LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 18, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on August 18, 2020 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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

Ron Wolfe, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve the claims for the month of August. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

School got off to a good start. Currently we have 371 students enrolled. After the changing of instructional methods, we have 339 traditional and 35 virtual students (9%). Teachers have been doing an outstanding job providing instruction for all students. While it is not always an easy task teaching to both groups, our teachers are giving 110%.

Students will be taking the first NWEA assessment over the next two weeks. Teachers will use this assessment as a benchmark and use the data to determine what changes need to be made, if any, to our math and language arts curriculum for the year.

The students will participate in a virtual workshop on Western African Dance September 8-10. This workshop is part of the Indianan Arts Commission grant. Ms. Beckort has arranged for the students to take part in this experience virtually since we are not having in person assemblies at this point.

We received word last week that we will not be getting our yearbooks from last school year. Lifetouch will be issuing refunds.

Pictures will be taken on September 16th by the InterState Studios.

This concluded her report.

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

Currently we have 356 students enrolled in the secondary school. This is 6 down from last year. Lanesville as a whole has 727 students enrolled. Our virtual students are at 10%, which is 36 from the High School and 35 from the Elementary.

Teachers are doing an outstanding job. They are being asked to do something that has never been done before, which is teaching in class and virtual at the same time. The teachers are giving 100% and working together for the greater good of our students.

We have 90% of our students back in the building and it is heartwarming to see them daily. We can expect possible cases through the year and we will just weather the storm. We continue to work on technical issues. We have had some bumps in the road, as expected, and we are working through these matters.

As far as athletics is concerned, we had our first cross country meet this past weekend at Bordon with 10 schools participating. We have a home Volleyball game on Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 against Clarksville. We have sent a letter to all parents with the guidelines for attending athletic events. Masks will be required and social distancing is necessary. We are still at a maximum attendance of 250.

We will have a budget hearing in September and a budget adoption in October for the 2021 school year.

This concluded his report.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve a one year leave of absence for Kathryn Greenwood, due to her personal concerns with Covid-19. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to accept the resignation of Amanda Blocker Engleman as instructional assistant. Chan Bailey made the motion to approve. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the hiring of Megan Love as sub coordinator. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the hiring Makkena Cannon as instructional assistant. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to accept temporary teacher and staff ECA contracts. Chan Bailey made the motion to approve. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to accept the 2020-2021 Textbook Fees. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve. Rona Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the following coaches for the 2020-2021 school year.

High School Boys Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach Kevin Smith

8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Bob Campbell

Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve both coaches. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve a fundraiser that the Cross Country team would like to have. Sharon Rothrock motioned to approve the fundraiser. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the hiring of Kim Pullen as Instructional Assistant. Chan Bailey made the motion to approve. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

With no further business, Ron Wolfe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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