

For January 22, 2013

The School Board...

met at Osolo Elementary School.

welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representatives: Cody Flickenger of Memorial (MHS) and Jackson Fann of Central (CHS). Mr. Flickenger reported that MHS has approximately 5,000 community service hours towards the goal for Service Project X. Mr. Fann reported CHS's current community service project is a clothing drive through Friday, January 25th.

accepted with appreciation a donation of a Lewis WL70 Violin valued at \$200.00 from Nancy Strange to the Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) music department.

heard from Bristol Elementary Principal Melissa Jennette about the Spell Bowl teams first place finish at the Regional Spell Bowl. Mrs. Jennette introduced team sponsor Nicole King, and team members: Victoria Cain, Dakota DeLucenay, Tori Hartl, Bryce Hollowell, Caleb Howell, Joy Leonard, Jared Miller, Jaycee Rossi, Tyler Smith and Tyon Winters. They received certificates from Board member Glenn Duncan.

heard from Pierre Moran band director Dan Burton, recognizing students selected to the 2013 All-Region Band. Representing CHS: Cristian Aldana, Glen Hartl, and William Southern; certificates were presented by Board member Jeri Stahr. Representing Pierre Moran: Juliet Clara, Tiyanni Winters, Jay Padgett, Morgan Bayless, Ashley Pooler, Noah Yoder, Stacy Dibley, Hannah Myers, Hayley Tucker and Morgan Tepe; certificates were presented by Board member Carolyn Morris. Students from West Side and North Side were recognized by North Side band director Sandy Carnall. Representing West Side: Roberto Acosta, Hannah Buckley, Savannah Cash, Caleb deLeon, and Bryan Jackson; certificates were presented by Board member Sue Daiber. Representing North Side: Braden Asoera, Emily Baldwin, Emily Decker, Brian Mravec, Hannah Sears, and Sadie Sullenger; certificates were presented by Board member Karen Carter. Superintendent Haworth commended the students for their effort and practice which helped them achieve selection

to the All-Region Band. He also thanked the parents for their support of their children and bringing them to the Board meeting on a cold night.

heard from Tony Gianesi that Ted Foland, energy education specialist, conducted an audit at Osolo on Friday, January 18th at 4:30 a.m. He reported the building temperature was within the appropriate range; staff has been consistent with end of day classroom shut down and computer labs. Mr. Gianesi indicated that Osolo's administration and staffs efforts have resulted in a 25.9% cost avoidance for 2012, which is 5% below 2011, due to the increase of Boys & Girls Club programs and the early start up of the chillers in March. For the corporation, 2012 cost avoidance is 27.9%, valued at \$1,012,049.00.

heard a report on the ABC's of Osolo Elementary School from principal Jean Creasbaum. Mrs. Creasbaum introduced staff, PTO officers, and Ryon Wheeler of the Boys & Girls Club. The percent of students passing both Math and English/Language on ISTEP+ is improving. Osolo Elementary began an afterschool Boys & Girls Club five years ago with 15 students which has grown to 263 students enrolled. Students who attend the club have shown improved classroom participation, classroom attendance, academic performance and classroom attentiveness. The staff has embraced the 30 minute daily success period with fidelity to improve student achievement. Osolo earned two bonus points for growth of their top 75% of students in the A-F accountability grades. Osolo staff and students are supported by the PTO funds raised through a fall festival and the annual holiday bazaar. The Osolo Robotics team made it to the state competition this year. The student council is very active at Osolo helping with the Holiday bazaar, spirit days, kindergarten round-up, and greeting at tonight's Board meeting. Seventeen teachers at Osolo are currently in a voluntary book study of "Teach Like a Champion". Osolo has thirty-six volunteers that help students weekly. Mrs. Creasbaum concluded her presentation by thanking the Board for visiting Osolo.

was presented with a report from Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, summarizing the transfer of appropriations within each of the tax funds at the end of 2012. These transfers represent 3.6% of ECS' total budget, which means that 2012 budget appropriations were 96.4% "on target" with actual expenditures.

adopted a resolution that authorizes a reduction in the amount of operating balance in the debt service funds for 2013.

was presented with proposed revisions to Board Policy JEA, Compulsory Attendance and Initial Entrance, for initial consideration. Doug Thorne, executive director of personnel and legal services, indicated the changes are needed to clarify procedures if a student age 16-18 withdraws from high school.

was presented with proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JEA, School Admissions, for initial consideration.

approved a tentative agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO, Local #2925) for the period of January 12, 2012 through December 31, 2015, which was ratified on January 12, 2013. Mr. Thorne indicated the agreement does not include any increase in salaries.

approved overnight trip requests for members of Central High School Anime Club members to travel to the Anime Central Convention in Rosemont, IL on May 17-19, 2013 to learn about styles and techniques and various careers in art; and members of the Memorial Charger debate team to travel to compete in the State Debate tournament in Kokomo on February 1-2, 2013.

confirmed the submission of a grant to RRCA Kids Run the Nation Fund for \$1000.00 to help sponsor the Daly Elementary run club.

confirmed the retirement of the following six (6) certified staff members effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year (with years of service in parenthesis): James Chomer, public safety at Career Center, (20); Kathy Crain, media services at Central, (18); Patricia Dicke, first grade teacher at Osolo, (19); Judith McCullough, language arts at Central, (13); Paula Ternet, language arts at Career Center, (20); and Holly Yoder, science at Pierre Moran, (27).

approved regular employment for the following three (3) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Denise Morris, paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Allison Rummel, registered nurse at Pierre Moran; and James Taylor, parent community liaison at Pierre Moran.

approved a medical leave of absence for Melissa Stump,
custodian at Central.

approved a voluntary leave of absence for Adam Menchinger,
paraprofessional at Beck.

confirmed the resignation of Loretta Tilford, secretary at Central.