

- ..... was presented the colors by the JROTC. JROTC cadets led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ..... welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representative Lindsey Stahl from Memorial High School (MHS). Lindsey reported on activities for Teacher Appreciation Week; End of Course Assessments ended on Monday; and AP exams are beginning. She also reported on the BraveHart fundraising efforts held between April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> for Braden Hartman including student artwork sold at the Jazz Café contributing to the total collected to just under \$12,000.
- ..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$200.00 from Collins & Company and \$100.00 from Welch Packaging Group, Inc. to assist students with meals, ticket prices, and supplies associated with field trips; and \$50.00 from Mary Jo Sartorius for the Hawthorne Drum2Change drummers in appreciation for their performance at the Salvation Army's Volunteer Appreciation dinner.
- ..... heard from Mary Yoder Holsopple, coordinator of ECS Bully Prevention Program speak about the Teachers Credit Union (TCU) bookmark program which originated at Riverview Elementary School and has progressed to a district-wide contest. She named the three winners of the bookmark contest: Madison Fisher from Eastwood, Emily Thompson from Pinewood, and Marlene Trinidad from West Side. Madison Fisher presented each of the Board members with her winning bookmark. The Board was provided with all winning bookmarks.
- ..... recognized members of the Elklogics robotics team made up of students from Elkhart Central and Elkhart Memorial High Schools. Nick Seidl, coach, spoke of the team's success this year. In the State semi-finals they were 12<sup>th</sup> out of 31 teams and just short of qualifying for the world championship in St. Louis, an accomplishment that has been set for next year's goal. He introduced team members: Dillan Baesler, Connor Bennett, Reagan BonDurant, Madeline Brandi, Dakota Durlin, Anderson Green, Glen Hartl, Raven Holmes, Zeb Holtz, Jeremy James, Alexis Juday, Andrew Kuruda, Jonathan Miller, Casey Radeline, Jacob Radeline, Nick Rheinheimer, Cameron Ritenour, Dylan Ritenour, Takoda Sechrist, Devion Stansberry, Bailey Stepke, Jacob Stout, Dylan Suomela, Anthony Thursby, Alexander Warkentin, Sam Waterman who was a safety all star winner, Daniel Weld and Collin Whittaker. He also introduced members of the coaches and thanked them for their dedication. The team's next competition is an invitational this summer in Indianapolis.
- ..... heard from Richard Mendez, Junior ROTC Program manager, on the success of the program. It currently has 32 members and will have 52 new students next year including 26 sophomores. They have participated in a number of events lately including: working with Feed the Children, Soup for Success, open houses at both high schools, the unveiling of the Wall of Heroes at Memorial, and helping at Church Community Services. They will be participating in the Memorial Day parade. Board members were presented with Junior ROTC polo shirts. Superintendent Rob Haworth added a review team from the Air Force will have a sight visit on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

- ..... heard a department spotlight by Mary Jo Sartorius, director of special education, regarding special education programs. The district employs 136 certified and 151 classified employees who provide services to 2,168 students ranging in age from 3-22. Their goal is to provide individualized support and service to assist students with disabilities to achieve success. The department provides support to the all of ECS' twenty buildings and seven private schools with school psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapy, physical therapy, orthopedic consultation, and behavior consultants and partnership with Oaklawn through a system of care facilitators placed at many of the sites. The department also supports ECS students placed in other locations. There are 3 students at Indiana School for the Deaf, 6 students at Concord's deaf program, 2 students placed in residential, Bashor, and the Crossing. The following staff members were introduced and a brief description of their responsibilities was provided: Karla Copenhaver, Charrell Stevens, Jenny Sager, Kathy Mentz, Tina Northern, Victoria Toney, Debra Beehler and Roma Osterloo.
- ..... viewed Maxwell Schleining's, a Central High School senior and special education autistic student, video submittal for speaker tryouts for this year's commencement. Though he was not selected, Max's video perfectly summarizes the purpose and outcome of the special education department.
- ..... approved the recommendation to appoint Cyd Sunday to a 4-year term on the Bristol Library Board of Trustees.
- ..... approved the recommendation to appoint Shannon Link to a 1-year term on the Elkhart Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy.
- ..... authorized Doug Hasler, Executive Director of Support Services, to purchase busses through the State purchasing program. He explained the State purchasing program would be used for the purchases and no longer bidding on our own. No busses have been purchased in the last two years and it is projected approximately 15 busses of various capacities for approximately \$1.2 million will be purchased annually for the next few years. He responded to various Board inquiries regarding funding and trade-ins, stating all pricing will be reviewed by the Board prior to purchasing.
- ..... 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 from Shawn Hannon, Sr. Director of Communication and Data, present an update on the latest change to ISTEP tests extending testing window to May 15<sup>th</sup>; end of course assessment closing at the high school level and continuing for middle schools; a full report on IREAD evaluations will be at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting; and state reporting season has begun.
- ..... heard from Dr. Dawn McGrath, Deputy Superintendent, thanking the Board for the opportunity to be a part of Elkhart Community Schools and updates on her recent visits with various school principals. A report on the Instruction and Learning Department was presented by Dr. John Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, regarding review of 154 graduation waivers, Celebrating Excellence recognizing 284 sixth graders and 167 eighth graders, and the curriculum adoption cycle.
- ..... heard a report by Tony England, Director of Student Services, regarding upcoming presentation of Speak Truth to Power on May 14<sup>th</sup> provided by the Elkhart Education Foundation (EEF) and Move2Stand training on May 15<sup>th</sup>; hybrid learning next year at off-ground learning; and Elkhart Academy set for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

- .....approved the submission of a grant to the EEF for an Innovative Teaching Grant to purchase materials beneficial to the implementation of Tools of the Mind at Eastwood, Hawthorne, Beck and Beardsley Schools.
- .....approved the submission of a grant from Roosevelt STEAM Academy to the EEF for an Innovative Teaching Grant to purchase equipment for the El Sistema music program to continue the orchestra.
- .....approved the submission of a grant from West Side Middle School to Magnifying Learning for a grant for team training.
- ..... received a grant submission and award update from Kim Boynton, director of grant development/PreK, including additional funding of \$37,000 was awarded to both Mary Beck Elementary and Pierre Moran Middle School for professional development thru the Indiana Department of Education Tier IV grant; the \$50,000 Homeland Security Grant for Central High School has been reimbursed and \$50,000 for Memorial High School has been fully executed; the EEF grant deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>; and 40 gallons of paint has been awarded to Osolo from True Value Foundation grant.
- ..... approved the following overnight trip requests: Elkhart Area Career Center SkillsUSA team to travel to Louisville, KY on June 22 thru 27, 2015, to compete in SkillsUSA National Contest/Leadership; and Elkhart Memorial High School's Marching Band to travel to Disney World Parks, Clearwater Beach, Florida, on April 3 thru 9, 2016, to participate in a parade/reward trip.
- .....was presented with proposed new Board Policy ED-(1), Rescue Epinephrine, for initial consideration. John McClure responded to Board inquiries regarding in-house use and training of the epinephrine pens.
- .....was presented with proposed revisions to Board Policy JFC-(2), Rules for Student Conduct, for initial consideration
- ..... approved proposed revisions to Board Policy GCQH, Deductions from Salary Checks, as initially presented at the Board's April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- ..... approved proposed revisions to Board Policy GDB, Support Staff Salaries and Deductions, as initially presented at the Board's April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- .....confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) certified staff members: Deborah Butkus, special education at Beardsley; Jennifer Hansen, grade 1 at Beardsley; Sandra King, ENL at Hawthorne; Jodell Petty, math at Memorial; and Quincy Phipps, art at Cleveland.
- .....approved a voluntary leave of certified staff member Allison Teich, Intervention (part time) at Beck.
- .....approved a change to maternity leave of certified staff member Meg Brewer, speech pathologist at PACE.
- .....approved regular employment for the following three (3) classified staff employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Marina Allen, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Laura Cichoracki, secretary at ESC; and Mayra DeLuna, food service at Pierre Moran.

- .....confirmed the resignation of the following nine (9) classified staff members: Amy Branson, food service at Feeser; Christy Gonzalez, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Nakeyta Hardy, secretary at Riverview; Jose Lopez, support tech I at ESC; Eugene McGregor, paraprofessional at Memorial; Tonjia Miller, paraprofessional at Beardsley; Kenneth Raderstorf, custodian at Roosevelt; Sheryl Tavernier, bus helper at Transportation; and Joyce Wyne, paraprofessional at Feeser.
- .....confirmed the retirement of the following two (2) classified staff members: Alvin Johnson, custodian at Central, with 37 years of service; and Billy Sharp, bus driver at Transportation, with 12 years of service.
- .....heard Superintendent Haworth report Central High School's orchestra placed 8<sup>th</sup> at State competition, Ag Day activities are planned for June 1<sup>st</sup>; and how proud he is of the work done by the special education staff.
- .....heard from Board member Karen Carter about the May 22<sup>nd</sup> training session for legislative liaisons to Indiana School Boards Association she will be attending.
- .....heard from Board member Dorisanne Nielsen regarding the community fundraiser in St. Joseph County with WVPE being able to participate thanks to the generous qualifying donation of \$25,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Pipin Doshi. WVPE had the third largest number of donors and should receive approximately \$46,000 for an endowment fund.
- .....heard from Board president Carolyn Morris explaining due to ISBA Region 2 meeting in Plymouth on May 13<sup>th</sup> most Board members will not be attending the Celebration of Excellence. Board member Jeri Stahr announced the Central High School Shades of Blue would be performing at the Celebration.