LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 19, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on May 19, 2020 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by board president, Robert Schickel. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Robert Schickel, President

Sharon Rothrock, Vice President

Margaret Meyer, Secretary

Ron Wolfe, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the claims for the month of May. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Lisa Hammond, Elementary Principal, presented the elementary school report.

The elementary finished up the nine weeks on Friday, May 15. All students completed their assignments either digitally or through completing printed packets. Teachers will finalize grades by Thursday, May 21 and report cards will be available through Harmony the next week.

This week elementary is doing a drive by pick-up of student items left in the classroom. Students were assigned a day and time according to their last name. Awards and certificates will also be handed out at this time.

Currently 80 new students have enrolled for next year, with 68 of those being kindergartners. Emails and phone calls will be made to confirm enrollment in early June. A Google form was sent out to all parents to reply with their intent to return. At this point, elementary enrollment is up 13 students from last year. We will begin looking for staffing placement for the 2020-2021 school year.

This concluded her report.

Steve Morris proceeded with the High School Principal/Superintendent report.

Mr. Morris stated that May 15th ended the 2019-2020 school year. Tomorrow grades are due. We will then update transcripts and prepare report cards.

Today the virtual graduation was filmed. This will be shown on May 29th at 7:00 p.m. on YouTube. The filming of graduation was done by Tyler Best and Taylor Johnson, two graduates of Lanesville High School. We are still planning for a live graduation on August 8th at 4:00 p.m. He stated that by this date the state will allow groups of 250 to assemble.

Tomorrow, May 20th, WDRB will be spotlighting 30 Lanesville graduating seniors from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The last day for food distribution will be May 26th. He stated that Mrs. Denny and the cafeteria staff did an amazing job.

Scheduling for next year is 90% complete. He stated that it has been an unusual challenge to do this remotely.

Mr. Morris said the big question is when will we be opening for the 2020-2021 school year. He stated that we are not sure at this point. He stated that he has zoom meetings every week with several other superintendents in the surrounding areas. He said that it would be difficult to accomplish the social distancing on a day to day basis. He said that he does not want to begin the new year with ELearning. He said the alternative of delaying the beginning of school will cause problems with the 180 days of instruction. On May 28th there will be a meeting with several of the staff members of the school to discuss when we should start the new school year.

Mr. Morris stated that the IHSAA has said that as of July 1st we are allowed to resume practices and games. The also stated that this was “based on School Board and Superintendent’s approval”. Mr. Morris said that he has told our coaches not to plan large scale events. He said smaller groups at school would be acceptable.

Mr. Morris stated that voting will be open on June 2nd. He gave a special thank you to Vicky and Mike Sizemore for placing over 200 referendum signs throughout our community.

This concluded his report.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve rate increases that took effect on December 1, 2019 for non-certified staff. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the increases. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve Fall Coaches.

Volleyball Varsity Coach – Adam Belden

JV Coach – Kattie Kochert

High School Assts. – Skylar Belden

Volunteer Asst. – Kayla Smith

8th Grade Coach - Ginny Crawford

7th Grade Coach – Heather Baker

Cross Country Jr. High Coach – Lauren Petty

Boys Tennis Varsity Coach – Michael Sizemore

Jr. High Coach – Amy Graves

Boys Basketball Varsity Coach – Mikel Miller

JV Coach – Kyle Brown

Freshman Coach – Roger Reynolds

7th Grade Coach – Adam Belden

6th Grade Coach – Nathan Barnickle

5th Grade Coach – Matthew Beckman

Girls Basketball Varsity Coach – Angie Hinton

JV Coach – Callie Best

Freshman Coach – Joe Hinton

8th Grade Coach - Kyle Brumley

7th Grade Coach - Kim Zink

6th Grade Coach – Hannah Walther

5th Grade Coach – Peyton Sonner

Chan Bailey asked that the Varsity High School Basketball coach be discussed separately from the group of Fall coaches listed. Margaret Meyer made the motion to accept the list of coaches, excluding the High School Varsity Basketball Coach. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

After discussion with Chan Bailey, Bob Schickel recommended approval of the High School Varsity Basketball Coach, with the intention of further discussion with the new Athletic Director. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept and Ron Wolfe seconded. Motion passed 4-1

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve to accept Mandy Wolfe as Concessions Manager. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the recommendation and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve to resignation of Jeff Hammond. Margaret Meyer said that Mr. Hammond has been an amazing teacher and will be greatly missed. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the recommendation and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Angela Hood, with the Teachers Union, spoke about what an amazing job our teachers have done with ELearning and zoom classes. She and Liz Schigur just wanted to acknowledge the hard work and heart that went into getting the kids through the end of the year.

With no further business, Ron Wolfe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Robert Schickel, President Margaret Meyer, Secretary