

-heard Shawn Hannon, assistant superintendent of communication and data, present a communication update. The report included recent media coverage; current stories including American Sign Language being offered at the high schools, the food service showcase, and the strategic plan.
-accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500 from Elkhart County Farm Bureau to the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter for jackets and other contest materials; eight Lenovo Chromebooks from Donors Choose to Mary Feeser; \$250 from the VFW Men's Auxiliary and \$350 from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Food Services to pay student negative balances at Hawthorne and Monger, respectively; one Blessing flute, one Bundy Flute and one Mendihi Trumpet valued at \$200.00, \$150.00 and \$20.00 respectively, from Jorge deLeon to ESC's music department; \$500.00 from Passionately Purple, the Sarah Crane Foundation to Elkhart Memorial's girls/boys cross country team for miscellaneous costs; \$500 each from Frank Lucchese and Verba DeMauro, Osolo Township Trustee to Osolo in support of their Title I Meeting and Annual Back to School Picnic; and \$2,000 from Northern Indiana Volleyball Association (NIVA) to West Side for their volleyball and athletic programs. The Board acknowledged the generous patrons who support our schools.
-approved the 2017 Budget, 2017 Capital Projects Fund, and 2017 Bus Replacement Plan as presented at the August 23rd regular meeting and the September 13th public hearing.
- adopted the Tax Neutrality Resolution and the Resolution to Reduce Proposed Budget, presented by Kevin Scott, chief financial officer.
- 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 an application for an advance from the Indiana Department of Education Common School Fund Loan. Doug Hasler, chief operating officer, reported the interest on the loan is one percent and will be used to purchase equipment for the one-to-one program.
-heard Doug Hasler report the lease agreement regarding the future aquatic center with Beacon Health Systems and the Community Foundation of Elkhart County has been reviewed and suggested revisions have been sent to legal counsel for review. The Board expressed concern regarding the length of time involved in the review.
- tabled a vote on the Bristol-Washington Township Library Board of Trustees appointment.
- approved the EACC's agreements with its feeder schools – Baugo, Bremen, Concord, Edwardsburg, Goshen, Middlebury, Penn-Harris-Madison, School City of Mishawaka, and Wa-Nee.
- approved the submission of grants as recommended by the administration.

- approved an agreement regarding a partial professional leave for a certified employee.
- approved regular employment of certified staff member, Melissa Butner, music at Beck, for the 2016-2017 school year.
- approved maternity leave for certified staff member, Jessica Moreno, grade 6 at Monger.
- approved a partial professional leave for certified staff member, Shawn Hannon, assistant superintendent of communication and data.
- confirmed the administrative appointment of certified staff member, Gary Sawtelle as director of technology.
- confirmed the resignation of the following ten (10) classified employees: Janice Borgman, food service at Osolo; Kimberly Buckley, food service at Cleveland; Toby Carter, tech support tech I at Tech Services; Heidi Cruz paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Amanda Goodknight, paraprofessional at Cleveland; Rodney Herron, misc. food service truck drive at Commissary; Karen Nees, bus helper at Transportation; Tyresha Peoples, food service at Tipton/Central; Lisa Rose, paraprofessional at Beck; and Coriene Woods, paraprofessional at Monger.
- approved regular employment for the following ten (10) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Jessica Ake, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Stacey Borst, secretary at Daly; Jane Cooper, food service Pierre Moran; Jerry Fuller, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Belinda Hines, food service at West Side; Casey Lott, paraprofessional at Beck; Collin Rowland, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Erin Schrock, social worker at Daly/Feeser; Kristin Thalheimer, food service at Memorial; LeAnn Thompson, paraprofessional at Riverview; Morgan Winters, food service at North Side; and Bethany Zartman, secretary at Eastwood.
- approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy GDPD c, f, and g.