

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MARCH 19, 2024

The executive meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held March 19, 2024 at the corporation office, 2723 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by board President, Robert Schickel.

Robert Schickel, President  
Sharon Rothrock, Secretary  
Tara Smith, Member  
Ryan Lind, Member  
Dr. Ryan Apple, Superintendent

The board met in executive session discussing industrial or commercial prospects or agents, placement decisions regarding students and classified records considered confidential by state or federal statute. No official action was taken.

With no further business, Robert Schickel made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held March 19, 2024 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by board President, Robert Schickel.

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Sharon Rothrock, Secretary  
Tara Smith, Member  
Ryan Lind, Member  
Dr. Ryan Apple, Superintendent

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 board meeting. Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ryan Lind made the motion to approve the claims for the month of March. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Jeff Smitley, Elementary Principal. Proceeded with this report.

Mr. Smitley discussed that on March 1st we had a fire scare. He said that smoke was discovered coming from the ceiling in the elementary kitchen. He said a motor began smoking in the HVAC system and

everyone in the facility did a great job in evacuating in a calm and orderly manner. He said that the fire departments were very complimentary of how well the students and staff reacted to the incident.

He said that IREAD3 assessments were done this month. He said that the results have not yet been announced; however, he said that the results were very positive.

Mr. Smitley said that the STEAM fair was on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He said that there were 59 projects from grades K-6. He said these projects included plants, flame retardant materials, lightbulbs, and a rebuilt engine. He said that Mr. Kramer and his robots invaded the halls. He said the kids loved learning about competition boards and many different kinds of robots and taking turns trying to control them. He said that Duke Energy provided STEM kits that provided many fun hands on activities for the kids. He extended a special thanks to Mrs. Geswein, Mrs. Taurman, Mrs. Chuprinaskas and Mr. Kramer.

Mr. Smitley said that Kindergarten Roundup was also on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He said that 33 students attended and they are hoping for 30 more before the beginning of the new school year. He extended a special thanks to Mrs. Schigur, Ms. Hood, Mrs. Drexler, Mrs. Tyree, Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Rachel.

He stated that the student council has several sponsors for the gaga pit and playground revitalization. He said the gaga pit was ordered today.

He discussed the enrichment programs are taking place during the first week of break. He said that Mrs. Miller would be teaching about oceanography, Mrs. Action will be discussing camo peoples and mazes and Mrs. Boone will be teaching Egyptian math.

He gave a shout out to the Harrison County Health Department for conducting a dental hygiene clinic and on March 13<sup>th</sup> and an eclipse awareness and safety clinic will be done on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Smitley discussed that due to the eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will dismiss at 1:15 pm.

He spoke about a math bowl that we hosted on February 27<sup>th</sup> and Lanesville placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall with two divisions earning a perfect score. He said we would be competing on April 9<sup>th</sup> at West Washington. He gave special thanks to Mr. Tobbe and Mrs. McLane.

Mr. Smitley said that elementary teachers will be working with students on final review and preparations for ILEARN testing, which is April 15<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>.

This concluded his report.

Joseph Voelker, Jr/Sr High Principal proceeded with his report

We want to congratulate our girls' basketball team on winning the state championship on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. They represented Lanesville schools and the community superbly over that weekend. I also want to congratulate our student body, band, and cheerleaders, on the way they handled themselves at the state finals. Several members of the IHSAA were impressed by the way everyone from our community backed the team in a positive manner. There is a sign on the way to the commons that said "together we are more." Never was that more evident than at the state finals. The team faced

adversity and everyone helped raise them up to succeed. I am very proud of the team, coaches, students, and fans.

Congratulations to sophomore Alex Morris for winning the Corydon Rotary Youth Speech Contest. He now moves on to the district competition.

Lanesville FFA did incredible today at District Leadership Contests.

Amy Koons- First place in freshman public speaking

Margeaux Stewart- First place in Ag Sales

Alex Morris- 3rd place in extemporaneous public speaking

Aidin Whitehouse- 3rd place in the FFA Creed

Jeanine Sharp- 3rd place in the food science demonstration

Emma Simcoe- 1st in agriculture education, 3rd in the plant science demonstration

Presten Little- 2nd place in the plant and soil science demonstration

They competed against 16 schools!

Several elementary and JR/SR high school faculty and staff completed CPI training on Saturday, March 2nd.

Special thanks to Robin Morgan for organizing and proctoring the SAT during the first week of March. PJ Tobbe also helped administer the SAT.

We will take mock AP exams in AP Stats and Calculus after spring break on April 3rd. We have already taken AP Lit, Comp, and Environmental Science. Bethany Miller has taken the lead on this.

There was a resume and interview writing skills workshop for seniors who don't go to Prosser on Monday, March 11 by representatives of WorkOne.

On Thursday, March 14, we took 40 juniors and seniors to the Harrison County Career Fair. They did an excellent job of denoting what jobs were for summer help and those that were hiring full time.

We will have a blood drive on Tuesday, April 9th in the gym from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

We will also host a regional meeting for the Indiana Association of School Principals District 12 on Tuesday, April 9th, in the cafeteria. This will allow us to show off our school to all of District 12.

The Academic Banquet will be held in the gym on Saturday, April 20th.

I attended a four day budgeting workshop through IASBO on February 21 and 22 and March 12 and 13. It was a great experience on how to create a school budget.

This concluded his report.

Dr. Apple proceeded with the Superintendent's report.

Lanesville Community School Corporation will utilize a live instruction e-learning day on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 due to election day. The school is being utilized as a polling place on that day.

Dr. Apple said he would like to personally thank Mr. Smitley, Dr. Voelker, the students and the staff of both Lanesville Elementary and Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School for their efforts on Friday, March 1, 2024. A motor began smoking in the HVAC system and everyone in the facility did a great job in evacuating in a calm and orderly manner.

A reminder to all that Lanesville Community School Corporation is releasing at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024 due to the partial solar eclipse that will be in our area.

Legislative update: In the weeks and months ahead, Lanesville Community School Corporation will be reviewing recently passed legislation that will impact the school corporation. We will begin revising, rewriting and creating policy to meet new legislation and legislative guidance. Some newly passed legislation that we will be addressing are:

HB1137 Release for religious instruction – requires a principal to allow a student to attend religious instruction conducted by certain entities following a written notice from the student’s parent.

HB1243 Various educational matters – Indiana diploma requirements and designation and satisfying certain course requirements by obtaining a diploma, criteria to receive a waiver for postsecondary readiness competency requirements, and the minimum number of alternate diplomas that may be counted in determining a school’s or school corporation’s graduation rate.

SB1 Reading skills – requires certain schools, beginning the 2024-2025 school year, to offer summer school courses for students who are not reading proficient or are at risk of not being reading proficient as indicated on the determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state board of education. It also requires the department of education to procure a universal screening assessment that meets certain criteria. It requires certain schools to administer the assessment to students in kindergarten through second grade who are not on track for reading proficiency by third grade as determined by the department.

SB6 Reading proficiency – required the department of education to develop a method to identify students in grades 4 through 8 who did not pass the determinant evaluation of reading skills approved by the state board of education and are at risk of not being proficient in reading as determined by Lexile scores on the statewide summative assessment.

SB150 Artificial intelligence and cybersecurity – creates the artificial intelligence task force to study and assess use of artificial intelligence technology by state agencies. It provides the political subdivisions, state agencies, school corporations and public entities and adopt any of the following: Technology resources study or cybersecurity policy.

SB185 Student use of wireless communication devices – requires each school corporation and charter school to adopt and implement a wireless communication device policy that governs student use of a wireless communication device and publish the policy on the school’s website.

SB 282 Absenteeism and school attendance – amends the duties of an attendance officer and the state attendance officer. It requires, not later than November 1 of each year, the state attendance officer to submit a report to the legislative council containing recommended legislation based on the state attendance officer’s discussion with attendance officers. It requires each governing authority of a school to establish a truancy prevention policy regarding certain students in kindergarten through grade 6. It

proves that a prosecuting attorney shall notify each parent of a child when an affidavit is filed regarding a child's compulsory attendance violations or if the child is a habitual truant.

This concluded his report

The PTSO report was presented by Mr. Smitley.

Mr. Smitley said that the PTSO has recently donated money to Mrs. Tobbe for calculators and Mrs. Armstrong for an inflatable bouncy house for field day.

He said that they had Donut with a grown up and it was another successful turnout. He said that there were about 350 people present.

Mr. Smitley said that the 14<sup>th</sup> will be pie day, they are gearing up for Spring festival and the silent auction, and that teacher appreciation is the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

This concluded his report

Robert Schickel opened the floor to public comments. Mrs. Liz Beamer discussed that she had been to bingo, which will be open to the public for the next few weeks at the Heritage building in Lanesville. She said there was a young boy there that was keeping track of his own cards. She spoke to him and told him that it was impressive that he knew all his numbers. She said he is a Kindergartner at Lanesville.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the resignation of Jeff Smitley as Elementary Principal. Tara Smith made the motion to accept and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the resignation of Jerry Geswein as Athletic Supervisor. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the hiring of Adam Belden as Athletic Supervisor. Ryan Lind made the motion to accept and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve transferring \$146,000 from the education fund to the operations fund. Tara Smith made the motion to accept and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the "Material Objection Form" with regard to classroom reading materials. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple stated that he was going to take a moment from the meeting to honor some special guests that were present. He welcomed James Powers to the podium to speak about his 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team and their many accomplishments. He introduced those boys present. Dr. Apple stated that these boys have won the county title four straight years in a row. Dr. Apple then welcomed Erin Shingleton, HS cheer coach to the podium. She spoke about the girls and their dedication to this sport and how they

have grown so much as a team. She then introduced those cheerleaders present. Dr. Apple said that he received many compliments regarding our cheerleaders at the state tournament!

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to add Dustin Crawhorn to the First Harrison Bank account, the First Savings Bank account and the Trust Indiana Bank account. Tara Smith made a motion to approve and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve changing the Corporation CD and money market account signatures to reflect the current board president, town trustee and superintendent. Ryan Lind made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the following boys' basketball camps:

JH boys team camp at Hanover June 19-20

HS boys team camp at Indiana Wesleyan June 21-23

Ryan Lind made a motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the following coaches:

Angela Mueller as HS cheer coach

Roger Reynolds as boys golf coach

Dane Carter as boys volunteer golf coach

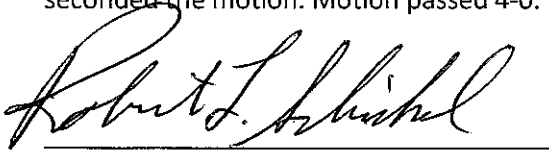
Ethan Schickel as volunteer tennis coach

Jack Kaufer as volunteer tennis coach (pending background check)

Tara Smith made a motion to approve and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple introduced Mr. Alan Howie with Ideology to discuss what options his company offers Lanesville with regard to our new website. He stated that his company designed our current website. He said that their goal is to make it extremely easy to navigate.

With no further business, Ryan Lind made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Robert Schickel, President



Sharon Rothrock, Secretary