

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 16, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held January 16, 2024 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by board Vice President, Jaycen Abell.

The first item on the agenda was to announce the Board officers for the 2024-2025 school year. Robert Schickel will remain President, Jaycen Abell will remain Vice President and Sharon Rothrock will remain Secretary. The officers present for the meeting are as follows follows:

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

The school board, upon the recommendation of Ryan Apple, appointed Penny Schmelz as Corporation Treasurer, Carrie Simler as Deputy Treasurer and Becky Stilger as Executive Secretary for the 2024-2025 school year. Tara Smith made the motion to accept and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 and January 2, 2024 board meetings and the claims for January. Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Jeff Smitley, Elementary Principal. Proceeded with this report.

Mr. Smitley said that they were happy to welcome 7 new students.

Mr. Smitley said that they will be kicking off the 2024 Read to Feed Harrison County. He said this is a very special program, which all the schools in Harrison County will work together to achieve our common goal.

Mr. Smitley said that this Thursday will be the 100th day of school. He said the elementary staff and kids will be dressing as old folks.

Mr. Smitley said that IREAD testing has begun. He said that there are 25 third graders and 65 second graders who will be testing.

Mr. Smitley said that Mrs. Armstrong has kicked off the Kids Heart Challenge. She likes to take this time for teach kids how to focus on their health.

Mr. Smitley said that open enrollment will begin the first of February.

Mr. Smitley said that "Look out for Left Out" will take place on February 12th, the Science Bowl, sponsored by Bethany Miller, would be ending soon and Brook Kramer has started the Robotics program. He said lots of exciting things happening.

Mr. Smitley said that the PTSO will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Library.

This concluded his report.

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

There's not been a lot of school days since we last met in December. We are now in our long stretch of school between now and spring break.

We have had meetings with our 8th through 11th grade students to discuss scheduling for the 24-25 school year. Master Gunnery Sergeant Lyn Ackerman from Floyd Central ROTC came and visited students at lunch to discuss ROTC. We also had a representative from Prosser come to visit during club time and talk to our freshmen about attending Prosser.

We will have ClearSight testing for the next two days and this will change our bell schedule for Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Payne will recognize our winter sports athletes on Friday, January 26th during the school day. This is the last day of the girls' basketball season and the sectional will start the following week.

During the first couple of weeks of February we will take some mock AP exams in English and Science as part of the AP-Tip program. Math will take their exams after spring break.

We will have some teachers and admin in the building on Saturday working on their CPI training. This teaches de-escalation techniques for adults working with children.

This concluded his report.

Dr. Apple proceeded with the Superintendent's report.

Ms. Pam Johnson (classified staff)

Ms. Johnson is the Credit Recovery Coordinator at Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School and in her 16th year with Lanesville Community School Corporation. Ms. Johnson is a native of Illinois, attending Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, IL as well as Eastern Illinois University (BA) and the University of Illinois at Springfield (MA). Ms. Johnson is married to Tim Johnson, a local pastor, and has three children who are Lanesville graduates, Taylor, Merritt and Olivia. In her previous work life, Ms. Johnson worked as a reporter and covered some pretty important stories including the Kentucky Derby, the nation's worst drunk-driving crash and some murder trials. One piece of advice that Ms. Johnson would give Lanesville students, "don't let fear of failing keep you from trying new and/or hard things."

Ms. Bethany Miller (certified staff)

Ms. Miller serves as the Special Services Coordinator at Lanesville Community School Corporation. Ms. Miller coordinates Lanesville's high ability program, AP courses and exams, works with at-risk students and much more. Ms. Miller is in her 26th year with Lanesville Community Schools and is a graduate of Indiana University Bloomington (BS) and Indiana University Southeast (MS). Ms. Miller is married to Mr. Mikel Miller, who also is a teacher within Lanesville Community Schools and is the proud mother of three Lanesville Jr.-Sr. High School and is a dog mother to two boxers, Murphy and Milo. One interesting fact about Ms. Miller is that she did her student teaching on a Navajo Indian Reservation. If Ms. Miller could give advice to any Lanesville student, it would be to "enjoy your time as a student, don't be afraid to try different things and be friends with everyone."

Lanesville Elementary was identified as a top performing school on the IREAD-3 assessment for the 2022-2023 school year. Lanesville Elementary had a pass rate of 98.1% for last year's 3rd grade students. Mr. Smitley and myself will be attending a reception at the statehouse on Thursday, February 15.

I would publicly like to thank Ms. Rita Brewington for her years of service to Lanesville Community School Corporation. Ms. Brewington will be retiring at the end of the month and she will be greatly missed within the corporation.

January is School Board Appreciation Month and certificates of appreciation were given to each board member.

This concluded his report

Jaycen Abell opened the floor to public comments. With no one speaking, they proceeded with agenda business.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve hiring Ashley Hilbers as an instructional assistant, Emily King as an instructional assistant and Jennifer Sloan as an instructional assistant. Tara Smith made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ryan Lind seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve a resolution to transfer amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund (quarterly) for the 2024-2025 school year. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the retirement of Penny Schmelz as Corporation Treasurer at the end of May 2024. Ryan Lind made the motion to accept her retirement and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the resignation of Mark Adams as Science teacher, Donald Demers as evening custodian and Erin Shingleton as High School cheer coach. Ryan Lind made the motion to approve and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to approve the following coaches for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Michael Sizemore as HS girls' tennis coach
- James Powers as varsity girls' tennis assistant coach
- Amy Graves as JH girls' tennis coach
- Brenden Bube as varsity boys' baseball coach
- Chris Guffey as JV baseball coach
- Christina Ordner as varsity track coach
- Lauren Petty as JH track coach

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

The board appointed Sharon Rothrock as the Legislative Liaison.

With no further business, Jaycen Abell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Jaycen Abell, Vice President



Sharon Rothrock, Secretary