

- .....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) members. Lindsey Stahl, a junior from Memorial High School (MHS), reported the band, orchestra and choir performed in the ISSMA jazz concert this past weekend, all earning gold ratings. The marching band is preparing for their trip to Florida to perform at the Magic Kingdom on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The theatre department is preparing for the upcoming play, Rock of Age, the weekend of March 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stahl added Elijah Efsits and Britney Cepero both recently earned bids to the state speech contest. In sports: the winter sports banquet is this week; tryouts for track and softball were today, other spring sports will begin on Monday; and the booster club doubled their profits from last year. Sunday, SSAC will be hosting class Olympics for both high schools at North Side gym. Emma Romero, a sophomore involved in cross country and track, represented Central High School (CHS). In sports, Ms. Romero reported: the girls gymnastics team and varsity winter guard qualified for state competitions; boys basketball finished their season; track team has its first meet Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, spring sports are all beginning next week. She invited the Board to attend Shrek the Musical this weekend and to the unified track meet on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- .....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500.00 from Iverson Grove Real Estate for MHS volleyball program; 25 coats, hats, scarves and gloves from MSC Industrial Supply Company's Community Relations Team, the items will be distributed to students in need by school social workers; and a dragster car from Jack B. Smith to the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) appraised at \$125,000.00. The car will have many uses including the auto painting program, recruiting and marketing.
- ..... heard Superintendent Haworth introduce the winners of the black history essay contest sponsored by the Tolson Center. Max Malloy, Anishka Amalnathan, Ben Miller, and Ajana Cocroft presented their essays. Certificates were also given to Kadence Yeater, Tiyanna Wallace and Tiffani Hartung Mann.
- ..... took a moment to recognize the Outstanding Achievement Award recently presented to Michelle Sokol, education reporter, by the Elkhart Truth. Ms. Sokol commented on how much she has enjoyed and learned from writing the Classroom Chronicles.
- ..... heard Anthony Hunt, WVPE station manager, discuss how the station has been collaborating with the EACC audio/video production class to produce a blues music channel and how the new WVPE app is available on Android phones, and once approved by iTunes, use on iPhones. Mr. Hunt introduced Warren Seegers, audio/video production instructor, who gave a brief history of the class, its current participation of 31 students, and how both radio and television programs are now run and operated by students. Mr. Seegers introduced a student, Becca Burkey, who spoke about the response of friends when hearing her on the radio and it is not just a class but participation with a live station. Matt Werbiensky, EACC principal, thanked Mr. Seegers for his contribution to the class, and explained how he will continue to interact with the class from his military deployment in Djibouti, Africa through the use of technology. Intern, Cody Geyer, recently received a Presidential Scholarship to Valparaiso University.

- ..... 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.
- ..... heard Dr. Kathy Mentz, academic dean, Pre-School Assisting Children's Education (PACE), describe the program. PACE currently is working with 172 referrals, 141 of which are speech/language related; has 13 eligibility categories; and a staff consisting of special education teachers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech pathologists, social workers, various specialists, and EACC early childhood development high school students as interns. Center based and Pre-school Access Language and Speech (PALS) classes vary from one to five days per week and utilize Tools of the Mind curriculum, verbal behavior strategies, and the Minds in Motion course.
- ..... confirmed the following overnight trip request: CHS divers to travel to Indianapolis on February 26 and 27, for the state meet; and approved overnight trip requests: for 10 CHS gymnastics team members to travel to Muncie, IN on March 11 and 12, to compete in the state meet; MHS speech team to travel to Fishers, IN for the state speech tournament; CHS JAG student Chase Senders to travel to Indianapolis on March 11 and 12, to attend state JAG Career Development conference; ElkLogics Robotics team to travel to Indianapolis on March 18 and 19 for a robotics competition; and EACC Skills USA team to travel to Indianapolis on April 15 and 16, for the State Skills USA contest.
- ..... confirmed retirement of the following two (2) certified staff members with years of service in parenthesis: Eric Menchinger, grade 6 at Beck (40) and Malina Kleepbua, grade 2 at Osolo (15).
- ..... heard of the death of certified staff member Mike Cebra, language arts at West Side.
- ..... approved health leave for the following two (2) certified staff members: Theresa Holmes, grade 1 at Beck; and Denise Ryno, grade 3 at Bristol.
- ..... approved voluntary leave for certified staff member Allison Teich, intervention at Beck.
- ..... approved maternity leave for certified staff member Helen Stegmann, intervention at Hawthorne.
- ..... approved parental leave for the following four (4) certified staff members: Jennifer Aires, math at Memorial; Adria Anderson, kindergarten at Bristol; Jill Coffman, grade 3 at Hawthorne; and Brandy Hill, intervention at Roosevelt.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following two (2) certified staff members: Sherri Holston, grade 4 at Daly; and Mary Shepperd, special education at Hawthorne.

- .....approved regular employment for the following eleven (11) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: David Campbell, bus helper at Transportation; Mack Jenkins, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Magdalena Lozano, classified secretary at ESC; Douglas May, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Leann Mehl, food service at Daly; Darcey Mitschelen, adult education program manager at EACC; Johns Nees, bus driver at Transportation; Karen Nees, bus helper at Transportation; Rosa Miller Stump, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Cleve Shirley, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; and Lindsey Walters, paraprofessional at West Side.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of classified employee Kenneth Barnes, custodian at Riverview, with 16 years of service.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following seven (7) classified employees: Mary Downing, nurse at Monger; Joseph Fox III, paraprofessional at Tipton; Nicole K. Harris, custodian at Roosevelt; Richard Mendez, Jr. ROTC Program Manager at EACC; Steve Stacy, tech advanced support II at ESC; Mindy Szyarto, food service at Memorial; and Debra Watson, food service at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved health leave for classified employee, Angela Williams, food service at Bristol.
- ..... confirmed the retirement rescission of classified employee Mary Downing, nurse at Monger.
- ..... commented on the outstanding accomplishment of Pierre Moran Middle School and Memorial students all receiving gold ratings at ISSMA.