

- .....accepted with appreciation donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$514.45 from Target Take Charge of Education to Bristol Elementary to purchase prizes as incentives for Positive Behavior Intervention Support Program; 710 backpacks filled with school supplies from WNDU Channel 16 for ECS children in need; \$100.00 from Richard Burns, Jr. DDS PC, in support of community outreach; \$450.00 from the Elkhart Firefighter's Local 338 Union Scholarship Fund to cover class fees for three students in the Firefighting program at the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) whose families are unable to meet the financial obligations of the class; a cemetery vault valued at \$400.00 from Howard and Son Vault Service, to be used to teach students in the Firefighting program at the EACC how to manipulate hose lines to extinguish outdoor fires; school supplies valued at approximately \$1,000.00 from Wal-Mart store on CR 20 to help out students and teachers at Cleveland Elementary School; \$200.00 from Larry Huneryager and \$200.00 from Watkins Family Dentistry to support transportation costs for field trips.
- .....heard from Tony Gianesi, director of building services, give a 2014 Referendum Construction Update. Beardsley, Pinewood, Woodland and West Side design reviews are complete and have principal approval. Bids will be received in November and a December start date is expected. Riverview, Pierre Moran, and West Side chiller replacement project recommendation will be brought to the Board later in the agenda for approval. New classroom locksets have been installed at Beck, Eastwood, and EACC Annex; the Memorial cafeteria construction was completed August 14<sup>th</sup>; and the entrance renovation at LIFE was completed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Presently working on Central partial Roof Replacement, and Hawthorne's chimney repairs. The Hawthorne gym roof replacement will begin on or about October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ..... heard a report highlighting the Elkhart Area Career Center from Director Dave Benak. EACC focuses on College and Career Readiness. All 25 programs offer college credit and industrial certification. Additional programs and courses offered in 2015-16 will be diesel technology with CDL certification, veterinarian assistant, college trigonometry, and college literature. Health Care Support Technology in 2015-16 and Health Care Support Associate's Degree 60 cr. hrs. in 2016-17 are scheduled as part of Elkhart's Early College Initiative. The Advanced Manufacturing and Automation Program hope to become part of a Polytechnic Institute. EACC's school improvement plan includes; expanding school and community outreach; continuing program evaluation which includes teacher self assessments; and setting school goals, focusing on how to measure and monitor. 12 of EACC's staff presented at a national summer conference and requests to visit our campus shows the quality of our Career Center. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Benak stated he would investigate the possibilities of partnering the EMT program with the Elkhart General Hospital program. Principal Matt Werbiansky shared his excitement working at EACC and his pride in a class which is working on a project to solve the Wi-Fi problems at the Elkhart County Fair. They will present their solution to the Fair Board.
- .....heard from Dr. Robert Bob Woods, Director of Business Operations, introduce two IUSB students, one an Memorial graduate, getting sociology degrees and a student teacher from Monger observing a Board of Trustees meeting.
- ..... approved an extra-curricular purchase of \$2,975.00 for 175 Band, Orchestra and Choir shirts for Pierre Moran Middle School.

- .....heard from Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, explain the various documents which are part of the state mandated process for budget approval. All forms were circulated earlier at an informal presentation of the budget and public hearings were held.
- .....adopted the Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rate, Budget Form No. 4.
- .....adopted the Resolution to Adopt a Plan for a Capital Projects Fund for 2015-2019.
- .....adopted the Resolution of the 2015 School Bus Replacement Plan for years 2015 through 2026.
- .....adopted the Tax Neutrality Resolution to reduce the 2015 Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Funds by an amount equal to the levy for debt service on the pension bonds.
- .....adopted the 2015 Budget Goals Resolution which establishes budget goals for 2015.
- .....adopted the Budget Reduction Resolution authorizing reductions, which may be required at the budget hearing with the Department of Local Finance.
- .....approved the bid award from Project Design and Piping of Fort Wayne, IN as the lowest and best, most responsive bidder for the 2014 Elkhart School Mechanical Physical Plant Improvements Project.
- .....approved proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy.
- .....approved the Career Center's agreements with its feeder schools – Baugo, Bremen, Concord, Edwardsburg, Goshen, Middlebury, Penn-Harris-Madison, School City of Mishawaka, Wa-Nee, and Westview.
- .....approved the submission of a Verizon grant to support STEAM Academy Teachers Professional Development.
- .....approved the submission of a Target Field Trips grant to provide funding for a Kindergarten field trip at Mary Beck Elementary.
- .....approved the submission of a Lowe's grant to provide funding for fencing at North Side Middle School.
- .....approved the submission of an Elkhart Education Foundation grant to provide funding for a smart board in the Art department at Memorial High School.
- .....approved overnight trip requests for: EACC Motorcycle/Outdoor Power Technology class to attend the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge Championship from December 9-13, 2014 in Indianapolis; 8<sup>th</sup> graders from North Side Middle School to visit Gettysburg, PA and Washington DC from June 7-12, 2015; and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Pierre Moran Middle School to visit Washington DC from June 7-11, 2015.
- .....approved a consent agreement regarding unpaid time.
- .....approved a consent agreement regarding retention compensation.

- .....confirmed the resignation of five (5) certified employees: Philip Bergt, psychologist at ESC; Ami Damer-Schlamersdorf, kindergarten at Beck; Mary Krieger-Miller, interventions at Woodland; Elizabeth Spornhauer, special education at West Side; and Tim Tobin, world language at Central.
- .....confirmed the employment of ten (10) certified employees for employment: Nicole Allison, ENL at Cleveland-Eastwood; Ashley Bailey, interventions at Hawthorne; Jennifer Batts, mathematics at Tipton; Lorren Bordine, grade 2 at Hawthorne; Elizabeth Cauley, speech pathologist at Hawthorne; Laura Cohen, special education at Hawthorne; Tami Eder, world language at Memorial; Maribeth Harrell, ENL at Central; Christi Rucker, language arts at West Side; and Kendra Stutzman, grade 1 at Daly.
- .....confirmed the employment of classified employees Tisa Dobie, food service at Daly and Articia James, bus driver unassigned at Transportation who have successfully completed their probationary period.
- .....confirmed the resignation of two (2) classified employees: Lisa Grover, food service at Memorial and Glenda Wyatt, food service at Central.
- .....confirmed the retirement of four (4) classified employees, with years of service in parenthesis: Lee Burdorf, WVPE program director, EACC (13); Sandra Kindig, paraprofessional at Beck (10); Linda Lawson, bus driver at Transportation (10); and Karen Proctor, food service at Memorial (22).
- .....heard a report from Board President Dorisanne Nielsen on the 2014 Indiana School Board Association (ISBA) Conference she and 3 other Board members attended. She listed session topics and shared what a positive learning experience it had been. They were very impressed with the emphasis on present day issues.