

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 16, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on August 16, 2022 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 July 19, 2022 board meeting and the claims for the month of August. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Mr. Smitley stated they are looking into making some handbook changes. They will be looking at the attendance policy and at our retention policy. He said that when kids need to miss school due to family emergencies/requests that these days will count as excused. These days were previously counted as unexcused.

Mr. Smitley stated that this school year has started off wonderful. He said that we have 409 students currently enrolled in our Elementary school.

Mr. Smitley said that our extracurricular activities have kicked off for the new school year. He said we have students participating in cross county, tennis, running club and girls' basketball.

Mr. Smitley said the numbers have been released for IREAD-3. He said that 52 out of 58 students passed. Three of these students passed with perfect scores. He said that the ILEARN data has been finalized from the IDOE.

This concluded his report.

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

Dr. Apple stated that LEARN information was shared for grades 7 & 8, along with SAT data.

Dr. Apple said that there was an open house held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and that there was a good turnout.

He said that Ms. Morgan brought in InVestEd to speak with 12th grade students on Monday, August 8th and 11th grades students on Wednesday, August 10th. They talked about applying for scholarships, financial aid and programs that are available for straight to workforce students.

Dr. Apple had an "open door" night for parents/guardians on Monday, August 15th. He said that he knows it is difficult for parents/guardians to get to school by 3:00 so he stayed after school to speak with anyone that needed to speak with him. He said he plans to offer this once a quarter.

This concluded his report.

Mr. Morris presented the Superintendent report.

Mr. Morris stated that he agrees with Principals Apple and Smitley that test scores are important, however, he said these are not the only things involved in the evaluation of a student. He said that when the schools switched from ISTEP to ILEARN scores as a whole went down. He said that we are still working on coming back from these changes. He stated that the school, as well as the others in the area, has been locked into a B rating due to COVID.

Mr. Morris stated that he it was a great start to the new school year with the administration and the teaching staff attending a workshop/presentation on gratitude at Mount St. Francis on July 25th, which was the first day back to school. He stated that we had our school kick off lunch on July 26th at 11:30 am, which was provided by Mrs. Denny and the cafeteria staff.

Mr. Morris stated that he will be attending a meeting on August 24th with the insurance trust group regarding our health insurance. He said that this meeting will approve changes in the trust which includes 10 schools in southern Indiana as a consolidated group. Anthem will remain the network carrier for all schools. He stated that when faced with surgery, they have discussed making it mandatory to use Surgery Plus due to the overall saving in health care costs through this plan.

Mr. Morris said that he will be taking two seniors with him monthly to his Rotary Club meetings. He said it is a great experience for these students and great connections from throughout the community.

Mr. Morris said that he and Sharon Rothrock would be attending a meeting next Friday at Silver Creek High School. He said that the meeting will consist of Board Presidents, Superintendents and elected officials. He said that they attend these meetings 4 times a year.

Mr. Morris said that the legislature will be back in session in January and it will be a budget year. They will begin with delegating funds. These funds will encompass Kindergarten through College.

Mr. Morris stated that September 9th will be an ELearning day and the kids will be working from home. He said that the teachers will not be live, but will be available here at school.

Mr. Morris stated that September and October board meetings will be discussing the 2023 corporation budget. He said that September would be the hearing covering both bus replacement and the capital projects plan. The corporation budget for 2023 will be approved at the October board meeting.

Mr. Morris discussed the implementation of "Portrait of a Graduate". He stated that there will be a committee of about 24/25 people in which will outline what we want a Lanesville Graduate to look like and the skills/qualities that we want them to possess. He said that there will be four meetings which will begin in September. He said each meeting will last about an hour and will take place after the monthly board meeting. He said there would be meetings in October, November and December.

This concluded his report

Sharon Rothrock asked for public comments regarding agenda items or any items what were on the Principal and Superintendents reports.

After much discussion regarding ILEARN and NWEA testing with those present, we continued with the remaining agenda items.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the Lanesville Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. Robert Schickel made the motion to approve and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve all teacher and ECA contracts. Jaycen Abell made the motion to approve the contracts and Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the following new positions for the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Mark Adams as Jr./Sr. High Science teacher
- b. Howard Vigar as teacher mentor for Mark Adams
- c. Jody Jones as special needs transportation driver to Corydon
- d. Stephanie Schoen as Jr./Sr. High Instructional Assistant
- e. Karie Worrall – Instructional Assistant – Gen Ed
- f. Kayla Tackett – Instructional Assistant – Gen Ed
- g. Rachel Buckley – Instructional Assistant – SPED

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the following cafeteria staff updates for the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Kelci Rawlings is now full time

- b. Stephanie Summers is now full time
- c. Patricia Umensetter is now part time

Ron Wolfe made motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris made the recommendation to approve the following coaches for the 2022-2023 school year.


JH Cheer Coach – Jessica McNamar
5/6 Cheer Coach – Elayne Cloud
HS Girls BB Volunteer – Will Davis
Girls BB Volunteer – Emma Campbell
7th Grade Girls BB Coach – Cindy Willoughby
5th Grade Girls BB Coach – Cindy Willoughby
Volunteer Tennis Coach – Ethan Schickel
Varsity Baseball Coach – Brenden Bube
Accept resignation as Head Baseball Coach and approve as0
Volunteer Baseball Coach – Gregg Oppel
Athletic Supervisor – Jerry Geswein
Equipment Manager – Brayden Keisler


Ron Wolfe made motion to approve the coaches for the 2022-23 school year and Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Morris made the recommendation to approve the following fundraisers. Margaret Meyer made the motion to approve the fundraisers and Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

JH Volleyball selling Tumblers
JH Volleyball night at Cluckers
FFA selling mums
JH cheerleader's car wash on August 20th
Class of 2024 selling Soapy Joes

With no further business, Sharon Rothrock motioned to suspend the Regular Board meeting at 6:22 and proceed with the Executive meeting. She said the board would be meeting in executive session on personnel and no action would be taken. Sharon Rothrock motioned to adjourn the Executive Board meeting and Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The executive meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Sharon Rothrock, President


Jaycen Abell, Secretary