

- ..... accepted with appreciation the donation made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): approximately 250 scarves hand knit by Diane Dawe. Material for the scarves was donated by members of First Congregational Church. The scarves will be distributed to children in Elkhart Community Schools; a check for \$800.00 from the Elkhart League of Women Voters for the U.S. History Trip; a Yamaha Upright Piano valued at \$2,300.00 from Fred and Judy Bechtold for ECS Music Department; 300 coats from the United Way of Elkhart for Roosevelt students in need; and a check for \$200.00 from Goodwill of South Bend to assist Roosevelt families in need of clothing and furniture.
- ..... approved the bid award from North Central CO-OP as the lowest and best, most responsive bidder for the fuel purchases for 2015. Dr. Robert Woods, Director of Business Operations, shared in previous years we have taken fuel price over the lowest available dock price on the date of deliver, this year the Business Office is recommending a fixed price per gallon for the entire year of \$1.833 per gallon for no lead fuel, \$2.138 and \$2.228 per gallon of 38% cetane and 50% cetane diesel fuel.
- ..... approved the bid award from HIMCO in Elkhart as the lowest and best, most responsive bidder for refuse removal for the next three years, 2015, 2016, and 2017. This company has been responsible for the refuse removal for the previous three years and has been a cooperative vendor dealing with any issues that arise.
- ..... approved proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy.
- ..... approved and waived second reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy GCEA, Substitute Teacher Pay Schedule. Doug Thorne, Executive Director of Personnel and Legal Services, explained the changes and in response to Board inquiry, Superintendent Haworth commented the shortage of substitute teaches is a state and nationwide issue and when we are short substitutes, other staff in each building are compensated to cover the classes of the absent teacher.
- ..... approved an overnight trip request for Memorial Wrestling Team to travel to Anderson IN for a wrestling meet in Yorktown IN on December 19-20, 2014.
- ..... confirmed the employment of the following two (2) certified staff members: Jessica Van, language arts at Pierre Moral, and Alexa Wagganer, grade 3 PEP at Bristol.
- ..... confirmed maternity leave for two (2) certified employees: Stacey VanEck, psychologist at ESC, and Lindsey Walters, language arts at Central.
- ..... confirmed cancellation of coaching and teaching contracts of James C. Iannarelli in accordance with Indiana Code 20-28-7.5-1(e).
- ..... approved the Superintendent's contract with suggestions as presented at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- ..... heard Dr. Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, report on "Music for Social Change Workshops" at Goshen College on January 12, 2015 and Roosevelt STEAM Academy on Tuesday January 13. He invited the Board to visit Roosevelt.