The School Board June 24, 2014

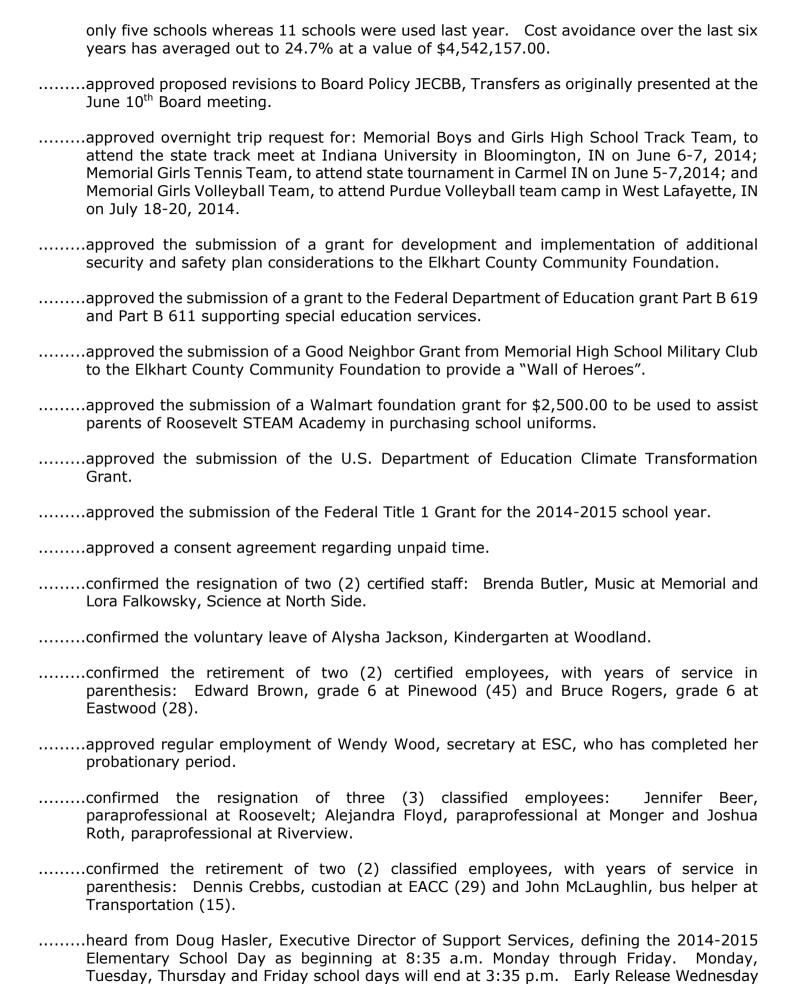
......heard from Board President Dorisanne Nielsen that Doug Thorne, Executive Director of Personnel and Legal Services would be filling in for Superintendent Haworth.

.......heard from Dr. John Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction about the following presenters for the Elkhart Academy: Jim Buchmann, Elkhart Police Department; Tony Balzano, Elkhart Fire Department; Andy Barker and Andy Metsker, Gibson Insurance; and Michael Miller, Mac McKay, and Karl Krathwohl, Smart Systems. ECS staff presenters: Emily Lewandowski, Danielle Miller, Mary Yoder Holsopple, Alysha Jackson, Deb Beehler, John McClure, Bob Woods, Julie Hinzmann, Anne Harbaugh, Mary Jo Sartorius, Candy Kirchner, Pam Melcher, Jami Presswood, Tracey Miller, Jenny Sager, Vicky Toney, Tony England, and Natalie Bickel. Mrs. Nielsen commented about the many complements she had received about the event. Dr. Hill explained the Academy was a two day professional development which offered an array of professional development to classified employees who were impacted financially by the multiple snow days. The Board accepted with appreciation the following food or items which were donated by local businesses for door prizes at the Elkhart Academy: Adam's Cakes, Birds Gotta Fly, Boomerelli's Pizza, Cappy's, Dekka Batteries, Drive and Shine, Feed the Children, Fix Salon & Spa, GKC Movie Theater, Gibson Insurance, Marcia Hiatt, Thirty-one consultant, Karma Salon, Little Caesar's Pizza, Macallister Blue Bird, Matzke Florists, Michael Warren Salon, Monteith Tire, North Side Auto, Piazza Produce, Power Brake & Spring, Refindery, RelaDyne, Subway of Elkhart, and Transpar.

......also accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): classroom supplies for Kathy Bueter's third grade classroom by Advance America; a used washing machine valued at \$150.00 for Bristol Elementary School's Special Education Department by Nick and Jayme Iannarelli; automotive technology tools valued at \$4,596.00 for EACC's automotive technology services program from Mr. Zeno Ladas; two vehicles valued at \$1,250.00 for EACC's collision repair program from Impact Institute; tubing and flatstock for EACC's welding program, valued at \$1,000.00 from Mr. Bruce Fenstermacher at Bennington Marine; \$2,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of Alpha Systems for field trips; a 10' satellite dish for Memorial High Science Department from Mr. and Mrs. Gary Yoder; and \$7,000.00 from Alice A. Martin for field trips, future events and learning opportunities for ECS students.

......approved the expenditure of extra-curricular money in the amounts of: \$958.75 for reconditioning and recertifying 29 football helmets at Pierre Moran Middle School; \$664.49 to Midwest Volleyball and \$289.78 to Epic Sports for volleyball equipment at West Side Middle School and \$2,613.79 for new football helmets at West Side Middle School. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Robert Woods, Director of Business Operations, explained Middle School athlete's parents are informed about what to look for if they suspect a concussion. Middle school athletes do not have preseason concussion tests as high school athletes.

......heard an energy report from Ted Foland, energy education specialist who shared results of his audit of the Educational Services Center (ESC). Cost avoidance was 10.6%, valued at \$24,575.00. ESC had five consecutive personal best months January-May 2014. System wide, all buildings have completed summer shut down. Mr. Foland checks every room making sure all windows are shut and computers shut down. Principals were notified of any personal items using excess energy. He added that principals have been very helpful. Each year he meets with new teachers to explain energy efficiency. In response to Board inquiry, he shared how light bulbs are being upgraded to fluorescents on a replacement failure basis, changing the entire system would be expensive. Summer School will be using



school day ends at 2:55 p.m. Secondary school times have not been decided. Bus driver hiring will effect these times. Secondary schools will have Early Release on Wednesday.

......heard from Board Member Carolyn Morris about the Summer Conference on Urban Education she attended in Indianapolis of June 18<sup>th</sup>. The topic was "Schooling and the Ripple Effect: Emotional, Intellectual, Physical". She stated Dr. Hill and Dr. Sheppard also attended and thanked everyone for allowing her to attend.

.......heard from Board Member Susan Daiber she had goodies for her birthday she wanted to share with the audience. The audience and board sang "Happy Birthday" to her.