

For January 8, 2013

The School Board...

was presented with the colors by Riverview Girl Scout Troop 10410.

organized as the Board of School Trustees for 2013. The oath of office was administered to recently re-elected Board members Susan Daiber, Carolyn Morris, and Dorisanne Nielsen; and newly elected Board member Doug Weaver.

elected Jeri Stahr as President, Mrs. Nielsen as vice president, and Ms. Morris as secretary of the Board of School Trustees for 2013.

publicly disclosed potential conflicts of interest for Karen Carter, Glenn Duncan, Mrs. Nielsen, Ms. Stahr, and Mr. Weaver. Mrs. Carter reported that Board members pay for their insurance and pay the same premiums as all other employees.

welcomed and introduced Matt Eppers representing Central High School's Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Mr. Eppers reported cheerleaders and the pep band were invited to perform at a recent Notre Dame basketball game; other activities happening this week; and an update on the Service Project X goal of 15,000 community service hours by Central students by May is currently at 1,300 hours with another collection happening this week.

accepted with appreciation a donation of \$700.00 from Target Field Trips to support Feeser's 3rd grade field trip for the downtown Elkhart history walk.

heard a report from ETA President Alex Holtz on the school letter grades earned by Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) of four schools earning bonus points for high growth: Monger, North Side, West Side, and Woodland.

heard from, Kurt Weimer, Memorial High School (MHS) Band director regarding freshman Riley Friesner's attendance at a Bands of America clinic which led to an audition for the Honor band. She was invited to perform with the Honor band during the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA on New Year's day. Riley shared her experience and received a certificate from Board member Karen Carter.

heard from John Taylor, physics teacher at MHS, regarding student Michael Tripepi's semi-finalist selection in the Siemens competition in Math, Science and Technology. Michael shared his experience of participating in an internship at Notre Dame during the summer and his findings are currently be used in Switzerland. He received a certificate from Board member Susan Daiber.

heard from Brenda Butler, choir teacher at MHS, recognizing the students selected to the 2013 All-State Honor Choir and their high school: David Crume, MHS; Daniel Delgado, MHS; Tyra Tran, MHS; Alexandria Bowers, CHS; and Javaughn DeGraffreed, CHS. The students auditioned and will participate in two days of rehearsals before performing at the Indiana music educators' association conference in Ft. Wayne next week. They received certificates from Board member Carolyn Morris.

heard from Bob Woods, director of business operations, of two ECS students who were selected as 2012 Indiana High School academic All-stars in Football: Nick Hibshman,

from MHS; and Matt Eppers. They were recently honored at an Indianapolis Colts football game and were presented with certificates by Board member Doug Weaver.

heard from Sara Jackowiak, principal at North Side Middle School, of the initiative of six eighth grade girls to organize a fundraiser at North Side to help memorialize the students and educators in the Sandy Hook, CT tragedy. Students and staff could break dress code for a day or two if they were willing to donate a "fine" to the campaign. In two days, they were able to raise over \$1,500.00 to be sent to Sandy Hook Elementary towards a memorial. Noelle Flora, Olivia Haworth, Alexis Joiner, Odette Kuehn, Megan Pairitz, and Makayla Williams were honored and presented certificates by Superintendent Haworth.

heard from Mike Bitar from Cenergistic Energy Conservation Company, that Elkhart Community Schools has been awarded the Energy Excellence Award and cost saving certificate for cost avoidance of \$2.86 million since the beginning of the program in 2009. Mr. Bitar presented the plaque and certificate to Ted Foland, ECS energy education specialist. Mr. Foland presented certificates of biggest percentage gains for 2012 to Central High School principal, Frank Serge and head custodian, Lester Perry for a 30.6% cost avoidance valued at \$165,250.99 with a 2.53% improvement for 2012; North Side Middle School principal, Sara Jackowiak and head custodian, Jeff Corpe for a 36% cost avoidance valued at \$62,004.01 with a 2.83% improvement for 2012; and Riverview Elementary principal, Barb Cripe and head custodian, Monique Harris for a 35.5% cost avoidance valued at \$21,318.64 with a 9.97% improvement for 2012.

adopted a resolution authorizing ECS' Treasurer to effect transfers to depleted funds during the 2013 budget year, with those loans being repaid by the end of 2013, and for transfers to become a part of public record.

adopted a resolution authorizing the refunding of the 2006 (Riverview) and 2007 (Pinewood) lease rental bond series.

approved two consent agreements regarding unpaid time and one consent agreement regarding employer compensation.

confirmed the retirement of Marshall Sellers, health teacher at Pierre Moran, after 42 years of service.

approved a change in parental leave for Shannon Lovely, math teacher at West Side.

approved a maternity leave of absence for Lauren Carver, fourth grade teacher at Osolo.

approved regular employment for the following four (4) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Brenda Esparza, secretary at Pinewood; Jennifer Geers, registered nurse at Cleveland; Charmayne Hooley, paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Jamie Rininger, social worker at Monger.

confirmed the resignation of Brittany Connelly, paraprofessional at Woodland.

confirmed the retirement of Rebecca Buss, registered nurse at Riverview, after 15 years of service.

approved a voluntary leave of absence for two (2) classified employees: Leia Williams, paraprofessional at North Side; and Rhanesha Woods, paraprofessional at Bristol.

confirmed the administrative appointment of Cheryl Waggoner as Director of Talent Recruitment and Management. Dr. Haworth clarified this position will help to increase our candidate pool and hire great teachers. It is not an additional position, but a reassignment of an administrator currently employed by ECS.

heard from Dr. Haworth about how proud he is of the great accomplishments of ECS students honored tonight but these are just a few and there are many more to be recognized.

heard from Board member Nielsen that an Advanced Placement Environmental Science class will be added at Elkhart Central next year.

heard from Board member Daiber as she welcomed newly elected Board member Doug Weaver to the Board. Mr. Weaver thanked the Board for all of their encouragement.