LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 16, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on June 16, 2020 at the high school cafeteria, 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

Sharon Rothrock, Vice President

Margaret Meyer, Secretary

Ron Wolfe, member

Chan Bailey, member

Steve Morris, Superintendent

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2020 meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Chan Bailey made the motion to approve the claims for the month of June. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

We had student school supplies pick-up the last of May. Most items were retrieved, but we still have unclaimed items. Those not picked up before the end of summer will be given to students when they return for the 2020-2021 school year.

Elementary enrollment update for next year is currently at 77 new students, with 67 of those being kindergartners. Emails and phone calls will be made to confirm enrollment before the start of the new school year in July.

This concluded her report.

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

Mr. Morris said that COVID-19 has been a full time job. He stated that at this point we will be going back to school on July 29th. He said that there are new guidelines and suggestions, not mandates, which have come from the DOE, CDC and the health department. Our re-opening plan will need to be blessed by the health department board. This board will consist of a doctor from Harrison County Hospital and a nurse. Mr. Morris said he would be in a zoom meeting with these individuals tomorrow morning to discuss Lanesville’s re-opening plans. He also said that this would be an ever changing year. He said that things could change daily and/or weekly. He stated that to operate under the social distancing guidelines upon re-opening would be 100% impossible.

Mr. Morris said that Lanesville will be offering a 100% virtual program to students. He feels it is necessary to offer this to keep students from leaving Lanesville. He stated that when the survey was sent out only 7% said that they would be attending virtually.

Mr. Morris stated that they have been interviewing for a new Science teacher.

Mr. Morris said that athletics will begin again in July. However, any student that will be attending school 100% virtually will not be eligible.

Mr. Morris stated that August 8th is the date for the live graduation. He said he would be meeting with the class officers at the beginning of July.

Mr. Morris gave a special thank you to Bob Schickel, Ron Wolfe, Mike Sizemore, Chip White and Jessica Byrd for being instrumental in getting the referendum passed.

This concluded his report.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve of administrative contracts for the Superintendent, High School Principal and Elementary Principal. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the Resolution to transfer funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the Resolution for suspension of school board policies conflicting with waivers or extensions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve Holly Bailey as Varsity Cross Country Coach, Jerry Geswein as Athletic Supervisor and Bradley Sanders as Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve these coaches. Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

There was discussion regarding placement of the Thomas Elder Memorial Bench. Sarah Hunley spoke and requested that the bench be placed at the entrance of the high school. After further discussion, Chan Bailey made the motion to approve placement of the bench and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve a price increase in school lunches for the 2020-2021 school year. After discussion, Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the increase in school lunches. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the retirement of Creta Barnickle as Elementary School Secretary. He then made recommendation to hire Sheila Ehalt as replacement for Creta Barnickle as Elementary School Secretary. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve both recommendations and Chan Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Liz Schigur wanted to acknowledge the sincere effort and faith given to the teachers from the Administration during this very stressful end of the school year.

Tom Weaver raised the question about masks and would they be required. Mr. Morris stated that masks will be highly recommended, but not required. He went on to say that masks would be required if riding the buses.

With no further business, Chan Bailey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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Robert Schickel, President Margaret Meyer