

- ..... welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representatives from both high schools. Memorial High School (MHS) was represented by Mady Robison. She is a junior on the tennis team and loves sports. She reported on activities at MHS including the Speech team sending several students to the State competition; Sadie Hawkins Dance, Music Department; choir receiving 22 gold medals, orchestra receiving 11 gold medals and band receiving 21 gold medals at the District contest and sending many to the State competition; the Music Department is in the running for the All Music All District Award following Jazz Band, Jazz Choir and Jazz Orchestras all receiving gold ratings at the District competition; Zack Tally a MHS student is battling a rare disease and the school is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at the Elkhart Moose on March 30th to help with medical bills. Maggie Zinich, a senior, represented Central High School (CHS). She plays tennis, is Vice President of SSAC, is in the marching band and has been a cheerleader. Activities at CHS include the track team participating in Track Relays and qualifying for State; a food drive collecting for Elkhart County; Sadie Hawkins Dance, food will be collected; Dance Marathon raising funds for Riley's Children's Hospital and Future Problem Solvers holding a fundraiser for cancer called "St. Baldricks" where students collect money to shave their heads, students from Elkhart Area Career Center come to cut their hair.
- .....accepted with appreciation donations of; \$550.00 from friends of Mary Sydenstricker, former Riverview teacher, to purchase library books at Riverview Elementary; \$125.00 from Rod VanZile towards purchase of ISTEP t-shirt at West Side Middle School; \$350.00 worth of piano and piano/vocal music and books from Ms. Bernice Bishop for Central High School Music Department; and \$980.00 to support future academic activities/clubs for students at Cleveland from Notre Dame for partnering in education.
- .....heard an Energy Report from Ted Foland. He discussed how the contract with Cenergistic, which ended December of 2013, has provided a cost avoidance of 24.9% valued at \$4,263,313.00 from September 2009 to date. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Foland explained why the water usage in 2013 was so high: chiller systems flushed when replaced at Pinewood, Feeser, North Side and Monger and flushing can take as long as 2-3 days to run through an entire school; boiler repairs at Cleveland, and swimming pool filter and valve issues at Central and Memorial increasing the use of water, and irrigation accounts ran 2-3 weeks longer due to warm weather in the fall. Mr. Foland described his work hours; he is usually in the schools when they are closed looking at energy usage. He speaks with classrooms explaining power usage how computers seem to only use 1 cent of energy an hour but with over 5000 computers in the Elkhart Community School system it adds up. He complemented staffs, especially the custodial staffs, at all of the schools for their hard work.
- .....heard poems read by winners of "My Dream" Poetry Contest winners; Alexis Largent, Brenden Seabolt, Maleia Morey, Jasomine Green-Love and Jocelyn Portillo. Mr. Clyde Riley and Mr. Dynel Hill from the Tolson Center introduced the winners. Each received a certificate of recognition. Jackie Rost, Athletic Director at MHS, introduced wrestlers; Eugene Moody-Nuekon, Marcus Mejia, Tony Vaughn, Nick Ritchie, Jon Osoria, David Eli and Tieshawn Johnson and announced their post season accomplishments in IHSAA Competitions. They also received certificates.

- .....heard from Doug Hasler, Executive Director of Support Services who reported the following fund loan was made on February 28, 2014: \$35,000.00 from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Service Fund. This loan would be repaid by June.
- .....approved cash tuition rates for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Hasler reported Indiana provides free tuition for students to attend the school district in which they live; if a family chooses to send their child to school out of their home district, they must pay the state's tuition rate. For the 2014-2015 school year, the rate is \$6,930.00 for students in grades 1-12 and \$4,850.00 for kindergarten. Last year only foreign exchange students who attend ECS were billed. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Hasler explained the different fees between 1-12 and kindergarten that kindergarteners do not generate the same costs. They also inquired about foreign exchange students. Mr. Hasler explained some exchange students attending through a recognized program will not pay and those choosing to attend outside of a program will pay.
- .....was presented with a draft of the 2014-2015 Board of School Trustees meeting schedule for initial consideration.
- .....approved submission of Region 2 Adult Education Continuation Grant. This grant was applied for in collaboration with Adult education Directors in Region 2. Other programs in Region 2 are: Horizon Education Alliance; Plymouth Community Schools; South Bend Community Schools; and Warsaw Community Schools. Elkhart Community Schools Adult Education is applying for \$608,262.00 from the \$2,536,446.00 grant. Funding from this grant will continue to support their nine (9) adult basic education sites serving over 800 adult students per program year. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. John Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction stated that this program could help students work towards their GED. Dr. Hill also explained that many sites have been consolidated and the County Jail is included.
- .....approved submission of Region 2 Adult Education El Civics Continuation Grant. This grant is applied for in collaboration with Adult education Directors in Region 2. Other programs in Region 2 are: Plymouth Community Schools and South Bend Community Schools. Elkhart Community Schools Adult Education is applying for \$31,674.34 from the \$92,280.00 grant. Funding from this grant will continue to support their four (4) adult basic education sites serving over 500 adult students per program year.
- .....approved overnight trip requests; swimmers from Central High School traveling to the State Swim Meet in Indianapolis February 27, 2014 through March 1, 2014; students from Memorial High School traveling to Fishers for the State Speech Tournament March 14-15, 2014; Elk Logic Robotics students from Central and Memorial High Schools traveling to Purdue University in West Lafayette to participate in the Boilermaker Regional competition March 20-22, 2014, EACC Early Childhood students traveling to Indianapolis on March 27-29, 2014 to attend an Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children Conference; and Key Club students from Central and Memorial traveling to Indianapolis on April 4-6, 2014 to attend the District Convention for Indiana Key Clubs. The Board requested that the Robotics team bring in their robot after competition. Dr. Haworth explained how this year's robot is required to throw a ball into a specific area and taking apart the robot and redesigning it at the completion was required. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Hill explained the need for taking gear, tools etc. of different sizes and the door configuration being different might be the reason 1 large bus is used instead of 2 short white buses.

- .....approved a revision to the joint agreement regarding the correction of a printing error in the master contract.
- ..... confirmed the employment of three (3) certified employees for employment: Jennifer Fitzgerald, Grade 3 at Daly; Julie Plaia, Grade 5 at Hawthorne; and Elizabeth Spornhauer, Special Education at Pierre Moran.
- ..... approved a health leave for Martin McCrindle, Public Safety at the Career Center.
- ..... approved professional leave of absence for Lisa Dercach, Interventions at Osolo; and Kellie Heuermann, Science at North Side.
- ..... approved a voluntary leave of absence for certified employees: Jennifer Aires, Math at Memorial; Tracy Borger, Kindergarten at Daly; Jill Coffman, Grade 3 at Hawthorne; Rene Formsma, Grade 1 at Riverview; and April Kauffman, Grade 3 at Bristol.
- ..... approved a change to a personal leave for Janice Cook, Grade 5 at Hawthorne.
- ..... approved a Maternity leave for Nicole Serge-Nemes, Grade 3 at Beardsley.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of six (6) certified employees: Janice Cook, Grade 5 at Hawthorne; Mary C. Krieger-Miller, Kindergarten at Woodland; Gary Linley, Grade 4 at Riverview; Cynthia Neer, Media at West Side; Summer Runyan, Counselor at Central; and Melinda Weirich, Grade 4 at Beck.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of Deborah Pulianas, Child Care at Career Center after 22 years of service.
- ..... confirmed the employment of two (2) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Tiana Joiner, Food Service at Memorial; and Rita McKinney, Paraprofessional at Roosevelt.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of eight (8) classified employees: Shannon Butts, Paraprofessional at Cleveland; Marissa Curry, Paraprofessional at North Side; Charlotte Hunnings, Paraprofessional at Beck; Bobby Macon Sr., Food Service at Memorial; Gail Mutch-Anderson, Paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Christina Stewart, Paraprofessional at Pinewood; Betsy Tavallali, Food Service at Memorial; and Melissa Waterman, Paraprofessional at West Side.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of two (2) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Loretta Gregory, Technical Assistant at Career Center (33) and Kathleen P. Watson, Bus Driver in Transportation (16).
- ..... confirmed the termination of two (2) classified employees in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.
- ..... Dr. Haworth reported Alex Holtz, Elkhart Teachers Association President, will be giving a report at the next School Board Meeting comparing Elkhart Community Schools with other systems.

- ..... heard from Board member Doug Weaver former Elkhart basketball players, Michael Kibilowski and Karvel Anderson were playing on ESPN2 in final tournaments.
- ..... heard Board member Sue Daiber regarding the beautiful art display in the waiting area of the building. She encouraged all to go and see the talents of Elkhart students.