

-accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): jumbo book bags valued at \$103.87 from an anonymous donor through Donors Choose; a check for \$1,032.53 from Target Take Charge of Education to Central High School for the school activity fund to assist students; a check for \$500.00 from Heart City Toyota to Central High School's Athletic program; a check for \$150.00 from NIVA to Eastwood Elementary School in appreciation for the use of their facilities; a check for \$500.00 from Ben Russo, Osolo Township Trustee to Osolo Elementary School to purchase school supplies for students who need assistance.
- heard a presentation from Bill Kovach, director of the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC). The EACC is proud to be part of ECS for over 40 years. The center has had achievements and been extremely successful statewide. The staff at the EACC has the belief they are part of a premier center. The Perkins Grant is specifically aimed at career and tech education. Mr. Kovach writes the grant each year and must follow the federal guidelines. The grant specifies ways the grant cannot be used; nine ways the grant must be spent; and twenty ways it can be spent. The EACC is centrally located; has 26 programs; and approximately 1,000 students enrolled. The Perkins Grant monies stay at EACC, monies awarded are based on demographics of children ages 5-17 in the area career and technical education (CTE) district that includes ECS students. The grant helps to support staff salaries; professional development for teachers; and equipment purchases. Programs are on a four year rotation to request new equipment and advisory boards assist in making these decisions. Mr. Kovach indicated because of the goals of the Perkins grant, the EACC strives for a high graduation rate and to recruit non-traditional students. His personal goal is to stand on the shoulders of those who created the Career Center to become nationally recognized. Superintendent Haworth announced Governor Mike Pence has nominated Mr. Kovach to serve on the local Works Career Council representing Elkhart, St. Joseph, Marshall, and Kosciusko counties. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Kovach indicated transportation issues have not affected enrollment from our schools or sending schools, enrollment has actually increased each year. He also indicated he is working on outreach to schools to get students interested in the Career Center before their junior year in high school.
- approved the Career Center's agreements with its feeder schools - Baugo, Bremen, Concord, Edwardsburg, Goshen, Middlebury, Penn-Harris-Madison, School City of Mishawaka, Wa-Nee, and Westview. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Kovach indicated the language has been updated in the agreements and he will provide a listing of the members of the Career and Technical Education councils to Board members as well as the Perkins Study Council members.
- held a public hearing on the proposed 2014 Budget Hearing with no comments from the audience, the hearing was closed.
-held a public hearing on the proposed 2014 Capital Projects Fund Plan Hearing with no comments from audience members, the hearing was closed.
-held a public hearing on the proposed 2014 School Bus Replacement Fund Plan Hearing with no comments from audience members, the hearing was closed.

- approved proposed revisions to Board Policy BCA, Board Organizational meeting, as presented at the August 27th Board meeting.
- approved proposed revisions to Board Policy GBED, Criminal History Screening, as presented at the August 27th Board meeting. Doug Thorne, executive director of personnel and legal services, reported state law stipulates applicants must pay the fee for a background check.
- approved proposed revisions and waived second reading to Board Policy GDBA-5, Secretarial/Business Compensation Plan. Mr. Thorne indicated the changes to titles and classifications including the elimination of three positions currently not filled and the creation of the Board of School Trustees Assistant.
- approved proposed revisions and waived second reading to Board Policy GDBA-5a, Executive Assistant Compensation Plan. Mr. Thorne indicated the changes reflect the Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees is being removed from the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and added to the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of Personnel and Legal Services.
- approved proposed revisions and waived second reading by a 6-0 vote to Board Policy GDBA-8, Registered Nurse Compensation Plan. Board member Glenn Duncan abstained from voting because his wife is the nurse at Mary Daly. Mr. Thorne reported the changes to nurses' salaries are due to the fact they need to be in the buildings when students are present and the change is retroactive to August 1, 2013.
- approved deletion and waived second reading to Board Policy GDBA-8a, Licensed Practical Nurses' Compensation Plan.
- approved submission of a grant to the Indiana Youth Institute. If this grant is awarded, it will fund a school psychologist to attend the Michigan Autism Conference.
- approved submission of a mini-grant to The Music Is Revolution. If this grant is awarded, it will be used to purchase additional drums for the World Drumming program at Mary Beck.
- approved submission of a Federal Special Education Technical Assistant Grant to the Indiana Department of Education. This one time grant allocation is provided to balance out the negative impact of the sequester. These funds will be utilized to provide training and professional development to buildings implementing PBIS.
- confirmed the submission of a Federal Special Education Part B Grant to the Indiana Department of Education.
- approved an overnight trip request for fifth graders at Osolo Elementary to travel to Camp Eberhart in Three Rivers, MI on September 30 and return on October 1, 2013 to participate in activities to develop leadership and communication skills.
- confirmed the employment of the following four (4) certified staff for the 2013-2014 school year: Vanessa Jackson, first grade at Mary Daly; Todd Kelly, behavior support at Central and Memorial; Miriam Troup, first grade at Eastwood; and Ryan Wixon, science at Memorial.

- approved a maternity leave of absence for Taryn Dias De Leon, fourth grade at Bristol.
- approved regular employment of Paul Kitt, custodian at Memorial, he has successfully completed his probationary period.
-confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) classified employees: Mayra Adame, paraprofessional at Monger; Jessica Hanback, paraprofessional at North Side; and Pearlene Sheppard, food service at West Side.
-confirmed the retirement of Susan Estes, paraprofessional at Beardsley, with 32 years of service.
-approved a medical leave of absence for Ursula Dukes, bus driver at Transportation.
-regretfully heard of the death of Jet Fites, paraprofessional at Memorial.
-approved the appointment of Dr. Thomas Neat to serve as a delegate at Elkhart-St. Joseph Head Start meetings and Indiana Urban School's Association meetings to vote in Dr. Robert Haworth's absence.
-appointed Amber Bowers to fill a vacancy on the Bristol Public Library Board.
-appointed Board member Doug Weaver to serve as the Legislative Delegate to the Indiana School Board Association.
-thanked Marlys Weaver, educational reporter for *The Elkhart Truth*, for her all of her positive coverage of Elkhart Community Schools. Marlys is leaving *The Truth* to pursue other free lance opportunities. She introduced the new educational reporter, Lydia Sheaks.

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