

..... met at Daly Elementary School.

.....heard two songs by the Mary Daly 5th and 6th grade choir.

.....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representative from Central High School (CHS). Derald Gray is a senior who plays football and basketball and will be attending Ball State in the fall. He reported on activities at CHS: St. Baldrick's, a fundraiser for childhood cancer research; a food drive to help a local food bank; and this Friday there will be a Volleyball Tournament.

.....heard from Alex Holtz, Elkhart Teachers Association President. He complimented Daly for the number of parents attending and showing interest in their children's activities. He discussed Accountability A-F School Grades and Socio-Economic Status in Indiana. He compared 25 cities or districts with similar enrollments as Elkhart Community Schools. He stated generally, the smaller "paid lunch" percentage of students, the lower the accountability grade earned. Conversely, the larger the "paid lunch" percentage of students, the higher the accountability grade. Elkhart's "paid lunch" is 33% and received a B. He complemented ECS for scoring so well in light of the smaller "paid lunch" statistic.

.....accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools: \$100.00 from Richard D. Burns, Jr. to support transportation costs for future field trips; 200 24-count boxes of crayons from an anonymous donor to be distributed to children in need; \$1000.00 from Phyllis Tubbs to be used for the Wall of Champions display in the athletic area of Memorial High School; 9 sets of headphones for READ 180 totaling \$142.80 from Chad O'Brien; and 2 sets of 10 Calculator Teacher Kit, with a value of \$341.98 from Lindsey Cox for West Side Middle School.

.....heard an Energy Report from Ted Foland, energy education specialist. He discussed Daly's Audit Report for Monday March 24th, 2014. He performed a total room by room audit and found a few places of concern and listed them. He also expressed from September 2009 to March 25, 2014 a 17.1% overall cost avoidance valued at \$63,716.00. Daly has improved Cost/Floor Area from 90 cents per square foot for 2008-09 to 77 cents per square foot for 2012-13. It ranks them 6th over all buildings. Elkhart School Corporation's cost avoidance as of March 25th, 2014 is 24.9%, valued at \$4,311,935.00.

.....heard from Dr. Brad Sheppard, supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, about GrapeSEED program. He shared how he learned about the program from a neighbor who is a principal. He introduced Arlene Silba principal at Hawthorne. She stated several teachers are involved in the GrapeSEED program, and then introduced Naomi Baumgartner who explained the program and had kindergartners and 1st graders show what they have learned. At the beginning of this program the average score was 1 sound per student and the present score is 39 sounds. Students are now on a trajectory to succeed. Danae Wirth, District Instructional Science Specialist, introduced the Elkhart City Science Fair Winners. Best of show: K-2; Mariella Harrison-Cornerstone Christian, 3-5 Michael Gaff-Bristol Elementary, and 6-8 and Overall Best of Show Madeline Lapp-Pierre Moran Middle School. Certificates were given by Dr. Haworth, Superintendent of Schools.

.....heard from Josh Nice, principal for Daly Elementary as he expressed his gratitude to his staff and all the Daly parents who contribute to make Daly students succeed. He discussed how his staff works on curriculum and how interventionists help students set goals and track progress. Interventionists also help with ENL and Special Ed to support learners. Staff attends book clubs and work on professional development. High Expectations is a theme at

Daly. Parents and Preschoolers started at Daly. Amanda Brandy's kindergarten class shared a Readers Theater with the Board titled "The Tortoise and the Hare". Josh Nice shared statistics showing how 2013-14 scores are well ahead of 2012-13. With 90 more students enrolled, Daly is assimilating the new and keeping focus on success. Micah Lambert, Assistant Principal listed other programs at Daly: Field Trips to Bethel College, 5th graders shadow a college student for a day, All Pro Dads, CARES, Reading Night, Math Night, and Reading Camp. Run Club and Daly Dash were explained by Lisa Regan. 274 Runners are signed up to run the Daly Dash to raise funds for the school. Josh Nice closed by thanking the parents and his staff for their support of Daly students.

.....approved extra-curricular purchases for West Side Middle School: track uniforms in the amount of \$1,149.50 and \$2,500.00 to support 5 STAR after school program.

.....approved the 2014-2015 Board Meeting Schedule with proposed changes presented at the March 11th meeting. The Board was questioned about the use of the Tipton Street Center because of its limited space. The Board responded the issue would be investigated.

.....was presented proposed changes to Board Policy K1, Fundraising, by Doug Thorne, Executive Director of Personnel & Legal Services. He explained State Auditors are suggesting fundraisers be approved by the Board before taking place in schools. PTO's, Boosters or any independent groups are exempt. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Thorne reported buildings will be directed to submit proposed fundraising activities to the Business Office. The Business Office will then summarize the activities and send a formal accounting to the Board for their action.

.....approved submission of the Indiana "Making a Difference Grant" which will be offered in the month of March from the High Ability Office at IDOE. \$18,500.00 is being requested to purchase kindergarten and first grade consumable assessments, the Cognitive Aptitude Tests.

.....approved overnight trip requests for JAG students to attend the State Career Development Conference in Indianapolis on March 13-14, 2014; students from Central and Memorial to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Award at Camp Tecumseh on April 11-13, 2014.

.....approved two consent agreements regarding unpaid time.

.....confirmed the retirement of four (4) certified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Kenneth Leach, Graphic Arts at EACC (22); Peggy Presser, Career to Education at Memorial (19); R. Charlie Ross, Physical Ed at Memorial (22) and Gladys Stevens, Intervention at Daly (27).

.....confirmed the employment of twelve (12) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Paul Brokamp, Advance Support Technician at ESC ; Mark Bowers, Paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Elishia Cook, Registered Nurse at Pierre Moran; Nakia Dalton, Food Service at Daly; Constance Dawson, Paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Brenda Goethals, Food Service at Memorial/Riverview; Dana Irving, Paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Heather Phelps, Paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Dwight Rhoades, Support Specialist III at ESC; John Storer II, Programmer/Analyst at ESC; Eric Wichman, Advance Support Technician at ESC; and Coriene Woods, Food Service at Daly.

.....confirmed the resignation of two (2) classified employees: Mary Gunderson, Paraprofessional at Eastwood and Jennifer Rice, Custodian at Central.

.....confirmed the retirement of Sue Clark, Paraprofessional at Riverview after 20 years of service.

.....confirmed the termination of two (2) classified employees in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.

.....heard from Alex Holtz a letter from the Elkhart Teachers Associations expressing their support of both referendums.