

The School Board....

.....heard the Beardsley Guitar Ensemble perform.

.....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representative from Memorial High School (MHS). Mitchell Crothers is a freshman who plays baseball. Current activities at MHS include: Elkhart Food Drive, April 15-May 7 supporting Church Community Services; athletics is donating 50% of their gate income for these two weeks to the food drive and is taking a survey of all student athletes to find ways to improve their program; Dollars for Scholars is having a fundraiser at MHS April 17<sup>th</sup>, a basketball game between the Harlem Ambassadors and the Charger Challengers, a team including local Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) staff; the Jazz Band will be performing at Bethel College; and Music Dept. will be hosting ISSMA District Concert Contest May 2-3, 2014.

.....accepted with appreciation donations made to ECS: \$100.00 each from Mr. James West of Kauffman Laundry and Ms. Vivian A. Rood to support transportation costs for future field trips; \$315.97 from a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser to support transportation costs for future field trips; an estimated amount of \$378.00 from Brenda Bryan to sponsor a field trip to include bus transportation, bowling and food for approximately 63 intense intervention students from Riverview, Bristol, Cleveland, Hawthorne, Beck, Roosevelt, Feeser and Eastwood elementary schools; 24 Dell computers with an approximate value of \$9,600.00 from St. Thomas the Apostle School to be used in the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) firefighting program; and science lab materials valued at \$431.80 from Rodney Daniels of Gills Ect. Pet shop for MHS eco-column lab.

.....congratulated four ECS staff who has been employed for 40 years. Mayor Dick Moore stated it was a pleasure to award the City's highest honor to these employees for their many years of service and was grateful for all they have done for our community. He presented Key to the City plaques to: Gary McAllister, Teacher at Feeser; Diana Stamper, executive assistant/bookkeeper at Elkhart School Corporation (ESC); Richard Veness, bus helper at Transportation; and LaMonte Heflick, speech pathologist at Hawthorne.

.....heard from Doug Thorne, Executive Director of Personnel and Legal Services, as he introduced the employees nominated for employee of the year by their peers and the winners in three categories. Nominees for Distinguished Certified Support Employee: Marilyn Creiger, guidance counselor at Pierre Moran, and Kathy Byrd, school counselor at EACC; nominees for Distinguished Classified Employee: Sarah Snyder, secretary at MHS; Heidi Compton, custodian at Woodland; Lori Clifford, librarian at Mary Feeser; Diana Duncan, nurse at Mary Daly; Jamie Woodfin, custodian at Bristol; Cathy Sailor, executive assistant at ESC; Mary Gunderson, instructional paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Lester Perry, custodian at Central. Nominees for Distinguished Classroom Teacher: Gary McAllister, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Feeser; Sarah Pattee, math teacher and department head at West Side; Michael P. McCauley, math teacher at West Side; Matthew Hartman, art teacher at MHS; Quincy Phipps, art teacher at Cleveland; and Elizabeth Sokolowski, art teacher at CHS. The winners were: Kathy Byrd, Lester Perry and Matthew Hartman. Mayor Moore presented the awards.

.....heard from Mary Yoder Holsopple, coordinator of Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) Bully Prevention Program. She shared the Teachers Credit Union (TCU) Bookmark program started at Riverview Elementary School and grew to a system wide event. She recognized the three winners of the TCU Bookmark contest Izavela Roeun from Osolo, Brooke Watson from Pinewood and Karen Rivas from Pierre Moran. Mrs. Val Prillar, principal of Beardsley Elementary introduced students being rewarded for Independent Work: Jocelyn Turney, Cloe Cataldo, Eduardo Salazar, Esperanza Reyes Gonzalez, Alexander Vorasane, Katelin Pritchard, Kalley Slater, Jiana Woods and Nathalie Zagal Nava. Both groups of students received certificates from Mayor Moore.

- .....approved proposed revisions as amended to Board Policy KI, Fundraising, as initially presented at the Board's March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- .....was presented with new Administrative Regulation KI, Application for Fundraiser Approval. The Board offered no changes or suggestions.
- .....approved proposed revisions and waived 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Board Policy GDBA-10, Employees in Miscellaneous Positions Compensation Plans. Mr. Thorne explained the waiving of a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is due to the immediate need to develop a new position during the transition and training of a new Comptroller. The new position, which will be temporary, is Deputy Comptroller.
- .....approved submission of the United Way Innovation Grant in the amount of \$17,990.00 for Move2Stand training expenses for 2014-2015 at Memorial High School and Central High School.
- .....approved overnight trip requests; Automotive Technology students from Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) to Ford AAA Competition in Indianapolis from April 24-25, 2014; and Motorcycle/Outdoor Power students from EACC to State Finals for Ford AAA Contest in Indianapolis, April 24-25, 2014.
- .....approved four consent agreements regarding unpaid time.
- .....confirmed the change to voluntary leave for certified employee Kimberlee Stephens, grade 6 at Beardsley.
- .....confirmed maternity leave for two (2) certified employees: Jacqueline Moore, special education at Feeser, and Ashley Morris, kindergarten at Beardsley.
- .....confirmed the retirement at the end of the 2013-14 school year of three (3) certified employees with years of service in parenthesis: LaMonte Heflick, speech pathologist at Hawthorne (41); Arlene Silba, principal at Hawthorne (43); and Theresa Vuchenich, interventions at Hawthorne (19).
- .....confirmed the resignation of two (2) certified employees: Shannon Lovely, math at West Side and Sara Smith, special education at West Side.
- .....confirmed the employment of three (3) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Denise Jackson, paraprofessional at EACC; Hazel Johnson, custodian at Central; and Ollie Williams, food service at Beck.
- .....confirmed the resignation of two (2) classified employees: Sandra Armstrong, paraprofessional at Feeser and Bernayia Bonner, food service at Cleveland.
- .....confirmed the retirement of five (5) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Judith Brown, bus helper in Transportation (31); Deborah Ernsberger, paraprofessional at Memorial (13); Sheila Gerou, paraprofessional at Pierre Moran (12); Dorothy Harris, bus helper in Transportation (34); and Mary Shupert, bus driver in Transportation (25).
- .....confirmed the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.
- .....heard from Board Member Karen Carter, Kiwanis K.i.D.'s 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Day at the Matterhorn April 22, noon, the Board is invited.