

.....met at Feeser Elementary

.....was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Girl Scout Troops 10211 & 00301

.....accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500 Mastercard from Susan G. Komen, Northern Indiana for Central's Activity Fund to assist students; \$100 from Garry and Pam Fileccia for the purchase of flash drives for the Intervention Staff of Mary Beck School; donation of a Selmer clarinet valued at \$350.00, to the ECS music department from Dave Janzen; from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$100.00 to the North Side Athletic Department to cover the cost of transportation to a volleyball tournament; an anonymous donation from Donors Choose.org to West Side Middle School for Paddle Pick a Paddle sets and Plastic Pickle Balls valued at \$321.22 for Mrs. Lesperance; a gift certificate from Martin's Supermarkets in the amount of \$25.00 for bottled water for the Riley Walk at West Side Middle School. The Board also acknowledged the following monetary donations to Riley Children's Hospital for West Side's Riley Walk: Complete Paint & Body \$200.00; Castaway Metal Recycling LLC \$50.00; Freelance Online Service \$100.00; Bruno's Pizza of Elkhart \$200.00; Heart City Toyota \$250.00.

..... heard a report from principal Kevin Dean about Feeser Elementary. Mr. Dean introduced PTO and staff members present. A PowerPoint presentation was given about a day in the life of Feeser students. The following students were recognized for their highest ISTEP scores: English Language Arts – Khushi Patel, Garrison Hirst, Rayna Minix, and Mitchell Briggs. Math - Donovan Johnson, Jade Vilayseng, Rayna Minix, Chenavy Pich, and Dakota Powers. Students recognized for their highest point gain in English Language Arts – Cameron Menges, Aaron Hill, and Catherine Underly. In Math – Tyler Gonzalez, Colton Barton, and Jordan Hedrick. It was noted that all grades scored over 70% on ISTEP scores, with 90% of sixth graders passing math.

..... heard a construction report from Mr. Gianesi about finished projects in the last six months: new chillers at Pinewood, Feeser, Monger, and North Side. New roof on the field house, pool, music area and auditorium at Memorial. The field house at Memorial also had its ceiling painted. A new divider curtain was installed at Memorial High School. Monger received a new boiler. New gym lights were installed at Beck, Bristol, Cleveland, Eastwood, Feeser, Osolo, Woodland, and Memorial High School's field house. New lights were also installed in Osolo's media center and North Side's cafeteria. Mulch was installed at Daly, Eastwood, Feeser, Hawthorne, Osolo, and Pinewood to replace pea gravel. New paving at Memorial High School, Elkhart Area Career Center and the Annex, Beardsley, Central High School, and the bus lot. Gym floors were refinished at Pierre Moran Middle School and West Side Middle School. The tracks were resurfaced at Memorial High School and Central High School. Projects still underway include the masonry being restored at Rice Field and district wide bleacher repairs and upgrading. The bids are due for the Commissary tomorrow.

..... heard from Ted Foland, energy education specialist, the last full building audit was conducted at Feeser on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. Window blind shut down for the building was at 91%. 60% of the staff received a "Thank You for Saving Energy" sticker for their room/area total shut down. Feeser Administration and staff efforts have

resulted in a cost avoidance of 48.4% from January thru August 2013, ranked 3rd over all buildings and valued at \$42,823. An 8% improvement over the same period last year, ranked Feeser 1st over all buildings. Cost avoidance for the entire corporation currently is 29.9% from January thru August 2013, valued at \$784,000. 1.3% improvement over the same period last year. Total savings from September 2009 thru today is valued at 3.7 million dollars.

.....approved the 2014 Budget as presented and discussed at the Board's August 27th regular meeting and September 10th public hearing. No comments, questions, or concerns were expressed by Board or audience members.

.....approved the 2014-2018 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented and discussed at the Board's August 27th regular meeting and September 10th public hearing. No comments, questions, or concerns were expressed by Board or audience members.

.....approved the School Bus Replacement Plan for the years 2014 through 2025 as presented at the Board's August 27th regular meeting and September 10th public hearing.

.....adopted a tax neutrality resolution authorizing a reduction to the 2014 Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Funds to offset increased debt costs resulting from the retirement/severance bond issued by the school corporation.

.....adopted a resolution establishing budget goals for the 2014 fiscal year as required annually by Indiana law.

.....adopted a resolution authorizing reductions which may be required at the budget hearing with the Department of Local Government Finance.

..... approved submission of a grant to High Ability for Indiana. If this grant is awarded, it will be used to purchase materials and securing personnel to continue to operate the high ability programs within the Elkhart Community School Corporation.

..... approved submission of a grant to Kiwanis Club of Elkhart from Faith Schultz for the High Ability Department, to further develop Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities for 3rd and 4th grade high ability classrooms. She is submitting a request for \$1,120.40 for buying 2 kits per classroom plus applicable shipping charges.

..... approved submission of a grant from ETHOS to the Indiana Department of Education for the Mathematics and Science Partnership Program. If awarded this \$650,000.00 partner grant with ETHOS and Concord Community Schools, would be dispersed over a three-year period to support professional development which enables teachers to develop and implement inquiry-based STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) curricula in their classrooms. This grant targets the advanced work of teachers at the Roosevelt STEAM Academy as they implement integrated curricula of STEAM subjects and literacy.

..... .approved submission of a Target Field Trip Grant from Mary Beck Elementary, in the amount of \$750 to cover transportation and admission costs for all kindergarten students to go to the Potawatomi Zoo in the spring of 2014.

- approved submission of a grant to the Pilot School Focused Prevention Program in the amount of \$500,000.00. If approved, this grant would cover an 18 month period, January 2014-June 2015.
- approved submission of a grant for a Secured School Safety Grant through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The grant is for \$100,000; \$50,000 from the grant and matching funds of \$50,000 from ECS. Among other things, it would include upgrading and adding more security cameras.
- approved three consent agreements regarding unpaid time.
- confirmed the resignation of the following four (4) classified employees: Debra Beers, Paraprofessional at Eastwood; Sarita Bonner, Transportation, bus driver; Rhonda Gregory, Food Service at Bristol; and Melissa Stump, Custodian at Central.
- confirmed the retirement of Sue Williams, paraprofessional at Feeser, with 11 years of service.
- confirmed the termination of two Classified employees in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.
- heard from a concerned citizen about safety issues on bleacher steps at Memorial High School football field.
- heard from a concerned mother about Kindergarten classroom size and how long her children are in school at the elementary level.
- approved the recommendation of Ivy Tech Community College as ECS's post secondary partner for the early college initiatives. In response to Board inquiry, Superintendent Haworth stated this is a one year contract and results will be reviewed at the end of the contract.
- reported the Superintendent and Board members had just returned from an ISBA conference in Indianapolis.