

-accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$700.00 from First Presbyterian Church to Beardsley Elementary to assist students with meals and ticket prices associated with field trips; \$500.00 from Mrs. Constance Fulmer and \$300.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wells to ECS to assist students with meals and ticket prices associated with field trips; 100 boxes each from Colbert Packaging and Welch Packaging for Hawthorne Elementary; and \$14,830.00 from the Memorial High School (MHS) Athletic Booster Club to the MHS Athletic Department for the purchase of various items in each sport program as requested by the coaches and staff.
-heard Amy Haworth, CARES/ECS district volunteer recruiter, report on the publication of the third version of the CARES book. The book is given to all first graders and is made possible by funds generated from annual golf scrambles. This year's event is scheduled for August 3rd at Christiana Creek Country Club. Certificates were presented to students whose artwork has been selected for the 2015 CARES book: Wendy Sanchez, Alice Rupard, Ben Sharp, Natalie Mata, Esmerelda Lopez, Iris Pantoja, Alyssa Groen, Lauren Hollowell, Camryn Conley, Joshua Polasky, Natalie Mabry, Kiara Pineda Gonzalez, Brynlee Jellison, Rylinn Crocker, Alex Addison, Kenya Bello and Olivia Haworth. Special thanks were given to Amber Kosar and all of the elementary school art teachers for their assistance in the layout and selection of the artwork.
-heard from Brad Sheppard, director of secondary instruction, about the Art Gallery in the J. C. Rice Educational Services Center, each year a student piece of artwork is purchased and added to the gallery. In introducing this year's winner, Miyah Byers, he noted she will be a senior at Memorial in the fall. Her Youth Art Month Award is one of several accomplishments including the orchestra MVP award for the past two years, music student of the month, language arts department award, Tri Kappa award and other scholastic awards. Her winning artwork entitled *Lifecycle* is made up of egg shells and paint. She looks forward to her senior year and continued community service projects through the National Honor Society and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.
-heard Gail Draper, early college coordinator, turn the presentation over to Amber Haddar, Jenna Smith, Giovanni Parga, and Nico Hernandez who spoke on their experiences as participants in the Early College program. Highlights include: college credits earned in high school; use of chrome books; leadership skills; attendance at college fairs; and tremendous support given by staff. Nico Hernandez won the Bill Swihart Award and as a result will be hosting a 4-day soccer skills camp for students in K-8 in the fall with proceeds going to Riley's Children Hospital. The students thanked the Board for putting faith in them and giving them the opportunity to excel. Ms. Draper commented on the success of the program with the following information: 48 students in the program have an average GPA of 2.7 and next year should earn an average of 20 college credits as juniors. Elkhart Community schools had 6 seniors graduate this year at Ivy Tech prior to their high school graduation.
-recognized administrative retirees: Dr. John Hill, assistant superintendent for instruction, Faith Schultz, supervisor of high ability programs; and Dan Swygart, assistant principal at Central High School. Superintendent Haworth referenced Dale Carnegie's 'how to win friends and influence people' as a trusted work in business and human relations. He stated

teaching, instructing, coaching, mentoring, and leading makes not only a great career but a vocation that brings fulfillment. Ms. Shultz commented there is no better place to work and she has loved her time here. Dr. Hill stated that in his career 20,714 students have graduated and that is a number he will always remember.

.....heard Anthony Hunt, WVPE station manager, give a report on the radio station. He noted that currently there are over 10,000 listeners on-line; three years ago 90% of listeners were using desktop computers and now 90% are using smart phones; two additional news channels are being promoted; student numbers have double for 'Listen Live'; and the addition of "As it Happens" from Canada. He reported on the success of the fundraiser in St. Joseph County with WVPE placing 25 out 54 agencies, receiving 314 gifts for a total of \$46,110. WVPE has had the best year ever!

.....granted permission for the administration to advertise for the annual auction to be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 18th at the service building located at 1135 Kent Street. Double D Auctioneers will again facilitate the auction. Board member Dorisanne Nielsen invited all to attend.

..... 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 a 2014 Referendum project update presented by Tony Gianesi, director of building services. He reported there are currently 50 projects being worked on this summer. The four major safety/security projects at Beardsley, Pinewood, Woodland and West Side are progressing and relocation of office space is underway. Summer improvements include multiple roof projects, lockset upgrades, security window film and paving/parking lot improvements. He responded to various Board questions as to future improvements.

.....received a report by Shawn Hannon, sr. director of communication and data, noting that testing is continuing with remedial IREAD 3 classes and retesting at Roosevelt; and English 10 and Algebra 1 being retested at the end of June and July. She highlighted, Brenda Kolbe, digital media specialist's, successful participation in the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Academy. Ms. Kolbe's group worked on a project about the YWCA taking over the women's shelter, raising over \$200,000, and her personal contribution as designer of the new signage for the shelter renamed Elkhart Safe Haven. This was an opportunity for her to gain leadership skills and for the community to learn the services she provides to ECS.

..... heard Dr. John Hill give a summer school review including for elementary students: IREAD 3 at Roosevelt, lab school at Beck; band, orchestra and El Sistema; for middle school students: ESL and Career Camp; and for high school students: two ways to earn credits, in face-to-face classes as well as on-line, in both summer sessions.

..... heard Dawn McGrath, deputy superintendent, introduce David Bird, academic dean, speak regarding School Without Walls, its enrollment of 148 students, 214 earned credits and 25 graduates. He introduced Victoria Holt, a student who needed 14 credits for graduation but was unable to attend traditional day school due to severe medical needs. She had tried a different online program but it did not provide what she needed. Her mother learned of School Without Walls and enrolled Victoria. It was a very successful match. She completed 15 credits, has graduated and been awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships. Ms. Holt spoke

highly of the program as a whole and of the level of support received from teachers in the program, regardless of time of day.

..... approved the submission of the following grants to:

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Project C.L.I.C.K. from Mary Beck Elementary School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Project C.L.I.C.K. from Mary Daly Elementary School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Orchestras Private Lessons Scholarships from Elkhart Central High School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for GEMS Grant from Roosevelt STEAM Academy

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Wiggle While We Work chairs from Woodland Elementary School

..... approved Social Studies Curriculum materials. Numerous Board member concerns were addressed including Karen Carter's questions regarding costs for materials for Kindergarten being \$45,747.30, First Grade being \$56,647.30, and Second Grade being \$63,663.25 and reading skills at those levels. Brad Sheppard responded the costs are for six years and the materials are not solely textbooks as in the past, but are consumable and interactive materials with the future possibility of becoming online materials in the six-year period covered by the contract.

..... approved regular employment for certified staff employee Romison Saint-Louis, School Without Walls, at Career Center.

..... confirmed the resignation of the following nine (9) certified staff members: Tiffany Adams, language arts at Memorial; Haley Baker, language arts at West Side; Katrina Barhydt, counselor at Central; Bronwyn Carroll, language arts at Central; Kyle Davis, social studies at Memorial; Donald Guerrettaz, world languages at Central; Leah Lukovic, art at Riverview; Carly Martin, art at West Side; and Christi Rucker, language arts at West Side.

..... approved voluntary leave for the following two (2) certified staff members: Sherri Holston grade 4 at Daly; and Lisa Munoz, language arts at Central.

..... approved maternity leave for certified staff member Lora Mulstay, grade 2 at Beck.

..... approved regular employment for the following six (6) classified staff employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Lydia Bloom, paraprofessional at Bristol; Cristel Cuacuamoxtla, paraprofessional at Monger; Edith Fernandez, custodian at Central; Lynne Lee, bus helper at Transportation; Tyllis Mason, custodian at Memorial; and Clarence Warren, bus driver unassigned at Transportation.

..... confirmed the resignation of the following nine (9) classified staff members: Kathryn Aistrop, food service at Hawthorne; Bruce Atkinson, school nurse at Hawthorne, Ernestine Bean, paraprofessional at Tipton; Sylvester Brown, food service at Beardsley; Kathleen Enfield, food service at Pinewood; Roswitha Everett, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Monique Holmes, food service at Beck and Roosevelt; Lula Lowery, food service at Cleveland; and Jakia Tyson, food service at Beardsley.

..... confirmed the retirement of classified employee Teresa Hohman, food service at Memorial with 15 years of service.

..... approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy GDBDA.

..... approved medical leave for classified employee Monica Beane, secretary at Adult Education.