## LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

## December 19, 2023

The monthly executive meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on December 19, 2023 at the Carl Uesseler Corporation Office, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by board president, Robert Schickel. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

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

The board met in executive session discussing personnel. 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 5-0 The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held on December 19, 2023 in the cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by board president, Robert Schickel. Board members who were present at the meeting were as follows:

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

Sharon Rothrock made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 board meeting. Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Jaycen Abell made a motion to approve the claims for the month of December. Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Mr. Smitley stated that we were officially out for Christmas break.

Mr. Smitley said that the teachers have been celebrating the 12 days of Christmas and all grades are having their Christmas parties.

Mr. Smitley said the PTSO had sponsored Santa's gift shop. He said that the PTSO had many gifts for the children to choose from and that they had set up shop in the weight room.

Mr. Smitley said that the students got to tape him to the wall for hitting the goal for can food donations. He said they collected over 65 hundred types of food donations and over 35 hundred in cash donations.

Mr. Smitley said that we will come back on January 4<sup>th</sup> ready to begin our second round of ClearSight testing, which is in place of NWEA testing.

Mr. Smitley said that the third graders will be preparing for IREAD3. He said that last year 51 of 52 third grade students passed. He said that second grade students will also be taking the IREAD3 and that 68 percent of second graders passed last year.

This concluded his report.

Joseph Voelker, High School Principal, presented the High School report.

Dr. Voelker said that ELF did its shopping at the Meijer on Charlestown Road on December 9th and had its wrap up last Friday. He discussed a few highlights of this year's project:

We had 20 families involved this year

Lanesville School raised 5,748 cans

Amount of money raised: \$4,812.47 from students (Elementary raised \$3,545.20 and the Jr/Sr High raised \$1441.27) and \$4,000 from community members

Lanesville gave 1,922 pounds of food to the St. Mary's Breaking Bread Food Pantry Special thanks to Meijer of New Albany for taking \$2,000.00 off the top of our bill when purchasing clothes and toys for these families.

He stated that he attended the IASP stat conference before Thanksgiving in November. He said it was a great opportunity to network with other administrators from across the state. I attended sessions on CTE funding, Creating a Learning Organization, Rethinking Middle Schools, the redesign of the ILearn test, creating good systems in a school, and a legislative update.

Dr. Voelker said that on December 10th, we had our Band and choir concert. He stated that he thought the students have shown great growth throughout the school year. He said the 7th grade band, grades 8-12 band, and the high school choir all performed. He said that the high school band sounds noticeably better with each basketball game.

Dr. Voelker said that on Wednesday, December 13th, we had lunch served by Seth and Christina Mckim for all teachers and staff in the building.

Dr. Voelker stated that the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> we will start the scheduling process for the 2024-25 school year.

Dr. Voelker said that Winter sports are underway. The girls' basketball team is the top ranked team in class 1A, the boys are showing improvement, we have 6 students swimming, and our cheerleaders bring a new activity to each event.

This ended his report.

Dr Apple presented the Superintendent report.

Dr. Apple opened his report with the two staff members for the Month of December.

Mr. Paul Hancock is in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year working for Lanesville Community School Corporation and is a proud Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School graduate (class of 1998). After graduation from Lanesville, Mr. Hancock went on to Indiana University Southeast and earned a Bachelor of Science in Information Operations Management & Corporate Finance. In his free time, Mr. Hancock likes to travel, cook and "generally cause a ruckus." Mr. Hancock's parents, Melvin and Alice Hancock still live in Lanesville and his brother Lee is the former Lanesville Town Marshal. Mr. Hancock also has a sister, Ms. Patricia McCullum. One piece of advice that Mr. Hancock would give to Lanesville students is, "Grow where you're planted. When you're young, a lot of people can't wait to get away from Lanesville, but once you get out in the world, you find out it's pretty nice here."

Mr. Nathan Barnickle is in his 15<sup>th</sup> full year at Lanesville, starting here in January of 2009. Mr. Barnickle is Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High school graduate, class of 2003, and then went on to Indiana University Southeast and earned his degree. Mr. Barnickle has coached 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball at Lanesville for 14 seasons. Mr. Barnickle's family consists of his wife and two sons, both of which are students at Lanesville. Mr. Barnickle states that one piece of advice that he would give students at Lanesville is "Always work hard and do your best. We are here to support you in any way we can."

Dr. Apple shared that our ELF program was a great success this year.

Dr. Apple said that he and Mr. Schickel went to a breakfast on Friday, December 8 with several other superintendents and school board members in our area. He said the purpose of the breakfast was to sit down with area lawmakers and discuss the impacts of proposed legislation on our area schools.

Dr. Apple advised that Duke Energy will be cutting power to the facility on Wednesday, December 27 for a period of time, starting early in the morning. They will be replacing utility poles in the area.

Dr. Apple said that students and staff will begin the 2nd semester on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Dr. Apple advised that homecoming week will be Tuesday 1/16 - Friday 1/19.

This concluded his report

The PTSO presented their report.

Jessica Baird, President, said that the holiday shop was a great success. She said that they are already planning for next year.

Mrs. Baird said that last month they gave each teacher a check for \$50.00 to spend on classroom supplies.

Mrs. Baird said that on February 9th they will host a painting party in the elementary gym.

Mrs. Baird said that will be hosting a silent auction this year and will begin easing into Spring festival.

This concluded her report

The floor was open to public comments. No comments were discussed and the meeting proceeded.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve the installation of a Energy Harness for air cleaning machines in several classrooms. Ryan Lind made the motion to accept and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve the new salary schedules for the non-certified employees. Tara Smith made the motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve the new amended contracts for the Elementary and Jr/Sr High Principals. Jaycen Abeli made the motion to approve and Ryan Lind seconded the seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve a resolution to transfer \$134,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Tara Smith made the motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve a resolution to transfer \$45,756.47 from the school corporation's Trust Indiana account to the education fund. Ryan Lind made the motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve our corporate treasurer, Penny Schmelz, to pay all claims before December 31, 2023 without a special board meeting. Sharon Rothrock made motion to approve and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve the HCCF 6-month grant report form for the Library. Jaycen Abell made the motion to accept the recommendation and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve Joyce Luttrell as our new mid-day custodian. Ryan Lind made motion to approve and Jaycen Abell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve Lauren McAfee as a new special education teacher. Tara Smith made motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 school calendar. Tara Smith made the motion to approve and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Dr. Apple requested permission to dispose of the following items: 11 chairs, 2 desks, 2 file cabinets and a JLG scissor lift. Jaycen Abell made a motion to approve disposal of the listed items and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Elementary selling Texas Roadhouse gift cards
Elementary selling garden flags
American Heart Association fund raiser
FFA selling t-shirts and related banquet activities
FFA farmers breakfast
FFA Greenhouse sales
Class of 26 selling soapy joes as early prom fundraiser

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the fundraiser and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple made a recommendation to approve the resignation of Ramanda Archibald as Special Education Teacher, Christina Irwin as First Grade Teacher and Steven Shaffer as a bus driver. Jaycen Abell made motion to approve and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further business, Jaycen Abell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Robert Schickel, President

Sharon Rothrock, Secretary