

LANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Lanesville Community School Board of Trustees was held February 17, 2026 at the high school cafeteria, 2725 Crestview Avenue, NE, Lanesville Indiana. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by board President, Ryan Lind. The following members were present:

Ryan Lind, President
Sharon Rothrock, Vice President
Tara Smith, Secretary
Tim Bridges, Member
Donnie Hussung, Member
Dr. Ryan Apple, Superintendent

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 board meeting. Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Tim Bridges made the motion to approve the claims and payroll for the month of February. Donnie Hussung seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

April Holder, Elementary Principal, proceeded with her report.

Dr. Holder said this month our motto has been that Kindness is the Heart of the School. She said they have shared kindness messages every day.

Dr. Holder said the Elementary students participated in a spirit week to highlight the importance of kindness. She gave a special shout out to Mrs. Steele for organizing and communicating to families.

Dr. Holder said the student council also hosted a door competition and Mrs. Geswein's class came in first. She added that their door highlighted what they love about Lanesville elementary.

Dr. Holder said they had a principal challenge to earn extra recess minutes for classroom acts of kindness.

Dr. Holder said they will finish the month with a combined guidance and health lesson for 6th grade on kindness with peers.

Dr. Holder said that tonight's elementary spotlight is on Kacee Hussung and her partnership with the Harrison County Library. She added that Kacee not only organized the program, kept track of the minutes read and helped us secure 1st place.

This concluded her report.

Aric Miller, Jr/Sr High Principal, proceeded with his report.

Mr. Miller said as we reach the middle of Quarter 3, it's been busy and fun in the high school.

Mr. Miller said there are only two home games left for our high school boys basketball team, one is happening tonight so I want to encourage everyone to come out and support them as they finish up their season and tonight is also Senior night at the game.

Mr. Miller said we have a lot to celebrate at the Jr. High level. He said our 7th grade girls brought home the county tournament trophy and our 8th grade boys also won their county tournament. He said he went to the girls' game and it was a close one.

Mr. Miller said we have a freshman in swimming, Rebekah Smith, who competed at the state finals. He said she is only the second swimmer at Lanesville to do this and the first female athlete to do so.

Mr. Miller shared a note from coach Ben Blackman.

Coach said there were 18 teams in our Girls Sectional, including Jasper, Heritage Hills, Bedford North Lawrence, Corydon and North Harrison. Swimming is a "Classless" sport, so we are up against schools typically much larger than Lanesville. He added that at Sectionals, Rebekah won the 200 Individual Medley with a time of two sixteen point seven zero 2:16.70, improving her season best and all-time personal best, and crushing the School Record. He said the event featured very fast swimmers from Jasper and Corydon. He added that later in the meet, Rebekah nearly won again, swimming (fifty-four ninety three). 54.93 in the 100 Freestyle just missing a victory in the 100 Freestyle by 14 one-hundredths of a second to a Senior from Jasper. Coach said this past weekend, Rebekah went to State for her individual medley, posting an excellent time. He added that in the regular season, she won ALL 22 of her races in several different events. He said as a Freshman, she now holds School Records in the 200 Individual Medley, 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke." That is for both male and females. Mr. Miller added that we are incredibly proud of her and excited to see what she accomplishes in her future at Lanesville.

Mr. Miller also want to recognize sophomore Addie Simcoe for qualifying to play at State with a Group I piece of music, which is among the most difficult pieces to perform. He said she performed the song (Searinx) "Syrinx" and received a gold rating with a score of 12.5 out of 13.5. He added that she played it darn near perfect. He then introduced Addison Simcoe to come forward and perform her piece, "Syrinx," (Searinx) for us.

This concluded his report.

Dr. Apple proceeded with the Superintendent's report. done

Dr. Apple said he would like to thank TM Beckman Lawn & Landscape for all of their hard work during our recent winter storm.

Dr. Apple said the biannual required corporation fiscal audit has concluded. He added that the report is currently being compiled.

Dr. Apple said he will be taking the check to the Riley Children's Hospital Foundation tomorrow. He said he will be in Indianapolis meeting with legislators and will take the check with me.

Dr. Apple said that a wonderful individual matched our contribution to Riley Children's Hospital, pledging \$8,000 to match what LCSC raised.

This concluded his report.

The PTSO president, Lauren Teeter, proceeded with her report.

Mrs. Teeter said the PTSO is holding elections for secretary and treasurer. She said they will be having an in-person meeting and election in April. She added that if anyone is interested, please contact them.

Mrs. Teeter said that the PTSO will hold their next Parent Perk Up at Kent Java on March 6th.

Mrs. Teeter said that they are preparing for Donut with a Grow up on March 14th. She said a flyer would be sent home with the kids.

Mrs. Teeter said that there will be paint night and a silent auction on April 17th. She said they are looking at different food truck options. She said that each class with have a theme basket again this year for the silent auction.

Mrs. Tetter said they have made updates to the PTSO website. She added that links were added for specific forms, information and how to contact the PTSO.

This concluded her report.

Ryan Lind opened the floor to public comments. With no comments on agenda items, the board proceeded with agenda business.

Ryan Lind opened discussion regarding feedback from the public works meeting on February 11th. Donnie Hussung said he felt that the high tax implication was an issue and that building should be considered at a later date. Tim Bridges said that we will focus on improvements to the existing school and that plans will be discussed and drawn up. The board agreed to move forward with improvements to our existing school.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve removing checks from the corporation and ECA accounts that are more than two years old. Tim Bridges made the motion to accept and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve updates to the Internal Controls Manual. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to accept the retirement of Angela Hood as Kindergarten Teacher effective at the end of the school year. Tim Bridges thanked Ms. Hood for her dedication to the kids in this school and the years give to LCSC. Tim Bridges made the motion to accept and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve Lauren Petty as temporary substitute teacher for Kelsey Rawlings during her maternity leave. Tara Smith made the motion to accept and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve Matha Bedel, Jeremy Nalley, Jordyn Mills (pending sub permit) and Ethan Patterson (pending sub permit) as Substitute teachers. Tim Bridges made the motion to accept and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve the FFA to attend the National Farm Machinery Show in February. Tara Smith made the motion to accept and Tim Bridges seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve the following coaches for the 2025-2026 school year:

Maverick Belden as volunteer baseball coach

Stephen Shaffer as volunteer baseball coach

Jody Jones as volunteer softball coach

Carrie Moore as volunteer track coach (pending background check)

Sharon Rothrock made the motion to accept these volunteer positions and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

John Smith as JH wrestling coach
Allyssa Edwards as assistant softball coach
Mary Mills as JV softball coach

Tim Bridges made the motion to accept these paid coaching positions and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

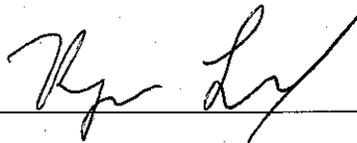
Ryan Lind made the recommendation to approve the following fundraisers:

LHS Softball to sell sponsorship signs
LHS Softball is selling donation-based discount cards
LHS Softball hosting a fan shop
Mike's Carwash fundraiser for Elementary Student Council
Clucker's night for the Class of 2027 on March 11th

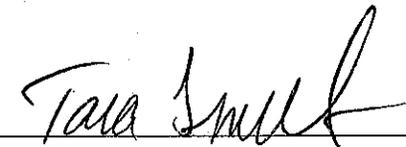
Tara Smith made the motion to accept and Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Lind opened the floor to addition public comments not restricted to agenda items. Emily Stumler spoke on bus arm cameras.

With no further business, Ryan Lind as for a motion to adjourn. Sharon Rothrock made the motion to adjourn and Tara Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Ryan Lind, President



Tara Smith, Secretary