

For February 26, 2013

The School Board...

met at North Side Middle School.

approved the purchase of a new marquee sign for Memorial High School for \$21,316.00 to be paid out of donations of alumni and friends of Memorial; the purchase of three Active Expression classroom sets for Central High School for \$4,862.00 to be paid out of extracurricular fund; and the purchase of t-shirts for West Side Middle School students and staff in the amount of \$2,415.00 to be used as incentives during ISTEP week to be paid out of extracurricular funds.

approved overnight trip request for sixth graders at Pinewood Elementary School to travel to Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, MI on April 11-12, 2013 to participate in environmental outdoor experiences. Superintendent Haworth noted some athletic or ISSMA competitions take place in a time frame in which it is not always possible to seek prior approval. These type of requests should be the only ones coming to the Board seeking confirmation rather than approval in the future.

approved the submission of a grant to the Wal-Mart Foundation for \$2,000.00 to fund a field trip for health occupations students at the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) to go to the Chicago Science and Industry Museum.

approved the submission of a grant to the Indiana Department of Education's CTE Technology Resource Grant for the 2013 school year for up to \$15,000.00 to be used by the EACC to install SMARTBoards in several classrooms.

approved the submission of a grant to Tech Point Foundation for Youth for \$398.00 to purchase one Lego robot and software to be used by West Side Middle School technology classes.

approved a consent agreement regarding unpaid time.

confirmed a change in the resignation of Nikole LeClair, math teacher at West Side.

approved maternity leaves of absence for Jill Coffman, third grade at Hawthorne; and Ashley McQueen-Ghaffer, kindergarten at Roosevelt.

approved a health leave of absence for Shalon White, kindergarten at Feeser.

approved regular employment for the following nine (9) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Josephine Cohen, paraprofessional at Daly; Jocelyn Gordon, food service at Central; Carrie Lee, paraprofessional at Daly; Myra Munoz, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Brenda Shaffer, food service at Roosevelt; John Smerekanich, mechanic at Transportation; Meghan Swihart, paraprofessional at North Side; Heather Turner, paraprofessional at Bristol; and Deidre Wright, bus driver at Transportation.

confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) classified employees: Myrtle Clark, food service at Pinewood; Kimberly Gappa, food service at Memorial; and Michael Hernandez, bus driver at Transportation.

confirmed the retirement of the following three (3) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Karen Kratzer, paraprofessional at Pinewood, (24); Larry Jankowski, custodian at Memorial, (17); and Everlena Suggs, custodian at Pierre Moran, (35).

approved a medical leave of absence for Jill Johnson, bus driver at Transportation.

received information from Dr. Haworth regarding HB 1001 of projected school funding amounts.

received a report from Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, regarding the possible sequestration. If it goes into effect, federal grant funds received by Elkhart Community Schools could be cut by 5-9%. These funds are forward funded so the cuts should impact school year 2013-2014, not the remainder of this year.

was presented with information from the Central Time Coalition which is asking all Indiana school boards to support reuniting all of Indiana to Central Time zone. Dr. Haworth indicated the changes to transportation being considered, the extra hour of daylight could be beneficial.

heard from Karen Carter about the possibility of the U.S. History trip being offered this summer if there is enough student interest.