

-accepted with appreciation the donation of \$2,000.00 from Taylor Physical Therapy for the athletic department at Memorial High School (MHS) for participation fees for athletes in need, \$1,000.00 each for male and female athletes.
-was provided the Annual Financial Report for 2014-2015. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Bob Woods, director of business operations, will pass along any questions regarding the report to Doug Hasler, executive director of support services.
-approved no change to the elementary textbook rental fees for the 2015-2016 school year. It was noted 61% of the fees requested from the state were received. \$392,102 of the requested total was not received based on our free/reduced lunch program not being reimbursed at 100%.
- 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. Board member Jeri Stahr commented on the football team's community service this summer.
- heard Shawn Hannon, assistant superintendent of communication & data, give a department update including: the department is working with media outlets on start-of-school stories; Dee Wappes, supervisor of assessment and data, will be discussing testing ethics with new teachers during their orientation; and the various reports provided to administrators from data and IT programs. Also, in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity, qualified families are being sought for available housing lots. Information on the program will be available at back to school nights.
- heard Dr. Dawn McGrath, deputy superintendent, report the Non-English Speaking Program (NESP) grant amount has been doubled this year. Dr. McGrath introduced Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) principal, Matt Werbiansky, and executive director career and alumni success, Bill Kovach, to present an overview of the summer Career Camp recently held for 110 seventh and eighth grade students in conjunction with United Way. The students spent 8 days in 2-day rotations through eight fields of study: cosmetology, horticulture, child care, fire fighting, automotive technology, collision repair, welding, and health occupations. Each component included instruction and hands-on components. The camp closed with field trips, a cookout and celebration. Board member Karen Carter, observed the camp and noted the students researching occupations and pay scales. Pre- and post-testing showed increases in math and English and provided direction for future programming.
- heard Tony England, assistant superintendent of student services, review the Elkhart Academy II held today with over 300 classified employees attending 22 different sessions lead by providers and administrators, and thanking all those who worked on making the day a success. As a part of new teacher orientation, special education providers will receive one-on-one meetings with department staff. He reviewed the annual expulsion report noting of the 63 requested expulsions, 59 were placed in alternate programs, 2 moved, and only 2 were expelled – a marked decrease from where the numbers were only 5 years ago. In response to Board questions, he noted Sarah Miles' efforts to locate nearly 100% of the parents, the step taken prior to pre-expulsion, and the success of anti-bullying and PBIS programs.

- received a grant submission and award update from Kim Boynton, director of grant development/PreK. She noted the painting project at Osolo, with the 40 gallons of donated paint, is completed, and the community playground build is scheduled for Hawthorne and Mary Daly on August 15, 2015. Board member, Doug Weaver, commented on a recent local contribution from Monsanto, and gave some suggestions of other agricultural businesses to research for possible grants for the district's farm.

- approved an overnight trip request for the ElkLogic Robotics team to travel to Indianapolis, IN from July 17-18, 2015 to participate in the Indianapolis Robotic Invitational.

- confirmed the administrative appointments by Superintendent Haworth, for Shirley Elliott, assistant principal at Hawthorne, effective July 23, 2015 and Sarah Pattee, assistant principal at West Side, effective July 27, 2015.

- approved regular employment for the following nineteen (19) certified staff members: Anna Bishop, grade 3 at Daly (temporary contract); Bradley Compton, librarian at Central; Allyson Cora, grade 3 at Woodland; Michelle Foster, grade 5 at Daly; Robert Glantz, special education at Central; Rose Griffy, intervention at Roosevelt (temporary contract); Anissa Hakim, grade 2 at Roosevelt; Olivia Houin, language arts at North Side; Britny Jimenez, grade 2 at Woodland; James Keranen, orchestra at West Side; Mindy King, academic dean at Tipton; Penelope Lambdin, intervention at Beardsley; Mirlym Milfort, grade 4 at Monger; Giovanni Ponciano, grade 2 at Beck; Leslie Rectanus, art at West Side; Alexandra Salcedo, language arts at West Side; Jason Westbrook, Latin at Central/Memorial; Amber Williams, grade 6 at Daly; and Raven Wilson, language arts at North Side.

- confirmed the resignation of the following six (6) certified staff members: Lauran Carver, grade 3 at Beck; Patrick Ciesielski, orchestra at West Side; Troy Noble, physical education at North Side; Lucas Saleh, social studies at Tipton; Lindsey Walters, language arts at Central; and Andrea Washington, grade 1 at Beardsley.

- approved health leaves for certified staff member Denise Ryno, grade 3 at Bristol; and Nadine Ray, special education at Pierre Moran.

- confirmed the rescinded resignation for certified staff member Lucas Saleh, social studies at Tipton.

- confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) classified employees: Brent Anderson, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Sherry Auker, secretary at Cleveland; Donna Girten, food service IIB at Memorial; Denise Morris, paraprofessional at Roosevelt; and Demetrius Pegues, paraprofessional at Tipton.

- heard Superintendent Haworth thank the Board for their thoughts and prayers regarding the recent loss of his father-in-law.