

- ..... met at Beardsley Elementary School.
- ..... heard Board member Jeri Stahr recite the Elkhart Promise.
- ..... heard Jeff Komins, energy education specialist/elementary activities, report on the building audit performed on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Beardsley Elementary School at 4:45 a.m. Mr. Komins reported 74% of the areas were in compliance and received "Thanks for Saving Energy" stickers. Beardsley continues to do an excellent job with their shut downs and even considering the ongoing construction in their building, show a cost avoidance of \$15,362 through June. The district's cost avoidance was the best it has ever been for the month of June.
- ..... heard Val Priller, Beardsley principal, introduce her staff. Mrs. Priller presented slides reflecting NWEA average growth in math and reading, contributing the significant growth to: the positive school culture consisting of safety for all, involvement with school and community, a profound emphasis on growth, and strong relationships and partnerships. Mrs. Priller presented high growth certificates to nine students in reading and five in math. Certificates were also presented to the robotics team and 'battle of the books' readers. Some of the next steps for Beardsley include: continue growing opportunities for students; developing new and strengthening existing community partners; and focus on students and community.
- ..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$600.00 to Central High School's (CHS) boys' soccer team from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Perry; and 85 backpacks filled with school supplies to Memorial High School (MHS) from the Indiana Toll Road's staff's Back 2 School Bash, for distribution to students.
- ..... heard Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, provide the current insurance report including medical plan experience costs with compared year-to-date.
- ..... 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 proposed revisions to Board Policy 8405 - Environmental Health and Safety Issues - Indoor Air Quality, Animals in the Classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property, as initially presented at the Board's August 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- ..... was presented revisions to Board Policy 3210 - Staff Ethics, for initial consideration. Doug Thorne, district counsel/chief of staff, stated the revision eliminates the reference to an administrative regulation no longer used.
- ..... was presented proposed new Board Policy 3220.01 - Teacher Appreciation Grants, for initial consideration. Mr. Thorne stated the proposed new policy is for determining the distribution of teacher appreciation grants. Board members discussed the incentives and the current labor market and shortage of teachers throughout Indiana.

- ..... was presented revisions to Board Policy 5111 - Determination of Legal Settlement, for initial consideration. Mr. Thorne stated the change allows for children of full-time staff living outside of Indiana to attend Elkhart Community Schools without tuition fees.
- .....approved submission of a Good Neighbor grant to the Community Foundation of Elkhart County from Adult Education for \$9,990.00.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following twenty (20) certified staff members for the 2017-2018 school year: Brittany Atz Isaac, grade 5 at Daly; Mary Brown, special education at Riverview/Bristol; Mique Buck, grade 6 Feeser; Alexandria Cupery, grade 5 at Beardsley; Corrine Dail, grade 4 at Roosevelt; Sean Diller, orchestra at North Side; Ashley Elzey, grade 3 at Riverview; Jamie Engen, grade 3 at Hawthorne; Melissa Horvath, math at Central; Katie Keyser, grade 6 at Daly; Wendy Kovach, media at Pierre Moran; Anne Ledebur, grade 1 at Beardsley; Heather Misiano, language arts at Elkhart Academy; Carmen Ritchie, music at Monger; Erin Roe, psychologist at TBD; Nanci Tarantino, elementary at Elkhart Academy; Sara Trovatore, grade 4 (temp) at Roosevelt; Cynthia Troxell, grade 4 at Beardsley; Joshua Yoder, math at West Side; and Mariann Zmudzinski, grade 5 at Daly.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following sixteen (16) certified staff members: Jennifer Aires, math at Central; Ami Balding, intervention at Woodland; Eric Berger, art at Daly; Aliya Caldwell, grade 2 at Feeser; Rebecca Crocker, assistant principal at Pinewood; Kara Draeger-Thomas, language arts at Central; Mary Gensel, media at Pierre Moran; Christie Heerschop, assistant principal at Osolo; Elizabeth Miller, media at Roosevelt; Natalie Murphey, behavior support at Cleveland; Hannah Rohrer, grade 1 at Daly; Cynthia A Smith, grade 4 at Feeser; Jason Stone, grade 4 at Roosevelt; Alexa Waggoner, grade 3 PEP at Bristol; Lisa Ward, psychologist at Memorial; and Ryan Wixon, physical education at Memorial.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of certified staff member Randall Metcalfe, math at West Side with 38 years of service.
- ..... approved health leave for certified staff member Rose Griffy, grade to at Roosevelt.
- ..... confirmed canceled maternity leave for certified staff member Randi Weidman, special education at Woodland.
- ..... approved regular employment for classified employee, Carol Lowe, route coordinator at Transportation, who has successfully completed her probationary period.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following seventeen (17) classified employees: Mariana Aguilar, food service at Pierre Moran; Dreauna Coleman, paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Loretta Coulahan, paraprofessional at Osolo; Veronica Davis, food service at Commissary; Michelle Genslinger, bus driver at Transportation; Teila Hazwood, paraprofessional at Cleveland; Krystal Hoop, secretary at Elkhart Academy; Tiffani Imes, food service at Beck; Mack Jenkins, food service driver at Commissary; Julie Kroehler, food service at Central; Casey Lott, paraprofessional at Beck; Kayla Magyar, bus driver at Transportation; Wyatt Ritchie, paraprofessional at EACC; Karen Russell, food service at Cleveland; Leanna Turco, bus driver at Transportation; Susan Williams, paraprofessional at Bristol; and Dawn Yoder, food service at West Side.

- ..... heard Board member Carolyn Morris comment on the recent Kick-off Classic 2017 held at Island Park and thanked Elkhart Education Foundation for coordinating the event.
- ..... heard Board member Doug Weaver thank Boys and Girls Club and DJ Construction for the work being done at Beardsley. Mr. Weaver also commented on the recent honors to Phyllis Tubbs and Tom Kurth held in the new gymnasium and their combined impact on Elkhart athletes.