

.....met at Bristol Elementary School.

.....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$1,100.00 from Irvine Shade & Door, Inc. for the wrestling program at Elkhart Central; \$10,000.00 from the Blazer Club for the construction of an indoor concession stand at Elkhart Central; 1,346 pounds of flatstock metal from Bennington Marine valued at approximately \$942.00, to the Elkhart Area Career Center's (EACC) welding program; a C-7 Caterpillar engine from MacAllister Machinery valued at approximately \$4,000.00 to EACC's new diesel technology program; and \$500.00 from Mr. David Weed for Bristol Elementary School's Positive Behavior Intervention Support program and student assemblies in recognition of positive behavior. Board member Susan Daiber thanked the very generous companies for their support of over \$16,000.00 to ECS.

.....recognized senior members of the Elkhart Central Winter Guard who placed 3rd out of 30 teams in Indiana. Dan Burton, band director, introduced Jasel Galindo, Selena Valdes, Halie Stewart, Emma Coates, Zack Sem, Genesis Kelly, and Hanan Memmer. He also recognized Jen Buckholz, Director; Melissa Shull, Assistant Director; Martha Conrad, Assistant Director and Liz Leather, Assistant Director. The coaching staff thanked the Board for their support of the program.

..... recognized JoEllen Frend, an unassigned bus driver, as the winner of the 1st annual Bus Road-eo, held on May 16th. Henry Lohmeyer, director of transportation, explained the event involved a mechanical bus inspection and obstacle course. Ms. Frend not only completed the obstacle course in the fastest time, but did not hit one cone.

.....heard a Building Energy Report on Bristol Elementary from Ted Foland, energy education specialist. During the building audit conducted on May 25, 2015, 27 individual staff work stations received "Thanks for Saving Energy" for complete room shut down, but found more classrooms than normal with window blinds open. For 2015, Bristol has posted its second best start for the first five months of the year with a cost avoidance of 23.1%. ECS cost avoidance from September 2009 to current is 25.7%, valued at \$5.7 million.

..... was welcomed to Bristol by Principal Melissa Jennette and was introduced to her building staff and PTO president. In honor of the retirement of David Letterman, she shared the Bristol top ten highlights: Bristol's school grade is an A; IREAD-3 percentage passing trends; ISTEP+ English/Language Arts percentage passing trends; ISTEP+ Math percentage passing trends; mCLASS data; peaceful bus program; ENL data; pre-school education; the staff; the students; and the future - the expansion of the Growing Kids Learning Centers coming to Bristol in the fall.

..... approved estimated cash tuition rates for the 2015-2016 school year. Typically, foreign exchange students, and residents of the State of Michigan are subject to these billings. For K-12 the 2015-2016 school year, the rate is \$6,700.00.

.....approved an increase in the price of school meals for the 2015-2016 school year; breakfast for elementary students will be \$1.45 and for secondary students \$1.70, which is an increase of \$.05. Lunch prices for elementary students will be \$2.35; for middle school students \$2.60, which are increases of \$.05. Lunch prices for high schools

students will increase by \$.10 to \$2.70. The cost for extra milk will increase by \$.05 to \$.65. The reduced breakfast and lunch prices will remain the same as last year – \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

.....approved food service bids with a grand total of all bids of \$4,341,006.28 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidders: food bids to Gordon Food Service, Stanz Food Service, Commercial Foods, 7-UP Snapple Group and Troyer's Food; commodity bids to Gordon Food Service, Stanz Food Service, and Troyer's Food; fresh produce to Gordon Food Service, Piazza Produce, Troyer's Food, and Shelton's Farm; supply bids to Gordon Food Service, Stanz Food Service, Wallace Packaging, Daxwell, and Troyer's Food; fresh bakery bids to Alpha Bakers and Aunt Millie's; frozen bakery bids to Gordon Food Service, Stanz Food Service, and CEM; and dairy bids to Prairie Farms. In response to Board inquiry, Pam Melcher, director of food services, reported they have seen price increases in some commodities and produce, but not across all items; ECS has looked into co-op bidding, but doesn't allow control over selection of items; and the food services department continues to involve students in taste testing of new products.

.....approved an extra-curricular purchase by the MHS Music Department to rent a theatre backdrop for the May 27th Spring concert in the amount of \$631.39; and for MHS Choir Department to purchase a 55" Vizio HDTV for use in the AP Music Theory/Piano Lab in the amount of \$600.00.

..... approved proposed school fund raisers in accordance with Board policy, with one correction; the Memorial high school freshman car wash has been moved to June 6th. The funds raised through the listed activities are deposited into each school's extra-curricular fund.

.....received a report on preliminary spring 2015 IREAD-3 results. Dee Wappes, supervisor of assessment and data, reported ECS is seeing continued improvement. She provided insight into Woodland Elementary's strong performance showing an increase related to improvement in vocabulary, non-fiction, and literature. Ms. Wappes also provided insight into Monger Elementary's surprising scores related to a change in the ELL population. In 2014 there were more level four students, and in 2015 there were more level one, two and three students. 2015 scores are not yet finalized, but we hope to have improvement over 2014 scores once summer passing scores are included.

..... received a report from Jean Creasbaum, director of elementary instruction, regarding how ECS will fill in the gaps for those students not passing IREAD-3 on their first attempt. Mrs. Creasbaum indicated as soon as scores are received the remediation begins in the classroom, during SUCCESS groups, after school, and before school. Individual student scores on the three components of the IREAD-3 assessment, as well as other student data, are used to continue to assess student's progress preparing for early June testing. The summer program will be developed around the components of the IREAD-3 assessment and the needs of the students, will include test taking strategies, provide a positive and encouraging environment to prepare all students to successfully pass the IREAD-3 test, and will include a family component. In response to Board inquiry, Mrs. Creasbaum reported all levels of ENL students are tested but could also be exempt.

..... heard a report by Tony England, director of student services, that kindergarten early entrance assessments had been conducted all day; LIFE awards programs are at Studebaker Park on Friday, May 29th; and the student services department has seen an increase in work

permits this year since 2007. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. England reported the addition of Growing Kids at Bristol will enhance their current pre-school program and work permits are tracked through a state program for students 16 years and older.

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

the Indiana Department of Education for a Remediation and Preventive Remediation grant for the Instruction and Learning Department

the Indiana Department of Education for a 2015 Graduation Qualifying Examination Remediation Grant for the Student Services Department

the United Way for a Community Partner Grant to support the Move2Stand summits for high school and middle school students

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

Career Ready for a College/Career Readiness Grant from the Elkhart Area Career Center for middle school outreach, business partnerships and industry/post-secondary field trips

the Elkhart Education Foundation for equipment for the Rock Band Club Silent Studio Project from Elkhart Central High School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Kinesthetic Learning Environment from Monger Elementary School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Move2Stand leadership day from West Side Middle School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for implementation costs of a new 36 week PBIS incentive plan from North Side Middle School

the Elkhart Education Foundation for IPADs from West Side Middle School Language Arts Department

the Elkhart Education Foundation for Tetrix kits from the ElkLogic Robotics Team

the Fender Foundation for instruments for Rock Band Club from Central High School

Mary Pope Osborne's Gift of Books for Magic Tree House Books for implementation of Tools of the Mind Curriculum from Eastwood, Beardsley, Hawthorne and Beck Schools

Scholastic Reading Club for James Patterson's Pledge to Libraries for tablets and cases from Mary Daly library

WNDU/Martin's Supermarket for One School at a Time Grant for implementation costs of a new 36 week PBIS incentive plan from North Side Middle School

-approved overnight trip request for Pinewood Elementary School 6th graders to travel to Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, MI on September 9 - 11, 2015 for an environmental outdoor/team building experience.
-approved a change to the 2015-16 school calendar; moving the scheduled emergency make-up day from April 1, 2016 to May 20, 2016.
- approved proposed new Board Policy ED-(1), Rescue Epinephrine, as initially presented at the Board's May 12th meeting.
- confirmed continuous employment as probationary teachers for eighty-six (86) first year teachers; continuous employment as probationary teachers for fifty-six (56) second year teachers; continuous employment as probationary teachers for fifty-nine (59) third year teachers; continuous employment as established teachers for thirty-three (33) fourth year teachers and nineteen (19) fifth year teachers upon signing a sixth regular contract with ECS, as established teachers.
- confirmed the resignation of the following six (6) certified staff members: Lorren Bordine, grade 2 at Hawthorne; Jeffrey Brock, grade 6 at Beardsley; Laura Cohen, special education at Hawthorne; Carla Hochstetler, assistant principal at Pinewood; Brian James, grade 4 at Monger; and Jamie Shreiner, language arts at Tipton.
- approved parental leave for certified employee Adria Anderson, kindergarten at Bristol.
- approved regular employment for the following three (3) classified staff employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Teila Hazwood, paraprofessional at Beck; Vanessa Scott, secretary at EACC; and Christina Stewart, paraprofessional at Eastwood.
- confirmed the resignation of the following nine (9) classified staff members: Carolyn Dancler, food service at Pierre Moran; Yolanda DeGraffreed, paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Regina Imus-Porter, food service at Pierre Moran; Christine Mather, paraprofessional at Riverview; Nancy Mendoza, paraprofessional at Central; Cortney Quick, paraprofessional at Riverview; Keidrick Stout, food service driver at Memorial; Roxanna Wade, paraprofessional at EACC; and Kendra Wieneke, technical assistant – music at Memorial.
- confirmed the retirement of the following four (4) classified staff members with years of service in parenthesis: Kristine Bruggeman, food service at Cleveland, (18); Sandra Siddons, food service at Pierre Moran, (36); Deb Weaver, director community education at Adult Education, (23); and Lynette Wuertz, secretary at Tipton, (15).
- approved a school services primary agreement with The Crossing from July 2015 through June 2017.
- by a vote of 5-0, Board members Glenn Duncan and Karen Carter abstained, approved an agreement with the City of Elkhart regarding the employment of school crossing guards and reimbursement of their wages.