

- .....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): a donation of two trombones and one saxophone valued at \$1,450.00 from Kathy Rhode; backpacks containing school supplies for all students at Riverview Elementary from Costco Wholesale valued at \$6,300.00; \$50.00 from Target Corporation's "Thanks a Billion" campaign to Riverview Elementary to fund rewards for students; a 1987 Pierce Fire Pumper valued at \$40,000.00 from the City of Elkhart Fire Department to the Elkhart Area Career Center's (EACC) firefighting department; five (5) 1.2 LLO engines valued at \$1,595.00 from General Motors Corporation for the EACC's automotive services technology department; used extrication equipment valued at \$5,000.00 from the Baugo Township Fire Department for the EACC's firefighting department; \$700.00 from Greg Thorne to Central High School's (CHS) athletic department for the boys' soccer program; 150 backpacks filled with school supplies from Natasha Fisel and family, boxes of school supplies from the Indiana Toll Road, and 750 filled backpacks and boxes of supplies from WNDU-TV, which were distributed by the Student Services department through social workers; and \$500.00 each from McCollough Scholten Construction, Inc., Stahl Heating & Air Conditioning, KIB Electronics, Mishawaka Sheet Metal, and Elkhart Plastics, for Memorial High School's (MHS) athletic department for the volleyball program. Board members commented on the number of donations and the generosity of the community.
- .....confirmed the Superintendent's administrative appointment of Jill Balcom, assistant principal at Bristol, effective August 26, 2015. Mrs. Balcom thanked the Board for the opportunity.
- ..... was presented with the proposed 2016 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans for review. Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, reported the total budget amounts to \$124,314,873. Budgets are reported to the state through the Gateway online reporting system, as required by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The new Referendum Debt Fund has been added with payments to begin in June of 2016. In 2015, ECS qualifies for a waiver from the implementation of "protected taxes" for property tax supported funds, as was the case for the first time in 2014. Mr. Hasler reviewed the various budget documents, and gave a brief history of the circuit breaker tax credit losses that impact all property tax supported funds. He also reported a public hearing will be held to present the budget on September 8, 2015.
- ..... authorized Doug Hasler to advertise the required documents related to the 2016 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans.
- ..... approved an extra-curricular purchase of a volleyball standard and padding for North Side Middle School in the amount of \$1,051.85.
- ..... approved proposed school fund raisers in accordance with Board policy. The funds raised through the listed activities are deposited into each school's extra-curricular fund.
- ..... heard from Shawn Hannon, assistant superintendent of communication & data, the federal report required biannually from the Office of Civil Rights has been completed. Recognition was given to the following for all of the work required to prepare the report: Wendy Wood, personnel, adult education, finance, student services, assessment and data, technical services, language minority, special education, bullying prevention, security and athletics. Preparation for Fall State reporting has begun.

- ..... heard Tony England, assistant superintendent of student services, introduce Carl Rust, assistant principal at Mary Feeser Elementary School, who provided an overview of the Elkhart Elementary Academy program being implemented this Fall. The goals are to motivate students to want to be in their classroom with their peers, to teach social skills and classroom behavior, to help students learn replacement skills which will enable them to be productive students in the classroom, and to reduce disruption and suspensions. The program comes at a minimal cost and is designed for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. England and Mr. Rust responded to numerous questions from the Board.
- ..... approved the submission of a grant from Central High School to Target for a Field Trip Grant to fund lunch for orchestra students attending a Midwest Clinic.
- ..... approved the submission of a grant from Pierre Moran Middle School to the Indiana Youth Institute for a Professional Development Grant.
- ..... approved the following overnight trip requests: volleyball players from MHS to travel to Indianapolis and Muncie on September 25 and 26, 2015 for a football game and to compete in a volleyball tournament; volleyball players from MHS to travel to Carmel, IN on October 15 and 16, 2015, to compete in a volleyball tournament; and Osolo Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders to travel to Camp Eberhart in Three Rivers, MI, on November 5 and 6, 2015 to participate in activities focused on natural science and native American studies.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following six (6) certified staff members; Jennifer Benak, grade 4 at Beck; Jennifer Garcia, counselor at Tipton; Mary Gensel, librarian at Pierre Moran; Julie Rokop, grade 3 at Bristol (TC); Dawn Settles, behavior support at Daly-Roosevelt; and Anthony Venable, language arts at Pierre Moran.
- ..... approved medical leave for certified staff member, Shalon White, kindergarten at Woodland.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of certified staff member Emily Davidson, math at Pierre Moran.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following five (5) classified staff employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Steven Mason, Jr., custodian at Roosevelt; Heather Palmer, food service at Memorial; Heather Penney, food service at Memorial; Barbara Smith, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; and Bill Wooley, bus driver unassigned at Transportation.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following six (6) classified employees: Brook Bevan, food service at Bristol; Amanda Hepner, custodian at Central; Terri Neely, paraprofessional at PACE; Sandra Piggie, food service at Central/Monger; Daniel Pulianas, custodian at Central; and Holly Quirk, food service at Cleveland.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of classified employee, Terry Chomer, director of school safety/security, with 25 years of service.
- ..... heard Superintendent Haworth report he will be attending an Indiana Urban School Association meeting in Indianapolis on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ..... heard Board member, Karen Carter, comment on the great presentation on the Schools Without Walls program recently given by David Bird and Romison Saint-Louis to the League of Women Voters.