

-welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representatives from both high schools; Brooke Troyer from Memorial High School and Olivia Haworth from Central High School. Brooke is a freshman and a member of the volleyball and swim team; on February 15th Memorial will be holding a coffee house event; tardy lock outs have started this semester; and swimming and wrestling sectionals begin this weekend. Olivia is a sophomore and student council treasurer, member of Move2Stand, and the cross country team. Upcoming events at Central include: Riley Dance marathon in March; National Honor Society blood drive; ISSMA contest; boys and girls basketball doubleheader against Penn; a jean drive and random acts of kindness events for Move2Stand; and "Say What Karaoke" for Student Council.
-recognized Greta Boecher, an Eastwood Elementary student, who organized a free showing of the movie *ELF* at the Lerner the week before Thanksgiving to benefit the Humane Society. David Bird, Elkhart Community School's (ECS) School Without Walls coordinator, recommended her for the recognition after talking with the general manger of the Lerner, David Smith. The screening had the most people ever to attend a free movie and it generated the most giving for a non-profit since he's been at the Lerner. Greta's parents did provided some guidance, but she did everything to plan, advertise, and coordinate the event. Because of this 9 year olds community engagement, this will now become an annual event at the Lerner.
-heard a report on Food Services department from Director Pam Melcher. Food Service has 219 positions, filled by 190 employees; 4,469 breakfasts, 9,700 lunches, 7,465 snacks, and 285 dinners are served daily; 70% of students in ECS are free/reduced; 7 schools participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program; at the community eligibility provision (CEP) schools, student participation has increased at a minimum of 15 meals per day with the maximum of 75 meals per day; all secondary schools now offer salad bar daily and catering services are being promoted throughout the corporation as an opportunity to generate revenue. Food services is looking to implement Chefs Move to School and Farm to School programs in the future. A video representing the passion food service staff has for providing nutritious meals for students in our schools was shown. Mrs. Melcher introduced her staff Diana Karre, secretary; Mary Ann Bloomingdale, secretary/bookkeeper; Nicole Scheetz, bid & commodity coordinator; Candy Kirchner, training specialist; Marsha Hall, Memorial & catering manager; Donna Karacson, Memorial assistant manager; Sharon Stout, Central manager; Shirley Sawyer, West Side manager; Cheryl Birkey, North Side manager; Linda Corrighan, Pierre Moran manager; Kim Gundy, Commissary manager; and Teresa Anderson, satellite manager.
-was presented with a report from Doug Hasler, executive director of support services, on the transfer of appropriations for the 2014 tax funds.
-adopted a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between funds during the 2015 calendar year. Mr. Hasler explained this is necessary because property tax distributions occur in June and December, rather than being distributed every month of the year. This makes it necessary to borrow from other funds to avoid interest expense which would result from entering into temporary loans. All fund loans are repaid in full at the end of June and December.

-awarded the bid for the Eastwood Elementary School roof replacement project to Slatile Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Inc. of South Bend, IN as the lowest and best, most responsive and most responsible bidder. This project will be paid out of referendum funding and was \$300,000.00 under budget.
-awarded the bid for the Pierre Moran Middle School roof replacement project to Slatile Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Inc. of South Bend, IN as the lowest and best, most responsive and most responsible bidder. As part of the contract, the Board awarded alternate no. 2 and 3, which conform to the budgetary constraints of the project. This project will also be funded by the referendum. In response to Board inquiry, Tony Gianesi, director of building services, reported the roofing projects will not begin until spring when the weather is warmer.
-approved an extra-curricular purchase of t-shirts for staff and students at West Side Middle School in the amount of \$2,800.00 to be used as incentives during ISTEP week to be paid out of extra-curricular funds. Funds have been raised through West Side Student Council and National Junior Honor Society activities, not general fund monies.
-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.
-received a grant submission and award update from Kim Boynton, director of grant development/PreK.
-approved continued alternative residential services agreement for an Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) special education student.
-approved an overnight trip request for Memorial High School Charger debate team to travel to Kokomo High School on February 6-7, 2015, to compete in the state debate competition.
-confirmed the administrative appointment of Denise Wappes, supervisor of assessment and data.
-confirmed the employment of certified employee Scot Shaw, physical education at Memorial.
- approved a maternity leave for the following four (4) certified employees: Victoria Culp, first grade at Eastwood; Amy Garretson, physical education at Central; Jennifer Hanson, first grade at Beardsley; and Rhiannon Harrison, ENL at Central.
- confirmed the resignation of certified employee Raymond Callahan, intervention at Pierre Moran.
- approved regular employment for the following six (6) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Heidi Bentzer, paraprofessional at Cleveland; Andrea Bussard, food service at Beardsley; William Christensen, paraprofessional at Monger; Megan Haas, paraprofessional at Daly; Velma Shafer, bus helper at transportation; and Lanasha Taylor, food service at Beck.

- confirmed the resignation of the following four (4) classified employees: Benjamin Adkins, paraprofessional at Monger; Twila Culbreath, food service at Pierre Moran; Christopher Gonzalez, bus driver at transportation; and D'Varius Johnson, custodian at Beck.
- confirmed the retirement of the following three (3) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Esther Halfmann, secretary at ESC (11); Lindy Tucker, bus driver at transportation (16); and Helena Yeater, paraprofessional at Memorial (10).
- confirmed the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.
- confirmed a medical leave for Monica Beane, secretary at adult education.
- heard from Linda Fine, vice president of the Elkhart Teacher's Association, there will be a free regional showing of the documentary *Rise Above the Mark* on Thursday, February 19th at the Lerner Theater. The documentary is for parents, teachers, school administrators, and tax payers who care about providing a quality public education for all students.