

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 21, 2021

Before calling the budget meeting to order, Mr. Morris stated that the Lanesville School Corporation is in contract negotiations with teachers. These negotiations will include wages, salaries and benefits.

The budget hearing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Morris presented the Capital Projects Fund budget and the Bus Replacement Fund budget.

Mr. Morris did state that the boat money that has been generously given to us over the years will be non-existent by 2023. We will have to brain storm on how we plan to cover these previously covered debts.

Mr. Morris stated that the final budget approval hearing for the Capital Projects Fund and the Bus Replacement Fund budget for 2022 has been scheduled for October 5, 2021. The budget hearing was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on September 21, 2021 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 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

Margaret Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021 board meeting and the claims for the month of September. Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

The current enrollment at Lanesville Elementary is at 393 students. The numbers are as follows:

Kindergarten 63  
First Grade 66  
Second Grade 53  
Third Grade 56  
Fourth Grade 60  
Fifth Grade 44

Sixth Grade 51

Mr. Smitley congratulated the fourth grade for winning the Indiana Heritage Award for their float in our Heritage Weekend Parade. He showed the plaque they had been awarded and said it would be hung in the Elementary Office. He also showed a large eagle that had been on the float and was made by Mr. Henke. The eagle has been signed by all the fourth graders who participated and will be hung on the Elementary Office wall for all to enjoy.

He stated that this has been College Go week. Mrs. Mckim has scheduled dress up days for the students to raise awareness about college and other post-secondary options.

He stated that the first grade class had visitors last Thursday from the LMPD Officers Stewart and Williams, along with our SRO, Officer Davis shared their experiences and answered any questions the kids had for them. Mrs. Dye's father came and spoke to our students about his experiences as a firefighter.

Reach of the Stars is underway in the elementary school. This is a very important activity to peek our student's interest in reading.

He said that our remediation teacher, Kate Acton, is meeting with up to 50 students per day and hopes to be up to 60 very soon.

This concluded his report.

Dr. Ryan Apple proceeded with the High School Principal Report.

Dr. Apple said that Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School conducted an open house on Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Everything went smoothly and it was wonderful to have an opportunity to get kids, parents and teachers back together.

He stated that the Varsity Soccer team should be publicly commended for receiving an exemplary behavior report from the IHSAA on behalf of the athletic director at Scottsburg High School.

He said that Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School will be observing World Bullying Month in October by asking students and staff to wear blue on Fridays.

He said that National Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31. Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School will be participating in this event with a series of fun activities to raise awareness regarding drug and alcohol abuse.

He stated that Intercession will run from Monday October 4<sup>th</sup> though October 8<sup>th</sup>.

He stated that Lanesville, in conjunction with Our Place and South Harrison, has been awarded a prevention grant for Harrison County. We will be using this grant money to fund a couple of positions at Our Place to better serve the needs of Harrison County's efforts for drug and alcohol prevention.

This concluded his report.

Mr. Morris proceeded with the Superintendent Report.

Mr. Morris stated that he had recently attended a board meeting at the Wilson Center and was informed that the director would be retiring. He said that the interim director covering through the end of the year would be Sam Gardner. Mr. Morris stated that the board members would be interviewing in November and voting in December for their new director.

Mr. Morris stated that the health department was at school today conducting a vaccination clinic. He said that children ages 5-11 will be eligible in the next few weeks.

Mr. Morris stated that our fall break is the first two full weeks of October. Intercession will be conducted the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mr. Morris stated that the Board would be attending their fall conference on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

This concluded his report.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the hiring of Sue Demers as the Prosser and ROTC bus driver. Ron Wolfe made the motion to accept the recommendation and Robert Schickel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the hiring of Liberty Safstrom as an instructional assistant in the elementary school. Jayce Abell made the motion to accept the recommendation and Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris recommended the approval of the 2021-2022 textbook fees. Ron Wolfe made a motion to approve the textbook fees. Margaret Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Morris made a recommendation to approve the following coaches:

- a. Accept the resignation of Skyler Belden as Assistant Varsity Volleyball coach and approve her as Volunteer Varsity Volleyball coach.
- b. Accept Heather Baker as Assistant Varsity Volleyball coach.
- c. Approve Jerry Geswein as the Athletic Department Supervisor and the Athletic Department Equipment Manager.

Margaret Meyer motioned to approve these coaches as recommended. Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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


- a. Swim-a-thon for the swim team
- b. Sponsorship on the back of swim team t-shirts
- c. Face painting and s'mores during movie nights at the Heritage Park to benefit the art department
- d. Euchre tournament at the Jaycee building to benefit high school tennis
- e. Booth for NHS at Heritage weekend
- f. Booth for JH cheer to serve drinks and chips during the queen contest
- g. Elementary student council will be selling spirit wear
- h. JH student council will be selling cookies from Halloween through November 11<sup>th</sup>
- i. FFA will be selling t-shirts

With no further business, Sharon Rothrock motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



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Sharon Rothrock, President



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Jaycen Abell, Secretary