The School Board... June 23, 2015

......accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$1,000 to the athletic department at Memorial High School (MHS) for assistance with participation fees for needy student-athletes and to the athletic department at Central High School (CHS) to assist in strengthening the growth of their athletic program from the Elkhart Education Foundation (EEF); \$1,500 from the Christian Business Men's Connection to ECS to support the 2nd annual Student Leadership Summit; and t-shirts valued at \$2,127 from A-One Apparel, Signs and Designs for the 2nd annual Student Leadership Summit.

....... 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.

......approved proposed revisions to Board Policy JHD, Wellness, as presented, reflecting suggestions made when the policy was initially presented at the Board's April 28th meeting and further discussed at public work sessions. Board member Glenn Duncan commented he had addressed his concerns with Pam Melcher, director of food services, and now supports the policy as written.

......received an overview by Shawn Hannon, sr. director of communication and data, on the Indiana Department of Education's 2014-2105 Choice Scholarship Program Annual Report. The tables highlighted were: Participation by Grade Level; Percent Participation by Ethnicity; Prior Indiana Public School Attendance of Choice Students; Special Education Service Provider Selection; and excerpts from Choice Scholarship Students by School Corporation of Legal Settlement. One Board member noted other school districts experienced greater increases in families opting for Choice participation than has ECS. Noting grades K thru 3 have the highest participation, another Board member requested future reports on suggestions for retention.

....... heard Dr. John Hill, assistant superintendent for instruction, thank the Board for their continued support and dedication to Elkhart Community Schools. On behalf of the Board, President Carolyn Morris thanked him for his service and wished him well on his retirement.

heard Tony England, director of student services, give a report on the upcoming Elkhart Academy on July 28th. 308 classified employees are attending 22 different sessions lead by providers and administrators. Each attendee was asked to provide their top seven class picks and would be placed accordingly. Two of the highly requested classes include Fire Safety Training and Healthy Student Snacks. He also gave an update on on-line summer school having 72 students including participants from Northridge, NorthWood and Goshen. So far 38 credits have already been earned in the first session. Board member, Glenn Duncan requested continuing updates regarding on-line classes. Cary Anderson spoke regarding the positive impact alternative education options and School Without Walls are having on students.

......was presented with proposed revisions to Board Policy GDBA-10, Employees in Miscellaneous Positions Compensation Plan, for initial Board consideration.

approved continued alternative residential services agreement for an ECS special education student.
confirmed the administrative appointment for the following effective July 1, 2015: Cary Anderson, principal at Memorial; Cynthia Bonner, principal at Pierre Moran; Kelly Carmichael, assistant principal at Pinewood; Levon Johnson, supervisor of corporate 8 community partnerships; Jean Milfort, assistant principal at Central; Dennis Trigg, assistant principal at Memorial; and Mark Tobolski, alternative programs principal at Tipton.
approved regular employment for the following twelve (12) certified staff members: Molly Bails, grade 2 at Monger; Timothy Carroll, math at North Side; Lance Carter, math at Memorial; Agustin Jordan, veterinary at Career Center; Kathryn Lubker, science at Memorial; Christine Malecki, special education at Beardsley; Steven McGrath, math at West Side; M. Colleen Reed, language arts at Central; Jennifer Smith, art at West Side; Linda Stofko, district academic coach at ESC; David Vanderhorst, business at North Side; and Julie Williams, grade 1 at Beardsley.
confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) certified staff members: Carla Henderson, early childhood at Career Center; Jennifer Mast, assistant principal at Cleveland; and Angela Richardson, special education at Tipton.
approved medical leave for certified staff member Judith Bridges, dental health at Career Center.
approved regular employment for the following two (2) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Drew Morris, custodian at Building Services; and Brent Williams, custodian at Bristol/Eastwood.
confirmed the resignation of the following four (4) classified employees: Stephanie Elam, paraprofessional at Beardsley; Tawny Fitzsimmons, paraprofessional at Feeser; Kenneth Kronewitter, paraprofessional at EACC; and Danielle Smith, bus helper at Transportation.
confirmed the retirement of classified employee Marie McCain, secretary at West Side, with 15 years of service.
approved medical leave for classified employee Broc Hiatt, food service at Memorial.

......approved the submission of a grant to Indiana Department of Education for a Title I Grant

...... approved the submission of a grant to Department of Education for a Federal Part B Part 1

...... approved an overnight trip request for the motorcycle outdoor/power technology team from

the Elkhart Area Career Center to travel to Cleveland, Ohio from June 29 to July 1, 2015 to

...... approved the submission of a grant to Indiana Safe Haven for a Bullying Prevent Grant.

for 10 elementary and 2 middle schools.

Grant from the Special Education Department.

participate in the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge.

 . heard Mariana Cortez speak in regards to Cynthia Bonner's appointment as principal of
Pierre Moran. Ms. Cortez, who is currently an English teacher at Pierre Moran, told how Mrs.
Bonner was her ESL teacher when she first came to the states and what a positive influence
she has had on her life.

...... heard Superintendent Haworth state how proud he is of ECS's staff!

...... Heard Board member, Sue Daiber, comment on her experience at the Elkhart Jazz Festival speaking with Eddie Mertz, Jr., one of the All-Star musicians participating in the Hoagy Workshop. He was impressed by how driven our music students are and their involvement with the festival at a time where some schools systems, such as in the Atlanta area, are dropping music classes.