

-heard a communication update from Shawn Hannon, assistant superintendent of communication and data. The report included recent media coverage; website statistics, upcoming events, and media stories soon to be aired.
-accepted with appreciation the following donation made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500.00 from the GE Foundation to Memorial High School's (MHS) athletic department for the girls/boys track team.
- 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.
- was presented the Annual Financial Report for 2015-2016 by Kevin Scott, chief financial officer.
- approved an agreement with Locasio Hadden and Dennis to provide employee benefit plan consulting services to ECS.
-heard Doug Hasler, chief operating officer, give an update on the partnership with Elkhart Boys & Girls Club. The lease agreement is nearing completion. The lease agreement regarding the future aquatic center with Beacon Health Systems and the Community Foundation of Elkhart County is still being revised. Both documents are available for Board review.
- was presented a summer field experience transportation report by Henry Lohmeyer, director of transportation. A timeline of trip events was given regarding bus problems and solutions. A follow up report will be provided on findings from Thomas Bus and Kerlin Bus Sales.
- approved proposed new Board Policy IGBCA – School Owned Electronic Devices as initially presented at the Board's July 26th regular meeting.
- was presented with new Board Policy GDBA-13 – Permanent Substitute Teachers' Compensation, for initial consideration. Doug Thorne, executive director of personnel and legal services, explained the policy was needed to cover new permanent substitute teacher positions.
-heard summer school reports from Beth Williams, supervisor of federal programs, and Matt Werbiansky, Principal, Elkhart Area Career Center. Mrs. Williams reported 297 students participated in summer labs at Beck and Roosevelt using the NASA ignite program with IUSB students. The classes were used as mentoring opportunities for new teachers. Transition to K and Kindergarten Camp were offered at the elementary schools with 40% of current enrolled Kindergarten students participating. Mr. Werbiansky reported 603 students attended regular classrooms and 182 participate through the Apex online courses in the first session. The second session had 468 student in the classrooms and 168 online. Ten MHS students traveled to Washington, DC, via Amtrak for the U.S. History trip including: a tour of the Capitol by Sen. Donnelly's staff, visits to multiple museums and memorials. A marine biology trip to Massachusetts and Maine was taken by

21 students earning a credit in Biological Science. Eighty students participated in three trips to Colorado earning a credit in Earth Science. A one week Middle School Summer Camp had approximately 60 current 7th and 8th graders participate in various programs: firefighting, cosmetology, horticulture, culinary arts, automotive technology, collision repair, health career, and veterinary assisting.

.....approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Elkhart Community Schools and the Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties Head Start Consortium to improve the availability and quality of services for Pre-K children.

..... approved an agreement regarding unpaid time for a certified staff member.

.....approved regular employment for the following ten (10) certified staff members for the 2016-2017 school year: Anna Bishop, grade 3 at Daly; Stephanie Boggs, grade 4 at Daly; Heather Kidder, science at West Side; Julie Rokop, special education at Beck (temp.); Corin Sailor, language arts at Memorial; Troy Sausaman, SWW/physical education at Riverview; Sara Sawtelle, science at Central; Jessica Shander, ENL at Riverview; Jana Spears, special education at Memorial; and Paul Walker, business education at North Side.

..... confirmed the resignation of the following eleven (11) certified staff members: Amanda Brandy, kindergarten at Daly; Robert Gingrich, grade 3 at Beck; Amanda Hoke, grade 4 at Feeser; Karrie Kolbow, grade 5 Bristol; Adriana Largotta, science at West Side; Tara Pieters, industrial technology at West Side; Kelle Price, grade 5 at Daly; Cynthia Smith, ENL at North Side; Timothy Taylor, grade 5 at Daly; Sarah Tripp, special education at Memorial; and Kellie Wheeler, grade 3 at Riverview.

..... approved personal leave for certified staff member Mary Boehman, Spanish at Memorial.

..... confirmed retirement of the following two (2) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Susan Hunt, paraprofessional at North Side (15); and Karen Rogacki, secretary at EACC (38).

..... confirmed the resignation of the following thirteen (13) classified employees: Noemi Alvarez, secretary at Pinewood; Linda Brewer, paraprofessional at Riverview; Sherry Burton, paraprofessional at Riverview; Tisa Dobie, food service at Daly; David Fisher, bus driver at Transportation; Maria Gonzales, paraprofessional at Elkhart Academy; Jeannene Jenks, technical assistant at West Side; Douglas May, unassigned bus driver at Transportation; Lindsay Pence, paraprofessional at Riverview; Tavarus Perry, bus driver at Transportation; Brennan Scharrer, paraprofessional at EACC; Tammie Thompson, academic trainer at Beck; and Leia Williams, secretary at Hawthorne.

.....approved regular employment for the following four (4) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Tara Butler, social worker at Bristol; Undra Clay, custodian at Central; Barbara Gropp, secretary at Bristol; and Melonie Tiley, food service at North Side.

..... heard an audience member speak regarding the strategic planning process; the need to be pro-active; career planning readiness; and Blue Ribbon schools. The Board thanked him for his presentation.