

-met at Central High School.
-heard the Star Spangled Banner sung by the Shades of Blue.
-welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) members. Rachel Swanson represented Central High School (CHS). Ms. Swanson, a senior, is involved in soccer, National Honor Society, Key Club and the recent musical, and will be attending Belmont University in Nashville to pursue a song writing career. Ms. Swanson highlighted recent events including: the orchestra's trip to New York City; the choir's trip to Chicago to see Matilda; on-going voter registration efforts; upcoming sports events; and a dance marathon this Saturday. Olivya Beathea, a sophomore from Memorial High School (MHS) presented the Board members with the media guide to spring sports provided by the Booster Club. Ms. Beathea reported on spring sports; the marching band's spring break trip to Florida for a performance at the Magic Kingdom; preparations for the ISSMA competition hosted by CHS next week; the progress of Project Y including being over half way to the goal of raising \$10,000 in scholarships.
-accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500.00 each from Christal Henderson and Dr. and Mrs. Boling for the purchase of team clothing and equipment for MHS girls/boys track team; \$500.00 from Stahl Heating & Air conditioning to MHS for transportation and tournament costs for the volleyball program; building materials valued at \$1,432.73 from Big C Lumber to be used for junior varsity softball and baseball dugout enclosures at MHS; 800 backpacks filled with school supplies and hygiene items along with 53 cases of snack food items for ECS children in need from Feed the Children; and two 9-foot banners valued at \$410.00 from A-One Apparel, Signs and Designs to ECS to be used to advertise the district-wide Kindergarten open house.
- approved proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy. The funds raised through the listed activities are deposited into each school's extra-curricular fund.
- approved extra-curricular purchases: West Side Middle School music for the Spring concert \$500.00; and a trophy case at CHS in memory of Tom Eastman, the athletic department will pay any remaining costs above the \$2,595 donated in Mr. Eastman's honor.
- approved the submission of a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security for the 2016 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program from Adult Education
- confirmed a grant application submitted to the Indiana Department of Education for High Ability Education Grant from the Instructional Leadership Department.
- confirmed a grant application submitted to Skills USA and Ryder for a Diesel Tech Lab Enhancement Grant from the Elkhart Area Career Center.
- approved continued alternative non-residential services agreements for two (2) ECS special education students.

-approved regular employment for the following two (2) certified staff members: Howard Edwards, special education at Memorial; and Veronica Terry, speech pathologist at ESC.
- confirmed the resignation of the following four (4) certified staff members: Jennifer Hershberger, language arts at Memorial; Andrew Krabill, social studies at Central; Bryce Nixon, language arts at West Side; and Alexandra Salcedo, language arts at West Side.
- confirmed retirement of certified staff member Susan Kitt, grade 1 at Monger.
- approved maternity leave for certified staff member Natalie Blair, grade 1 at Daly.
-approved regular employment for the following five (5) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period; Kathryn Aistrop, food service at Hawthorne; Yesenia Alvarez, paraprofessional at Elkhart Academy; Robin Hill, bus helper at Transportation; Patricia Laws, food service at Pinewood; and April Sherwood, paraprofessional at Eastwood.
- confirmed retirement of classified employee, Diana Franklin, secretary at Elkhart Academy with 19 years of service.
- confirmed the resignation of the following six (6) classified employees: Yvonne Curtis, food service at Pierre Moran; Jammie Fields, food service at Beardsley; Theodore Foland, energy education specialist at ESC; LeDeana Owens, bus driver at Transportation; Shawna Torok, food service at Cleveland and Woodland; and Sherree Wilkey, technical assistant at PACE.
- approved medical leave for classified employee, Haley Burkhart, physical therapist at PACE.
- confirmed the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy GDPD.
-heard a Building Energy Report on MHS by Ted Foland, energy education specialist, regarding the building's occupied holiday spring break audit conducted on April 4th. Only a few items were left turned on including computer lab screens. In 2015, CHS posted its best cost avoidance performance at 34.6%, valued at over \$246,000, and overall since September of 2009, over 1.2 million dollars has been saved. District-wide the cost avoidance is valued at over 6.8 million dollars.
-was welcomed to CHS by Principal Frank Serge. The following students were presented with excellence awards: All-State Honor Choir members Marcella Sanfillipo and Lanya Dancler. Athletics: Brian Buckley, Athletic Director introduced Rylee Damewood, Xochitl Gallegos, Abigail Downs, Ashley-Lauren Harmon, Estela Pedraza, Skiler Reveal, Mackenzie Scott and Kiara Stabler, 8th place finish at state gymnastics meet; Sydney Dygert, qualifier for state swimming meet in 200 yard individual medley and 100 yard butterfly; Logan Brown, 10th place finish at state diving meet. Principal Serge discussed the school improvement plan and success of various student activities including 35 active clubs with over 350 students involved. The following departments were highlighted. Orchestra: Principal Serge noted the jazz strip ensemble was the only group at state to win gold with distinction and he added over 150 students will be involved in orchestra next year requiring additional space. Sadie Knepper, Gillian Smith, Madeline Congdon and Andrew Scott performed. The robotics club

gave a demonstration. Kristin Baker, language arts teacher, noted Shrek the Musical was a near sell out and the involvement of orchestra students as well as theater arts students contributed to its success. Ms. Baker also acknowledged the Elkhart Education Foundation's contribution which provided outstanding sets and costumes. Lincoln Bowers and Joseph Iavagnillio performed a song from the play. Early College: Regina Roberson, early college career counselor, reported on the success of the program including current participation of 49 juniors, 42 sophomores, and the recent addition of 53 freshmen. Twenty juniors are on track to graduate next year from CHS and Ivy Tech. Gio Parra talked about his experience in the program. Project Lead the Way: Eric Jantzen, science teacher, described the program. Will Southern spoke about how the program has given him direction into the bio-medical field and his future plans to become an oncologist. Co-Teaching: Cory Watt described the various scenarios used by co-teaching and the benefits to the students. The jazz band performed.