The School Board...

- welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representatives from both high schools. Marbella Chavez of Central reported the goal of 15,000 Service Project X community service hours has been reached; sectionals are beginning this week for spring sports; and on behalf of Central students she asked to add 5 more LARP teams and extra footballs and soccer balls for the May 24th celebration. Superintendent Haworth said yes the extra teams will be added and he will make sure the extra footballs and soccer balls will be provided. Haley Stouder of Memorial reported Service Project X community service hours total over 18,000 to date; National Honor Society under the leadership of teacher Jeff Miller, contributed 2,745 hours; the boys and girls track team under the leadership of coach Adam Homo completed over 1,000 hours; and Coach Mark Barnhizer and the boys basketball team completed over 526 hours.
- accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): a check for \$4,500.00 from Dana Homo to Memorial Athletic Department to be used for new track uniforms; a check for \$1,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stemm to be used for Memorial Athletics; and a Knilling Viola by an anonymous donor to ECS music program.
- heard from JeNeva Adams, Memorial Assistant Principal, about junior Taylor Bontrager's National Scholastic Arts Award. Taylor's photograph was chosen from over 200,000 pieces of art submitted; she received a medal and her artwork is on display at Carnegie Hall. Ms. Adams also introduced Danny Daher as the state runner up in the high school forensics state speech tournament radio broadcasting division. This is Danny's third year competing. Board member Sue Daiber presented them with certificates.
- heard from Brad Sheppard, supervisor of curriculum and instruction, about the Art Gallery in the J. C. Rice Educational Services Center, each year a student piece of artwork is purchased and added to the gallery. Sarah Sundberg and her artwork were introduced as this year's selection. Board member Doug Weaver presented her with a check.
- heard from Andy Wood, principal at Roosevelt K-2 primary, students at Roosevelt are being taught that it matters how you treat people. Mr. Wood explained in the Olweus Bully Prevention program the bully circle has a "defender" who is a witness to bullying and does something to stop the bullying. Students who are witnessed being defenders are entered into a monthly drawing for a t-shirt. Mr. Wood and Paula Grandison, assistant principal introduced the students: Salah Ali, Tyshawn Hixson, Steven Jackson, Evelyn Lazaro, Khyran McNeal, Deaija Owens, Emily Reynoso, Ja'shaun Robinson, and Mary Smith. Board member Carolyn Morris presented them with certificates.
- approved the payment of the Washington D.C. Trip for \$1,009.35 to be paid of out of the extracurricular fund for Pierre Moran Middle School.
- awarded the bid for the Memorial High School freezer and cooler relocation project to Datena Construction of Elkhart, IN as the lowest and best, most responsive and most responsible bidder in the amount of \$84,428.00. The project includes the relocation of the existing freezers (2) and cooler (1) to create space for the new Commissary Building and will be funded through lease-rental bonds.

- approved proposed revisions to Board Policy GCBA, administrative salary schedule, as initially presented at the April 23rd Board meeting.
- approved proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JEA-1, Kindergarten Early Entrance Procedure and Application Form, as initially presented at the April 23rd Board meeting.
- heard proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC-(1), Guidelines for Good School Order, for initial Board consideration. In response to Board inquiry, Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, reported most of the changes are grammatical but the change to the electronic devices section is intended to provide flexibility to use devices in school.
- heard proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC-(2), Rules for Student Conduct, for initial Board consideration.
- heard proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFCA, Guidelines for Secondary School Athletics, for initial Board consideration.
- approved proposed changes to the 2013-2014 Board of School Trustees meeting schedule as approved at the April 9th Board meeting.
- approved the submission of the following grants to the United Way: Math and Reading Boost Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Daly Elementary; Reading Camp Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Daly Elementary; and Creative Schools Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Riverview Elementary. Dr. Haworth reported the administration is working hard to eliminate the submission of grants before seeking Board approval.
- approved overnight trip requests for members of Central High School speech team members to travel to Philadelphia, PA on May 23, 2013 and return on May 27, 2013, to compete in the NCFL National Speech and Debate Tournament; members of the Skills USA team to travel to Kansas City, KS on June 24, 2013 and return on June 29, 2013, to compete in the National Skills USA Technical contest; members of the Memorial High School volleyball team to travel to West Lafayette, IN on July 19-21, 2013 to attend a team camp at Purdue University; members of the Memorial High School varsity volleyball team to travel to Cassopolis, MI on August 9-10, 2013 to participate in team building at Camp Friedenswald; and members of the Memorial High School varsity volleyball team to travel to Muncie, IN on September 27-28, 2013 to compete in Muncie Central volleyball tournament.
- confirmed retirement of the following three (3) certified staff members at the end of the 2012-2013 school year with years of service in parenthesis: Debra Bowers, second grade at Bristol (28); Laura Bultemeier, science at Pierre Moran, (20); and Patricia Virrill, fourth grade at Feeser, (41).
- confirmed the resignation of Jessica Saiya, intervention teacher at Beck.
- approved maternity leave of absence for April Kauffman, fifth grade at Bristol.
- confirmed the rescinding of the retirement of Judith McCullough, language arts at Central.

- approved regular employment for the following four (4) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Donna Bellino, paraprofessional at Woodland; Heather Erlacher, secretary at Career Center; Jet Fites, paraprofessional at Memorial; and Rebecca Rea, paraprofessional at Eastwood.
- confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) classified employees: Stephanie Haydt, custodian at Building Services; Dianne Masini, bus driver at Transportation; Steve Powell, custodian at Woodland; David Richards, food service at Memorial; Ilene Willard, secretary at Career Center.
- confirmed the retirement of the following five (5) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Susan Adams, paraprofessional at Career Center, (13); Betty Denman, bus driver at Transportation, (22); Steven Dolby, head mechanic at Transportation, (30); Vicki Ellis, paraprofessional at Eastwood, (20); and Nancy Shreiner, bus driver at Transportation, (25).
- heard about upcoming events from Dr. Haworth: Action Planning session, May 21st at Ivy Tech; retirement celebration for John Hutchings, director of Student Services, May 16th from 3-5 pm; Service Project X celebration downtown Elkhart, May 24th; and retirement celebration for Assistant Superintendant Dr. Thomas Neat, May 29th from 3-5 p.m.