the students in the form of books. He said that the class with the highest average pledges will have a popcorn and movie day. He said that the class with the highest average minutes read with also have a popcorn and movie day. He said all student achieving 300 minutes and \$100.00 pledge with receive a star reader prize pack.

Mr. Smitley said that the Cub Scouts will be coming in on September 25<sup>th</sup> at lunch to speak with the students for a few minutes.

Mr. Smitley said that we are quickly approaching Fall break and hopes everyone has a nice restful break.

This concluded his report.

Dr. Voelker, Jr/Sr High Principal presented his report.

Dr. Voelker said the following students received a National Rural and Small Town Award from the College Board because of their GPAs being a 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and/or AP exams. They can now list this honor on college applications.

Addison Byrum	NRSTA Class of 2025
Aiden Herley	NRSTA Class of 2025

Benjamin Austin	NRSTA Class of 2024
Delaney Kramer	NRSTA Class of 2025
Della Hooper	NRSTA Class of 2025
Ella Grossman	NRSTA Class of 2024
Hadley Crosier	NRSTA Class of 2025
Kaiya Cain	NRSTA Class of 2024
Kasey Watkins	NRSTA Class of 2024
Katarina Riggle	NRSTA Class of 2025
Renn Wolfe	NRSTA Class of 2024
Samantha Lawyer	NRSTA Class of 2024 (no longer at Lanesville)

Dr. Voelker said that 143 students earned 1,535 dual credit hours and this is five more students than last year. He said that 18 students earned 25 different credentials. He said that achieving these goals saved our students \$261,057, which they will not have to be spend on college credits.

Dr. Voelker said that we will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm in the High School gym. He said this will be directed by Cassie Gustin, our nurse, but is student led. He said there are still several openings available if anyone from the public is interested. He said you can schedule with Nurse Gustin or contact Ellie Schneider on her Facebook page. He said they would be giving out yellow ribbons in honor of Heidi Hickerson and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Dr. Voelker said that Herff Jones will be coming next week to speak with seniors regarding graduation materials and important dates that will be coming up soon. He said they would also be meeting with Sophomores to discuss class rings.

Dr. Voelker said that we are a week and a half from fall break and the end of the first quarter. He said that students and teachers have been encouraged to finish strong.

He stated that we had a girls' golf sectional this past Saturday and the girls placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. He said that this is their third year in existence and the girls to him that they were in winningest team in school history. He said the boys' tennis sectional will be hosted at Lanesville and will begin next Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said the Soccer sectional will be held during the first week of October and both Cross Country and Volleyball will have their sectionals the following week.

This concluded his report.

Dr. Ryan Apple proceeded with the Superintendent's report.

Dr. Apple said that LCSC submitted a waiver to the Indiana Department of Education because our expenditures of our education fund on certified teachers and counselors did not reach 62%. In the past, we always counted social security and Medicare in our calculations, this year we were not able to do so. If we used those numbers, we would have been right around 62%, give or take a percentage.

Dr Apple stated that several school board members and myself will be attending a joint ISBA and IAPSS conference in Indianapolis next week.

Dr. Apple said that the LCSC board of trustees and administrators have begun talks with several financial analysts and architects to start looking at moving forward with a building project in the near future at our newly obtained property off of Ponderosa. We plan to have a series of public input meetings, starting in October.

Dr. Apple stated that we have 1 ½ weeks of the first quarter of school left. Teachers are doing a great job wrapping up the quarter.

Dr. Apple said that he would personally like to thank Rita Brewington who is announcing her retirement at the end of January. Rita has been a valuable asset to Lanesville Community Schools during her time as Director of Human Resources/Assistant Treasurer. She has been very valuable to me in particular as I transitioned into the superintendent position.

Dr. Apple advised that Lanesville Community Schools did a full evacuation drill yesterday and all students and staff did an amazing job. Everyone went to their designated place in a quick and orderly fashion.

This concluded his report.

Robert Schickel opened the floor to public comments. With no one speaking, they proceeded with agenda business.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve a resolution to transfer \$191,000.00 from the education fund to the operations fund. Jaycen Abell made a motion to approve and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the retirement of Rita Brewington as Director of Human Resources at the end of January. Sharon Rothrock made a motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the hiring of Matthew Crawford as Director of Maintenance. Ryan Lind made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the bus replacement plan. Ryan Lind made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the capital projects plan. Jaycen Abell made a motion to approve and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the settlement offer regarding the lawsuit against Altria. Tara Smith made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve a resolution to authorize litigation against social media companies. He said that any settlement would assist the school to pay for our mental health workers. Tara Smith made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve our FFA students to attend the National Convention from November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. Jayce Abell made motion to approve and Ryan Lind seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple asked for approval to throw out the following inventory. These items are beyond repair and should be taken off the inventory list:

- 8 desks and 12 chairs
- 6 XP12 upright vacuums
- 48 choir robes, 18 music stands and 1 PVC plastic tuba
- 1 small bicycle
- 1 large blue matt

Sharon Rothrock made motion to approve and Tara Smith seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple asked for approval of the following fundraisers. Jaycen Abell made the motion to approve the fundraiser and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- Band/Music to sell apparel
- HS boys' basketball to sell apparel
- HS boys' basketball to have a "text by donate"
- HS Volleyball to raffle off a barn quilt
- Class of 2024 will be sponsoring an evening at Cluckers in Corydon

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Bailey Leister – JH volunteer cheer coach
- Shelby Kahl – cheer volunteer
- Kevin Smith – Varsity boys basketball volunteer
- James Powers – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach
- Seth McKim – 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach
- Nathan Barnickle – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach
- Patrick Huffman – 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach
- Angie Hinton – Varsity girls basketball coach
- Joe Hinton – Varsity girls basketball c team coach
- Hallie Hinton – JV girls basketball coach
- Will Davis – Varsity girls basketball volunteer
- Eric Hess – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach
- Hallie Hinton – 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach
- Brooklyn Gibbs – Varsity Softball coach

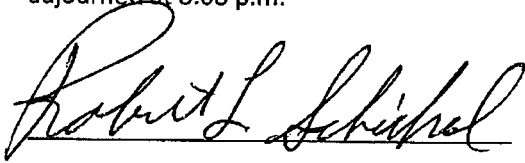
Ben Blackman – HS swim team coach

Tara Smith made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made an announcement that bus number 12 sold in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Dr. Apple asked for approval to hire Bridgette Adams as a High School instructional assistant. Sharon Rothrock made motion to accept and Jaycen Abell seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further business, Robert Schickel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaycen Abell made the motion to adjourn and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert L. Schickel", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Schickel, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Rothrock", written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Rothrock, Secretary