The School Board... May 28, 2013

...... was presented with colors by Cub Scout Pack #31 sponsored by Bristol United Methodist Church.

welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives from both high schools. Lauryn Campagnoli of Central reported the Service Project X celebration was fun with all of the games; it was awesome to see Central and Memorial working together; and she talked with members of the community on Friday night who were interested in the celebration. She thanked Dr. Haworth and all of those who made the celebration happen. Lauryn was the drum major in the band this year, chaired the St. Baldrick's fundraiser and will be attending Butler University in the fall. Chirag Patel of Memorial reported he missed the beginning Service Project X celebration due to making up an AP test, but heard from students that they loved the day and those who didn't attend were sorry they missed the fun. Chirag is the president of Memorial's SSAC and when Dr. Haworth mentioned the idea in the fall, the students thought he was crazy. He thanked Dr. Haworth for the opportunity and Assistant Principal Cary Anderson for all of his hard work, even though it was a student led initiative, Mr. Anderson helped a lot. Chirag will be attending Purdue in the fall.

...... was presented with a House Concurrent Resolution honoring the students at Elkhart Central and Elkhart Memorial for their outstanding community service efforts. The resolution was introduced by State Representative Tim Neese and adopted by the Indiana General Assembly on April 24, 2013. Dr. Haworth presented a framed copy of the resolution which will hang in the administration building and a copy in each high school.

...... accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): a check for \$563.00 from First Presbyterian Church to Beardsley Elementary School to be used for second grade students to attend a field trip at Pottawatomi Zoo and pay for busses; donation of name tags/mailing labels with a value of \$10,000.00 to the Business office from KIK Custom Products; and a check for \$3,200.00 to the Elkhart Central High School football team from an anonymous donor to be used for the purchase of football equipment.

heard from Alex Holtz, ETA president, with a district highlight. Mr. Holtz is changing the format from reporting on school data to highlighting an outstanding staff member. Ryan Gortney, motorcycle technology at the Career Center, is the staff member being recognized. Mr. Holtz shared some words from Bill Kovach, director of the career center. Ryan is a tenacious, driven professional who opens doors for students. He has single handedly provided thousands upon thousands of college scholarship money for his students through the Hot Rodders competition and Skills USA. His students see opportunity because of him. They succeed in life. Ryan is a leader in the classroom and by example in life. He always has a twinkle in his eye and a goal in mind. With his smile and his energy, he succeeds and leaves excuses behind. Even this school year, though it has been a challenge because he has been recovering from his near death accident, he has shown through his actions how dedicated he is to his life, his family, and his students. It is also noteworthy that Ryan Gortney is the ABC 57 Teacher of the Month for April.

...... heard from Patsy Boehler of ETHOS, how ETHOS has collaborated for the past 12 years on the City Science Fair. Students compete at the City Science Fair; proceed to the Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame and then the State Competition, this year Michael Tripepi, who has been honored at previous Board meetings, competed at the International Science Fair.

Ms. Boehler introduced Carson Richards, who won the 3rd place award for Grade 4 at the Hoosier State Science Fair, explained his project was on distracted driving; and Aaron Russell won the Founder's Award for Best Abstract at the Hoosier State Science Fair, who explained his project was on hydro electric generation. Ms. Boehler reported the judges at the Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame commended ECS on the quality of science projects being entered. Board member Karen Carter presented them with certificates.

...... approved an increase in the price of school meals for the 2013-2014 school year: breakfast for elementary students will be \$1.40 and for secondary students \$1.65, which is an increase of \$.05. Lunch prices for elementary students will be \$2.30; for middle school students \$2.55, which are increases of \$.05. Lunch prices for high school students will increase by \$.10 to \$2.60. The cost for extra milk remains at 60¢ and the reduced breakfast and lunch prices will remain the same as last year - 30¢ for breakfast and 40¢ for lunch. In response to Board inquiries, Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, reported in order to keep in compliance with the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act" passed in January 2011 to increase the serving sizes of fruits and vegetables, there is an increase in costs.

...... heard proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC-(1), Guidelines for Good School Order, as initially presented at the May 14th Board meeting. In response to Board inquiry, Doug Thorne, executive director of personnel and legal services, reported the change to the electronic devices section is intended to provide more opportunity for appropriate student usage of technology, for example; taking a picture of a formula on the white board with their cell phone to use for homework. Also the Guidelines for Good School Order are distributed to parents at the beginning of each school year in back to school packets and also printed in secondary student planners. In response to Board inquiry, Alex Holtz indicated the changes have benefits but need to strike a balance; good classroom management still needs to be in place.

...... heard proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC-(2), Rules for Student Conduct, as initially presented at the May 14th Board meeting.

...... heard proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFCA, Guidelines for Secondary School Athletics, as initially presented at the May 14th Board meeting.

....... confirmed the submission of the Perkins Basic Grant for the 2013-2014 school year, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

...... confirmed continuous employment as probationary teachers for sixty (60) first year teachers; continuous employment as probationary teachers for thirty-eight (38) second year teachers; continuous employment as probationary teachers for twenty-five (25) third year teachers; continuous employment as established teachers for thirty-four (34) fourth year teachers and, thirty-five (35) fifth year teachers upon signing a sixth regular contract with ECS, as established teachers.

....... approved regular employment for the following eight (8) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Sheila Brown, paraprofessional at Central; Corina Gonzalez, food service at Pinewood; Erin Libey, food service at Pierre Moran; Deborah Lytell, paraprofessional at Bristol; Debbra Pletcher, secretary at Pierre

Moran; Alisha Rocha, paraprofessional at Osolo; Erica Shaffer, paraprofessional at Pinewood; and Mikel Weaver, custodian at Pierre Moran.

....... confirmed the resignation of the following eleven (11) classified employees: Angela Anderson, paraprofessional at Pierre Moran; Paul Boers, paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Bartiscia Holmes, secretary at Memorial; Kelley Hunnings, paraprofessional at Riverview; Trisha Hutchinson, paraprofessional at Memorial; Cheryl Kennedy, bus driver at Transportation; Penny Patton, paraprofessional at Daly; Robin Pedzinski, paraprofessional at North Side; Jacquelyn Snellenberger, secretary at Memorial; Heather Turner, paraprofessional at Bristol; and Jennifer Wagoner, food service at Memorial.

...... heard from Dr. Haworth as he recognized and thanked Bob Meyers for all of his help along the way of the Service Project X celebration downtown Elkhart. GED commencement is Thursday night at the Memorial auditorium, Sunday, June 2nd Central High School commencement is 1:00 p.m. at Rice Field, and Memorial High School commencement is 5:00 p.m. at Charger Field. In case of rain, both commencement ceremonies will be at North Side Gym.

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