

.....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representative Ian Fahrenkrog, a senior from Central High School (CHS) In addition to SSAC, Ian Fahrenkrog participates in jazz ensemble and concert band. Mr. Fahrenkrog reported on the recent successes at ISSMA and Future Problem Solvers teams winning first and third places at the state level with the first place team going on to nationals, Goshen relays, and the baseball team is currently 6-3. The theme for Central's Prom on May 13th is Casino Royale.

..... heard Howard Edwards, principal, Roosevelt STEAM Academy, report the recent award of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) certification to Roosevelt from the Indiana Department of Education. Only 32 schools in Indiana have STEM certification. Mr. Edwards complimented all those responsible for qualifying for the certification.

Mr. Edwards also reported on Roosevelt's orchestra receiving a National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) National Merit Award for 2017. Roosevelt will appear in their national publication along with 91 other schools in the country receiving the honor. Chris Beyer, strings instructor, introduced the music staff: Suzanne Shaffer, chairperson and musicianship; Hillary Harder, musicianship and El Sistema; Harold Walt, winds instructor, and two interns Emily Martin, ECHS class of 2017, and Jeff Klapp, EMHS class of 2017. Ms. Beyer thanked the staff who assisted with 48-page submittal required for the award. Fifth graders from the Roosevelt Chimes presented a piece known as "The Double Change Ring" along with members of the music staff.

.....heard Cheryl Waggoner, director of human resources, introduce the employees nominated for Distinguished Support Staff of the Year: Elizabeth Decker, secretary at ESC; Shelley Green, paraprofessional at Osolo; Megan Haas, library/media paraprofessional at Mary Daly; Carol Hoff, special needs paraprofessional at Pierre Moran; Teresa McLain, secretary at Mary Daly; Christine Otto, special needs paraprofessional at West Side; Pamela Peterson, food service at Mary Feeser; Cathy Spry, paraprofessional at Monger; Marva Taylor, head custodian at Eastwood; Jamie Woodfin, head custodian at Bristol; and Sandra Zajac, behavior support at ESC. Awards were presented to winners in the following categories: Elementary - Teresa McLain; Secondary - Christine Otto; and District: Sandra Zajac.

.....heard Ms. Waggoner introduce and award Key to the City plaques to the following employees with 40 years of service: Jolene Ritchie from Hawthorne and Jill Szyarto from Pinewood, also Vicki Rogers from North Side, who was unable to attend. Mayor Tim Neese congratulated the recipients and commented on the contribution educators make to children and their level of involvement in the community.

.....heard Tony England, assistant superintendent of student services, introduce Jenny Sager, elementary special education administrator, report on the Unified Champions Track Meet to be held on Monday, May 8th for approximately 200 K-8 students and for preschoolers on Friday, May 19th. After reciting their oath with Board members, students gave a brief example of a skills test from the meet. Pam Ritzler, intense interventions teacher from Cleveland, discussed the value of the meet and the interaction with the general education population.

-accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$750.00 from NIPSCO to the Central/Memorial Robotics team for competition registration fees and expenses; \$500.00 from Passionately Purple/The Sarah Crane Foundation to Memorial for the girls and boys track team program; 10 chromebooks from DonorsChoose to Monger; and \$500.00 from Goshen College to Pierre Moran to assist with expenses associates with the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC.
- 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 the Common School Fund Loan application for \$1,256,100.00 to continue to expand the device total with an additional purchase of iPads to reach the 1:1 technology goal. In response to Board inquiry, it was noted this is for the purchase not lease of ipads.
- approved overnight trip requests for Central's percussion/drumline to travel to Indianapolis, IN on November 8 -12, 2017 to attend a percussion conference; and Central's Blazer Bridge – Marching Band to travel to Orlando, FL on April 2 -7, 2018 to perform at Walt Disney World.
- approved three agreements regarding early retirement incentives for certified staff members.
- confirmed the retirement of the following six (6) certified staff members with years of service in parenthesis: Trudy Battjes, assistant athletic director, (18); Jean Creasebaum, director of elementary education, (15); Kevin Dean, principal at Feeser (22); Jacqueline Hilliard, grade 2 PEP at Cleveland, (28); Joan Kopyy, math at Central, (40);and Rebecca Yeoman, kindergarten at Feeser, (28).
- approved maternity leave for the following two (2) certified staff members: Richelle Davies, grade 1 at Monger; and Kasey Graber, grade 4 at Roosevelt.
- confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) certified staff members at the end of the 2016-2017 school year: Susan Corbett, grade 6 PEP at Cleveland; Theresa Holmes, grade 1 at Beck; and Allison Teich, intervention (part time) at Beck.
- approved a settlement agreement for a classified employee.
- confirmed the retirement of the following four (4) classified employees: Diane Knowlton, technical assistant at Tipton; Barbara McGough, paraprofessional at Riverview; Barbara Wolf, food service at Memorial; and Keva Van Zile, secretary at West Side.
- confirmed the resignation of the following four (4) classified employees: David Campbell, bus helper at Transportation; Kenneth Hunt, misc. food service truck driver at Commissary; Erick Jones, mechanic I at Transportation; and Sherry Krask, paraprofessional at Memorial.
- approved maternity leave for classified employee, Britteny Saint-Louis, paraprofessional at Beardsley.

- approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy 3120.01S.
- heard Kendra Wardlaw, teacher at Roosevelt, report on and provide a demonstration on junior robotics, stating 17 teams participated in the expo.
- heard a Roosevelt parent comment on how the children are having a blast with the junior robotics and it has proven to be a rewarding experience. Also, requested the return of an art room at Roosevelt and making art a priority.
- heard Lisa Regan, Mary Daly teacher, invite everyone to attend the 10th annual Daly Dash on May 6th. This year's dash includes a block party.
- heard an audience member praise the Roosevelt staff on relationships built with children. Expressed concern regarding those students needing remedial training in preparation for IREAD-3 testing and questioned how to bring more role models and minority involvement to the schools.
- heard Board member Doug Weaver congratulate the Air Force JROTC program for a successful military ball held on April 15th.
- heard Board member Karen Carter acknowledge the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis and their commitment to children including the Knowledge is Dynamite program.