## LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

April 20, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on April 20, 2021 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by board president, Sharon Rothrock. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

Sharon Rothrock, President Margaret Meyer, Vice President Ron Wolfe, member Robert Schickel, member Steve Morris, Superintendent

Bob Schickel made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021 board meeting and the claims for the month of April. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Fifth and sixth grade students got to create their own musical instruments using cardboard, beads, duct tape, and other found objects. They connected with Dianna David, from Arts for Learning, for a music workshop and designed their own instruments. Special thanks to the Community Foundation for making events like this possible.

ILEARN testing began this week. Students in grades 3-6 will be taking the assessment. The window will be open until May 14 in order to give adequate time for students to make up these if they are absent.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open until April 27<sup>th</sup>. Students are able to purchase books during their scheduled library time or parents may order online.

Elementary students will have the opportunity to purchase greenhouse items on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> during the school day. Teachers were able to sign up for a time their class can go out and visit the greenhouse and have the option to purchase flowers or plants. Information on plant sales will be sent out via their classroom newsletters.

This concluded her report.

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

Mr. Morris said "2 billion". The state legislature's forecast report shows a 2 billion dollar surplus in state revenue. They will be trying to decide how to spend these funds. There will be discussion on amounts given to public schools as well as voucher schools. The voucher schools will expand on the basis of income limits. The Legislature was not specific on the teacher pay issue at this time.

Mr. Morris stated that he is an active member of the Chamber Board. There was a meeting last Thursday and will be another one this Thursday. Their main focus is how the Chamber can better support Harrison County businesses.

Mr. Morris said that we would begin the interview process this week for our new elementary school principal.

ILEARN will begin in the High school. We will start next week and end the first week of May for the 7/8 grades classes. AP exams will also take place the first week of May.

We are having an Academic Assembly on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will separate the students in two groups. Grades 9/10 will be first and then grades 11/12.

Prom will be taking place on May 1<sup>st</sup> at "The Farm". After prom will follow at the school in the gym.

The Harrison County Health Department will be at Lanesville High School on May 7<sup>th</sup> to offer the COVID vaccine to any student 16 and above. Also, this is the second week we have been in the blue. If we continue on this positive path we will be allowed larger crowds at upcoming events. Graduation is an example of one of these events. Graduation will be May 28 and at this time will be held in the gym.

Tomorrow is Administrative Professional Day. Mr. Morris stated he would be taking 5 ladies to lunch. Penny Schmelz, Rita Brewington, Shelia Ehalt, Mary Simcoe and Becky Stilger are the individuals that he mentioned. He stated that the school would be lost without their help.

This concluded his report.

Margaret Meyer proceeded with the liaison report.

Kaitllyn Clay and the Corydon Democrat wrote a wonderful article regarding House Bill 1005. This helps to bring awareness to our public schools valid concerns. There will another article concerning this topic in their next issue. This bill has passed to the senate committee but has not yet reached the senate floor.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to amend how the school handles student records regarding student mental and behavioral services. Margaret Meyer motioned to pass the new board policy. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by TM Beckman Lawn and Landscaping to perform lawn maintenance and snow removal for the school. Bob Schickel made the motion to accept the recommendation. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve Marianne Will as Concession Manager for the baseball season. Margaret Meyer made a motion to accept the recommendation. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to accept the retirement of Brenda Schneider. Mr. Morris stated that Brenda has worked at Lanesville since 1989. Ron Wolfe made the motion to accept Mrs. Schneider's retirement.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the following volleyball coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Shelby Barr – 8<sup>th</sup> grade coach Kate Acton – 7<sup>th</sup> grade coach Sarina Belden – volunteer help for Jr. High and High School

Margaret Meyer made motion to approve all the coaches listed and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morris made the recommendation to approve the following fundraisers. Bob Schickel made the motion to approve the fundraisers and Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

- FFA annual plant/flower sale in May
- 6 on 6 coed volleyball tournament/\$60.00 per team entry

Mr. Morris discussed that he would be retiring as superintendent at the end of the year. December 28, 2021 will be his last day.

Mr. Morris made the recommendation to approve Dr. Ryan Apple as our new High School principal at the beginning of the new school year. Dr. Apple will take over these duties on June 14, 2021. Bob Schickel motioned to approve Dr. Apple and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Morris requested permission to post the job for a new Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Ron Wolfe motioned to accept posting this position. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Sharon Rothrock called for any public comments related to the agenda. Tom Weaver made the statement that there are lots of changes taking place at Lanesville Schools and wished everyone the best wishes.

With no further business, Sharon Rothrock motioned to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Sharon Rothrock, President

Margaret Meyer, Vice President