

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 20, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on December 20, 2022 in the 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
Jaycen Abell, Secretary
Ron Wolfe, member
Robert Schickel, member
Steve Morris, Superintendent

Robert Schickel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022 board meeting and the claims for the month of December. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jeff Smitley, Elementary Principal, presented the elementary school report.

Mr. Smitley presented a book that Mrs. Boone's fourth grade high ability class constructed and had published.

He stated that December 5th through the 9th is "Play it Safe" week. He said that part of the Indiana State Standards requires that we cover the topic of child abuse prevention across all grade levels. We have partnered with Comfort House Child Advocacy Center to deliver the "Play it Safe" curriculum to all of the students. The purpose of this is to help students to recognize, react to and report the situations discussed regarding their safety.

Mr. Smitley said that the elementary school had a holiday shop open from December 13th through the 15th. He said students were able to purchase gifts for \$2.00. He gave a big thank you to the PTSO for running the whole show.

He said that the students have had many celebrations this month. They celebrated Elf wrap up and will have the PBIS 9 week celebration, classroom holiday parties and the Grinch visited today.

Mr. Smitley said that the staff will also be celebrating. They will have a gift card exchange, 12 days of Christmas and a secret Santa exchange.

Mr. Smitley discussed the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. He said that the school profited \$4,750 and that over 20,000 cards were sold.

He said that he is excited for the following events in the Spring semesters

- High Ability conference

- Science bowl

- Robotics in February

- IREAD-3 testing for both second and third grade students (approximately 125)

- Mr. Henke will be hosting an enrichment program during Spring intersession

This concluded his report.

Dr. Apple, High School Principal, presented the High School report.

Dr. Apple said that our ELF program wrapped up last week with a total of 49 Lanesville children, from 20 families, receiving gifts and much needed holiday supplies. He said that 4,060 canned items were donated and 1,309 pounds of food was donated to St. Mary's food pantry. He said that \$5,010.75 was raised in total with \$3,396.95 coming from students and \$1,613.80 coming from the Lanesville community.

Dr. Apple said that we had 35 different items (total of 50 in quantity) donated via an Amazon Wishlist to our STEM/STEAM supply closet last Friday. We were amazed that all wishes were granted within a 3 hour time period. What an amazing community we have supporting our students. Thank yous were sent via Amazon gift receipts. Items will be available to all grades and housed in the library. Items included Geoboards, bouncy balls, ping pong balls, felt, eye droppers, small rocks, craft sticks, WikiStix, trays, pattern blocks, pipe cleaners, fishing line, magnifying sheets, button magnets, finger lights, cardboard sheets and a box of nuts & bolts. We also included scissors, markers and crayons for upper grade projects since they do not have art boxes like elementary students.

He said that the Eighth graders presented their AG Science experiments to a panel of community members on December 15th.

Dr. Apple said that the LHS staff and students did some really good work this holiday season. Teachers and students worked together after school on November 30, 2022 to decorate the commons and halls for the holiday season. Students and staff also worked together to spread some holiday cheer to some elderly Harrison County residents. Students created Christmas cards to give to elderly patients in local nursing homes and staff planned to deliver them and personally wish the residents a Merry Christmas, but due to widespread flu in our area, we were not able to do that part. Cards were delivered to the nursing homes however.

He said that the Lanesville Community Schools took possession of a brand new Thomas 78 passenger school bus on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

He said we will be installing cameras on corporation buses and stop arm cameras on route buses during Christmas break and the first part of January.

This ended his report.

Mr. Morris presented the Superintendent report.

Mr. Morris stated that the State of Indiana has new guidelines on elearning. This plan allows three in sequence days off without school or instruction. As a result, he said that we have developed a revised weather plan with the teachers that will be sent to parents prior to the start of the second semester.

Mr. Morris stated that the budget for 2023 has been approved. He said that local government finance approved the 2023 budget at \$10.5 million dollars. He said that the tax rate for 2022 was \$.61 and will decrease to \$.53 for 2023. He stated that we are one of the lowest in the state. He said that revised assessed values helped to lower the tax rate. He said that now would be the time to look at renovating.

Mr. Morris discussed Ivy Tech and the dual credit program we have here at Lanesville. He stated that right now Lanesville Community School pays the tuition for any student that attends one of these classes. He said that the Ivy Tech State Agency has considered holding the students responsible for 100% of the tuition, as if taking the class at Ivy Tech. He said that his concern is that some students would not take these classes due to the cost issue. He said that we have discussions with the Foundation coming up to see this is something that they could help us cover.

Mr. Morris discussed the new bus that arrived at our school. He stated that the Harrison County Prosecutor's office has supplied the school with stop arm cameras for our buses. He said these will be installed at Christmas break.

Mr. Morris stated that tonight will be the last group discussion regarding "Portrait of a Graduate". He said that these sessions have been very productive and an outline of what a Lanesville graduate should look like has been decided.

Mr. Morris said that our next meeting will be on January 10, 2023.

This concluded his report

The floor was open to public comments. After several minutes of discussion, the meeting proceeded.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the resolution to authorize the payment of the Teacher Appreciation Grant. Ron Wolfe made the motion to accept and Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to authorize the corporate treasurer to pay all claims before 12/31/2022 without a special meeting. Ron Wolfe made the motion to accept and Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve a resolution to transfer \$182,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the adoption of the 2023/2024 school calendar. Jaycen Abell made the motion to approve and Robert Schichel seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve intercession and temporary contracts. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve and Robert Schickel seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve Shawn Huffman to cover for Kate Action during her maternity leave. Ron Wolfe made the motion to approve and Margaret Meyer seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Margaret Meyer gave a brief summary of the Youth Advocacy Center. She said that this is an alternative school that works with children in our community that struggle in a normal class setting. The Center is located at the lower level of the health department.

Mr. Morris made the recommendation to approve the following fundraisers: Robert Schickel made the motion to approve the fundraiser and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

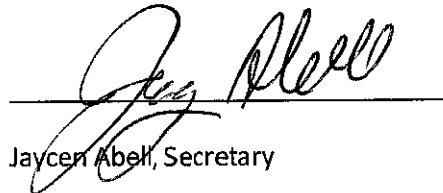
Harrison and Crawford Counties Elementary/JH Schools Cheer Showcase
Cheer clinic

Mr. Morris recognized the two outgoing school board members, Ron Wolfe and Margaret Meyer, for the years of service to the school corporation—Ron—20 years and Margaret—8 years. They each were presented with a Zimmerman Art Glass paperweight as a token of appreciation.

With no further business, Sharon Rothrock motioned to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Sharon Rothrock, President



Jaycen Abell, Secretary