

-accepted with appreciation the donation of \$3,989.28 from the 'Class of 2015' of Central High School (CHS) for renovations to the stadium entrance at Rice Field.
-was provided an update by Dr. Bob Woods, director of business operations, on the school auction held July 18th. Sales were down this year compared to last year.
-reappointed Tracey Bolin, executive assistant/comptroller, to serve as Elkhart Community School's (ECS) Deputy Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year.
-approved extra-curricular purchases by Pierre Moran Middle School's athletic department of \$1,410 for 62 volleyball uniforms; and for CHS's athletic department to spend \$4,255.75 on concession equipment and to convert a storage room into a concession area for home volleyball games, wrestling meets, swim meets and basketball games.
- approved proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy. The funds raised through the listed activities are deposited into each school's extra-curricular fund.
- heard Shawn Hannon, assistant superintendent of communication & data, give a department update including: reminders sent using various technologies regarding early release on Wednesdays; an update on return of Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) as the formative assessment for Elkhart Community Schools. NWEA not only measures learning but also growth and does not require an additional reading assessment. ECS previously used the assessment from 2000-2009, Acuity had been used in the interim. A legislative change this year allows districts to choose an assessment within certain parameters and ECS has decided to return to NWEA. Dee Wappes, supervisor of assessment and data, reviewed the NWEA testing information for the 2015-2016 school year. In response to Board inquiries, she reported testing for grades 3 -10 would be 45 – 50 minutes in the three areas: reading, language arts, and math, and K – 2 would be approximately 30 minutes. Testing is tentatively planned for September, January and May.
- heard Dr. Dawn McGrath, deputy superintendent, report many changes are being made in the department to make it more efficient. The use of Google Docs has been initiated. One of the requests sent through the new program was for feedback on the first day of school. Positive feedback was received, including: "Teachers were engaging Kindergarten students in learning procedures of school ..."; "Buildings with construction over the summer were running smoothly..."; and "There was a sense of purpose and energy in all of the buildings I visited."
- heard Tony England, assistant superintendent of student services, report KidsCare through the Boys and Girls Club has programs at 11 locations; the 5:30 a.m. start time has brought more students to the program; a ribbon cutting is set for the afternoon of August 12th at Eastwood with activities and games; LIFE will be getting a new program name; School Without Walls students earned 150 credits over the summer; the hybrid program is in place and available on-line, in classrooms, and at night, with B sections available on line as well; there are currently 129 students in the program with 4 or 5 enrolling per day.

- approved the submission of a grant from Elkhart Community Schools to the Indiana Department of Education for Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient students.
- approved the submission of a grant from Elkhart Community Schools to the Indiana Department of Education for Non-English Speaking Program (NESP) for six elementary ESL teachers.
- approved the submission of a grant from Bristol Elementary School to United Way for Reading Camp 2016.
- approved an amendment to an alternative residential services agreement for an ECS special education student.
- confirmed the Superintendent's administrative appointment of Tracey Whitmyer, assistant principal at Beck, effective July 23, 2015. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with such a great team and is ready to move forward.
- approved regular employment for the following twelve (12) certified staff members: Lindsey Blackford, grade 5 at Daly; Tiara Corkins, grade 3 at Roosevelt; Viressa Davis, academic dean at Pierre Moran; Kelly Doherty, grade 6 at Pinewood; Shannon Lovely, mathematics at West Side; Bryce Nixon, language arts at West Side; Nancy Rodman, pre-kindergarten at Roosevelt; Kaylie Singleton, grade 1 at Beardsley; Jennifer Szklarek, grade 5 – 6 split at Woodland; Sarah Tripp, special education at Memorial; Melanie Watson, grade 1 at Beardsley; and Robert Weber, ENL at Monger.
- approved the rescinded parental leave for certified staff member Tracy Borger, kindergarten at Daly.
- confirmed the resignation of the following eight (8) certified staff members: Ryan Bounds, language arts at Central; Hannah Boyd, special education at Monger; Ashley McQueen-Ghaffar, kindergarten at Roosevelt; Jessica Miles, art at Central; Kathryn Smith, grade 1 at Bristol; Kimberlee Stephens, grade 3 at Beardsley; Jessica Van, language arts at Pierre Moran; and Susan Watrel, grade 5 at Beck.
- approved voluntary leave for certified staff member Stacey VanEck, psychologist at ESC.
- confirmed the resignation of the following seventeen (17) classified employees: Kimberly Barone, food service at Pierre Moran; Mary Bessinger, food service at Beardsley; Anna Bishop, paraprofessional at Daly; Cordelia Brown, food service at Memorial; William Christensen, paraprofessional at Monger; Christina Cornell, secretary at Cleveland; Anne Feirick, paraprofessional at EACC; Tara Hathaway, food service at West Side; Jasmina Kalpuh, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Bruce Klonowski, misc. community engagement management; Amy Knoll, paraprofessional at Cleveland; Penelope Lambdin, paraprofessional at Pinewood; Erin Libey, food service at Pierre Moran; Adrienne Minix, speech therapist at Eastwood; Nancy Rodman, paraprofessional at EACC; Carmen Torres, paraprofessional at North Side; and Vicky Westphal, paraprofessional at Woodland.
- confirmed the retirement of classified employee Harriet Lewis, paraprofessional at West Side, with 15 years of service.

- approved medical leaves for classified employees: Karen Johnston, paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Rhanesha Woods, paraprofessional at Feeser.
- confirmed the change to retirement of classified employee Billy Sharp, bus driver at Transportation, with 13 years of service.
- in response to Board inquiry regarding staffing, Doug Thorne, executive director of personnel and legal services, replied ECS is approximately 97% staffed.
- Heard Superintendent Haworth comment the school year is off to a fantastic start. There is now a one-mile walk zone for every student. Dr. Haworth congratulated the transportation department on staffing when other districts are dealing with shortages; building services for the tremendous job of preparing the schools, especially those with summer renovations, given the very short notice; food services for successfully rearranging menus as needed; and all staff for preparing to educate over 13,000 students. In response to Board inquiry regarding student counts, Superintendent Haworth replied the numbers look encouraging.
- heard President Carolyn Morris thank the staff for their work and preparation for a great upcoming year.