

..... met at Hawthorne Elementary School

..... recognized the 15-member Hawthorne Roots of Rhythm Performance Drummers from the Drum2Change program. The drummers led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a short musical presentation.

..... welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives from both high schools; Alexandria Brown-Anderson, a senior from Central High School involved in student council, class officers, and the student hunger drive. Upcoming events at Central include: mock exams; spring concert March 20<sup>th</sup>; dance marathon; the Sadie's Hawkins dance March 14<sup>th</sup>; and boys swimming will be going to state competition. Mitchell Crothers, a sophomore from Memorial High School reported the SSAC is sponsoring a food drive for Church Community Services and holding a 3-on-3 basketball tournament with a 20-can admission per team in conjunction with the food drive; reported two wrestlers placed well at the state wrestling finals in Indianapolis last weekend; and the beginning of spring sports.

..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): a Cello valued at \$500.00 from Debra Hughes to the Music Department of ECS; media equipment valued at \$1,774.98 from Chris Sanchez to the Central Media Center; \$4,500 for the wrestling program from Tia Burke to the Central Athletic Department,; \$1,000.00 from David and Deborah Beaverson and \$500.00 from Rich and Babette Boling to the Memorial athletic department to support girls/boys track program needs; hats, scarves and gloves for the Roosevelt STEAM Academy from Centier Bank; and \$300.00 from Rich and Babette Boling to West Side Middle School for ISTEP t-shirts.

..... heard a Building Energy Report on Hawthorne from Ted Foland, energy education specialist. During the audit held on February 20, 2015, 84% of the overall building received a "Thanks for Saving Energy"; cost avoidance for 2015 was a building best at 31.8%, valued at over \$38,400. From September 2009 to current, Hawthorne's overall cost avoidance is 26.1%, valued at \$164,000.

..... heard Mary Teeter, principal of Hawthorne Elementary School, introduce her staff and thank Dawn Ashton for her leadership with the Drum2change program. She highlighted a variety of the extra-curricular activities including Roots of Rhythm, sports, robotics, oratorical, student council and crossing guards. She praised the level of involvement of both parents and teachers. Reported on the 53 fewer office referrals this year compared to last year as a result of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support Team.

..... received an update from Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, on the 2015 budget approval, noting the total tax rate for Elkhart Community Schools will be \$1.2352 (per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation). This tax rate is less than the 2014 rate of \$1.2861, which fulfills our commitment the tax rate will not increase in 2015 even with the approval of our two referendum questions.

..... approved an extra-curricular purchase of a 55" wall mount television for the Central Choir in the amount of \$1,202.90.

..... 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. In response to Board inquiry, Doug Hasler informed the Board the fundraiser request from Mary Beck Elementary tabled at the last meeting, has been withdrawn.

- ..... approved the 2015-2016 Board of School Trustees meeting schedule, as initially presented at the board's February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- ..... approved proposed revisions the Board Policy DJA, Purchasing Authority and Bidding Requirements, as initially presented at the board's February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- ..... was presented with the proposed wavier to Board Policy IKEA, Transfer and Recognition of Credits, for initial consideration.
- ..... approved the submission of a grant from North Side Middle School to CPEG Northern Indiana Project Lead the Way.
- ..... approved the following overnight trip requests: wrestlers from Central and Memorial to travel to Indianapolis on February 20, 2015, to compete in the state finals competition and Central's Boys Swimming to travel to Indianapolis on February 27, 2015 to compete in the state finals competition.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of certified employee Connie Rhodes, special education at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following four (4) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Kimberly Allen, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Brook Bevan, food services at Bristol; Janice Borgman, food services at Osolo; and Cordelia Brown, food services at Memorial.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) classified employees: Kutrina Butler, paraprofessional at Tipton; Traci Pace, food services at Pierre Moran; Bethany Reed, food services at North Side; David Peete, custodian at Memorial; and Christian Sutton, custodian at Central.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of three (3) classified employees: Terrance Deshone, bus driver unassigned at Transportation, with 25 years of service; Lester Prout, paraprofessional at Central, with 11 years of service; and Vicki Shoemaker, registered nurse at West Side, with 18 years of service.
- ..... approved medical leave for two (2) classified employees: Lula Williams, food services at Pierre Moran; and Jennifer Russell, bus driver at Transportation.
- ..... approved voluntary leave for two (2) classified employees: Georgi Simeonov, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; and Mila Simeonova, bus driver at Transportation.
- ..... approved recommendation from Superintendent Haworth for Shawn Hannon to pursue Superintendent licensure.
- ..... heard from Board President Carolyn Morris regarding comments as a result of the presentation of Rise Above the Mark at the Lerner on February 19<sup>th</sup>, there has been discussion of starting a local chapter of the Indiana Coalition for Public Education.