

- .....confirmed Superintendent Haworth's appointment of Dawn McGrath as Deputy Superintendent effective April 30, 2015.
- .....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives from both high schools; Alexis Miller from Memorial High School (MHS) and Anna Hilliker from Central High School (CHS). Alexis, a senior, recently won the Bill Milliner Basketball Scholarship for outstanding student athlete. She highlighted the 21 teams in the 3-on-3 basketball games as part of the Student Hunger Drive, pep club, a poster campaign to help keep the school clean, and spring sports. Alexis also shared some suggested areas for improvement such as visiting guests and healthier lunches. Anna Hilliker participates in student council, PEERS, Rotary Youth (RYLA), orchestra and varsity winter guard. She reported on the goal of the Student Hunger Drive, the success of the student council collecting \$1,330 from the blood drive and Sadie Hawkins dance, varsity winter guard placing third out of 29 teams at State, upcoming events for softball, and the Riley dance marathon in April.
- .....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$2,000.00 from David and Nancy Smith, \$200.00 from Larry Huneryager, \$100.00 from Thomas and Dorothy Arnold, and \$100.00 from Water Managers d/b/a Kauffman Laundry to assist students with meals, ticket prices, and supplies associated with field trips; a \$600.00 check from Collins & Company to the Elklogics Robotics Team #2867 for its endeavors; and a donation of two bikes and two helmets valued at approximately \$220.00 to Bristol Elementary School to be given as an incentive to the top readers in third grade.
- .....recognized Cadence Lee from West Side Middle School for being selected to the All State Middle School Choir. Stephanie Green, music teacher, explained the entry process for selection and Cadence's preparation for the choir. She noted Cadence was one of 153 students selected state-wide and the only one from Elkhart Community Schools.
- .....recognized the N.E.R.D.S. – North Side Engineering Robotics Design Squad Robotics Team. Patsy Boehler, ETHOS, reported on the success of the team at the state level and finalist for the FTC Connect Award. Tracy Korn, team sponsor, introduced team members Daniela DeBlas, Elijah Harris, Patrick Justice, Michael Korn, Laura Korn, Virtue Nyarko, Garrett Pinch, Eric Rodman, Isaac Hruby, Patrick Walton and Jonathan Williams. She expressed thanks to ETHOS and Elkhart Community Schools for all of the technical assistance given to the team.
- .....heard a report on the Instruction & Learning department from Dr. John Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. Dr. Hill introduced the following staff members and gave a brief description of their responsibilities: Jean Creasbaum, Director of Elementary Instruction; Dr. Brad Sheppard, Director of Secondary Instruction; Beth Williams, Supervisor of Federal Programs; Faith Schultz, Supervisor of High Ability Programs; Kim Boynton, Director of Grant Development and Pre-K Services; and Bill Kovach, Executive Director of Career and Alumni Success. He highlighted recent projects including the Roosevelt STEAM Academy launch for the 2014-15 school year including el sistema-inspired music program and planning and implementation of high school credit classes offered in middle schools.

- ..... authorized Executive Director of Support Services, Douglas Hasler, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GK Bristol Childcare Corporation after addressing issues raised by Board members and a lease agreement with GK Bristol Childcare Corporation which is consistent with the terms the MOU. Growing Kids will provide child care before and after school as well as later into the evening if needed, non-school days and summer recess.
- ..... 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. In response to Board inquiry, Doug Hasler will report back to the Board regarding a current sports fundraiser.
- ..... was presented with the proposed revisions to Board Policy JHB, Child Care Programs, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented with the proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JHB, Memorandum of Agreement, for initial consideration.
- ..... heard a report on School Without Walls presented by Tony England, Director of Student Services. He stated the program currently has 129 students ranging in age between 14 – 37 and more are enrolled weekly; there has been an increase in student success since course changes from first semester; six students have graduated and 36 are anticipated yet this year; and David Bird is now Academic Dean. He responded to questions from the Board regarding a neighboring program and costs.
- ..... approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart County KidsCare to provide before and after school childcare services starting August 2015 for the following schools: Beck, Cleveland, Daly, Eastwood, Feeser, Hawthorne, Monger, Pinewood, Riverview, Roosevelt, and Woodland; there is the possibility of a hub site based on enrollment numbers.
- ..... approved the submission of a grant from Roosevelt STEAM Academy to Teachers Credit Union Foundation for funding to support the Let's Build an Orchestra Campaign.
- ..... confirmed the submission of a grant from Mary Daly to the Indiana Youth Institute to cover costs to attend the Indiana Speech Language Hearing Association State Convention.
- ..... approved the following overnight trip requests: speech team from Memorial to travel to Fishers, IN on March 27 and 28, to compete in state speech tournament; marching band from Memorial to travel to Speedway, IN on May 23 and 24, for performance at Indianapolis 500; and, orchestra from Central to travel to New York City on April 3-7, 2016 for a performance, and cultural and educational opportunities.
- ..... approved consent agreements regarding unpaid time of two certified staff members.
- ..... approved a maternity leave of certified staff member Allison DeShone, grade 2 at Daly.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of certified staff member Valerie Yoder, math at North Side, at the end of the 2014-2015 school year with 24 years of service.

- ..... approved regular employment for the following thirteen (13) classified staff employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Carla Anderson, food services at Daly; Tanisha Anderson, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Mary Downing, registered nurse at Monger; Sharon Fisher, paraprofessional at Feeser; Miranda Fulmer, paraprofessional at Beck; Dinita House-James, paraprofessional at Beck; Jasmina Klapuh, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Sandra Molano Romero, food service at Pinewood; Jennifer Outlaw, paraprofessional at Woodland; Laura Petersheim, paraprofessional at Bristol; Clay Powell, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Gary Roth, custodian at Central; and Terroll Sanders, paraprofessional at Beardsley.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) classified staff members: Heidi Bentzer, paraprofessional at Cleveland; Connie Davis, food service at Beardsley; Bruce Dudley, custodian at Hawthorne; Vicky Scott, paraprofessional at Beardsley; and James Taylor, community relations at Pierre Moran.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of classified employee David Fager, custodian at Woodland, with 30 years of service.
- ..... approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.
- ..... confirmed the change in retirement for classified employee James Conklin, Jr., bus driver unassigned at Transportation.
- ..... approved voluntary leave for the following two (2) classified employees: Oralia Arguijo, food service at Roosevelt and Karen Mackowiak, paraprofessional at Osolo.
- ..... approved medical leave for classified employee Sara Valencia, secretary at Memorial.
- ..... heard Superintendent Haworth welcome Dawn and Steve McGrath, congratulate the Instruction & Learning department on quality of work and dedication, and remind everyone of the Elkhart Education Foundation Quiz Bowl at West Side Middle School on Thursday, March 26.
- ..... heard from Board member Jeri Stahr announcing Shades of Blue and Gold Rush will be performing at the Lerner theatre prior to the Foreigner concert.