

.....met at Pinewood Elementary School.

.....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives from both high schools: Anthony Vu, a junior from Central High School (CHS) and Abegail Doncilovic, a junior from Memorial High School (MHS). Anthony Vu reported on the success of the wrestling team, the upcoming ISSMA competitions, the National Honor Society's blood drive set for February 24th, and ongoing planning for Blazerfest. In addition to SSAC, Abby Doncilovic plays tennis, is the junior class vice president, and is in peers and varsity club. Ms. Doncilovic reported on the recent 'coffee house' talent show presented by the choir department, winter color guard and winter percussion fifth place finishes at their recent competitions, boys basketball team looking forward to sectionals, girls basketball, girls swimming and Ally Bailey for beating a 34-year school record in the 50 freestyle, wrestlers going on to state competitions, and spring sports officially started this week.

.....heard coach Brent Curry introduce the players and recognize their hard work and dedication to the team. Superintendent Haworth, along with coach Curry and coach Randy Styles, presented Pierre Moran's 7th grade boys basketball team members with certificates recognizing their Big 11 Championship. Players include: Titus Rodgers, Isaiah King, Antoine Daniels, Zavion House, Lucas Hauenstein, Mekhi Gilbert, Cam'ron Daniels, and Pedro Velasquez.

.....heard Levon Johnson, supervisor of corporate and community partnerships, provide an update on Work Ethic Certifications (WEC) and the upcoming Advisory Council Summit. Work Ethic Certification will be introduced to the business community on February 28, 2017 at Ivy Tech Elkhart, from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. during the Work Ethic Certificate Summit. Currently, parts of the grant proposal are a year ahead of schedule. In particular, engagement with all 8 public school districts in Elkhart County and discussing implementation of WEC county-wide. The Advisory Council made up of 10 community partners has been meeting and has established the criteria necessary for seniors to earn the WEC. Three partnerships are highlighted below:

Thor Industries is engaged in partnering with the three middle schools through our College and Career classes and Business classes. They have also committed to working with 5th and 6th grade students and currently are engaged with Mary Daly, with more to come. The work with Thor Industries will include Project Based Learning and Student Tours. Thor has also committed to taking on interns and took on their first one in their corporate office for this Spring Semester.

For 2017, Teachers Credit Union (TCU) has continued to be a financial supporter of Elkhart Community Schools. Their financial support for 2017 is in the following areas: Bully Prevention, The Girls Summit, Staff Technology Professional Development, New Teacher Orientation, Student Scholarships and the Teacher of the Year Banquet. TCU is also agreed to be a financial supporter of the Elkhart Education Foundation's Trivia Night.

Grace Lutheran Church has started an instrument grant program at Pierre Moran Middle School allowing students to earn the use of free instrument use through high school.

-heard Kim Boynton, director of professional growth/grant development/pre-K, recognized the early childhood public/private partnerships with Growing Kids at Bristol and Head Start at numerous schools. Mrs. Boynton introduced Mike Garantoni, President, Growing Kids and acknowledged Kathy Guarjardo, Executive Director, Head Start. Ashley Molyneaux, Executive Director, Elkhart Education Foundation (EEF), reported on EEF's success and on-going contributions to Elkhart Community Schools since its inception in 2015 of over \$235,000. Mrs. Molyneaux announced the eight Spring 2017 extra-curricular grants totaling \$13,250. An invitation to participate in one of their major fundraisers, a trivia night set for March 30th with a goal of \$50,000, was extended to all present.
-heard Beth Williams, director of federal programs, discuss the success of the summer program in conjunction with Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) and their partnership in the creation of a lab school at Beck. Mrs. Williams introduced Hope Smith Davis, Chair, Department of Teacher Education, IUSB, and Sydney Beauchamp, Senior Lecturer, Elementary Education, IUSB.
-heard Tony Giansesi, director, building services, give a progress report on the Beardsley/Boys & Girls Club construction project. Due to the great weather, the masonry walls are under construction, exterior walls are complete and structural steel has been set for the Boys & Girls Club and gym. The new roof is scheduled to be installed next week. Kevin Deary, President & CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart County, reported 93% of the \$4.2 million needed for the project has been raised ahead of scheduled thanks to some major donors and the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, and plans for funding raising to be completed by mid-April. He expressed his appreciation for the administration and staff for their efforts during the construction.
-heard Doug Thorne, district counsel/chief of staff, review the partnerships involved in the Contingent Side Agreement and the Elkhart Health, Fitness, Aquatics and Community Center Agreement. Dawn McGrath, deputy superintendent, presented the educational benefits of partnering in these agreements including: water safety education, teaching elementary students to swim, additional water sports curriculum, and possible internships. In response to audience questions, it was clarified that with block scheduling and available transportation swimming classes would be possible in the school day, also, the current agreement is for ten years.
-authorized the administration to enter into the Contingent Side Agreement and the Elkhart Health, Fitness, Aquatics and Community Center Agreement.
-heard Jeff Komins, energy education specialist/elementary activities, report on the building audit performed at 4:50 a.m. on February 14th at Pinewood Elementary School. All air handler units were off as scheduled except the cafeteria for morning care. Computer labs were completely shut down with few exceptions. Pinewood is ranked 5th overall among classroom buildings for cost avoidance valued at \$50,762. The district set a record for cost avoidance in 2016 with a value of \$1,276,662. Special thanks were given to Principal Shaw and her staff for all of their energy saving efforts.

.....heard Mindy Shaw, principal, recognize and thank all Pinewood staff present at the meeting.

Jill Szyarto's fourth grade PEP students presented their Indiana Bicentennial wax museum project representing famous Hoosiers.

Sherry Finn spoke regarding the success of the Minds in Motion program over the past seven years. The Minds in Motion obstacle course, filled with activities that improve balance, proprioception, vision, coordination, rhythm and integration, is set up each day and the students, with their teachers as coaches, go through the maze, taking about 7 minutes for the whole class to complete. The sixth graders have been doing it since Kindergarten.

Speech pathologist, Pauline Reinking, reported on being certified as a Therapeutic Listening provider to enhance learning and social health through specialized music using the auditory system to impact the cranial nerves. Developmental exercises designed to create more neural pathways needed for learning and living have been added. All students are now participating in core developmental exercises in PE class along with jump roping to enhance rhythm, timing and coordination in the body which positively affects the brain. Ms. Reinking closed her remarks with 'we can't work any harder but our quest to work smarter continues'.

Principal Shaw also provided an overview of student academics, 'being there' activities, recent PTO activities including their partnership with Granger Community Church, and professional activities. She stated the Student Creed is their vision for student behavior and the Life Goals are "Treat People Right and Do the Right Thing"!

.....heard Kevin Scott, chief financial officer report on the appropriation transfers made in December 2016 in compliance with Indiana State Board of Accounts requirements.

.....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$750.00 from Todd Cleveland to Memorial's girls/boys track team for equipment and associated costs; \$3,000.00 from Old National Bank to be used to engage staff, students and the community in cultural experiences; and 200 coats from Ziker Cleaners which were distributed to students in need.

..... approved extra-curricular purchases: West Side Middle School for apparel for girls' basketball team for \$1,229.00, and for ISTEP t-shirts as incentives for staff and students for \$2,567.40.

..... 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 Tony Gianesi provide an update on the recent Timber Harvest. Mr. Gianesi stated the harvest began on January 23 and was completed on February 3, 2017, with all trees cut down by the 26th. Shipshewana Hardwoods provided a check and certificate of insurance on the first day. Mr. Gianesi was on site everyday and reported the sites were left in reasonable condition as expected. The net income was \$22,825 for the Farm property and \$9,337 for the Cooper's Lab.

- untabled the motion and approved the appointment of Dorisanne Nielsen to the City of Elkhart's Redevelopment Commission.
- approved the proposed amendment to the agreement with TransPar to provide transportation management services through December of 2019.
- was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation GDBA-10 – Miscellaneous Position Pay Schedule for initial review. The noted changes include deleting reference to before and after school child care positions and adjustment of wages for food service substitute positions.
- approved an alternative educational services agreement for an Elkhart Community Schools' student.
- confirmed submission of the following grants: Indiana Speech Language Hearing Association State Convention 2017 Grant to Indiana Youth Institute from Mary Daly for \$750.00 for convention registration and hotel; Digital Learning Grant to Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) from the District for \$75,000.00 for training and devices to implement the 1:1 initiative; Indiana Early Literacy Grant to IDOE from Mary Daly for \$5,000.00 for staff professional development; and the following Elkhart Education Foundation grants: Memorial cross-country and track teams for a timing system (\$5,000), West Side creative dramatics to help fund Seussical the Musical (\$1,597.30), Pierre Moran for assistance with Makerspace Mondays, Eastwood for Digital Art Club supplies (\$953.09), Memorial Girls Golf for assistance in acquiring free or discounted greens fees a local golf clubs, North Side for partial scholarships and equipment for the Elkhart Earth Science Colorado Field Experience (\$2,200), Central cross-country and track teams for stationery bikes for training exercises (\$1,500) and Memorial for uniforms and warm ups for the unified track meet (\$800).
- approved the following overnight trip requests: Central varsity softball players to travel to Ft. Wayne, IN on April 14 and 15 for a softball tournament at Leo High School, Cedarville, IN; Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) students from Central and Memorial to travel to Indianapolis on February 27 and 28 to be senate pages for one day and attend JAG's 10-year anniversary; four students in Motorcycle Tech/Hot Rodders of Tomorrow from EACC to travel to Schaumburg, IL on February 24 thru 26 to compete in Hot Rodders Small Engines Contest; Memorial wrestlers traveled to Fort Wayne, IN on February 10 and 11 to compete at semi-state match and to Indianapolis, IN on February 17 thru 19 to compete at the state tournament.
- confirmed the administrative appointment of certified staff members, Keith Baker, assistant principal at Beck; and Cheryl Waggoner, Director of Human Resources.
- approved an agreement regarding unpaid time for a certified staff member.
- approved regular employment for the following two (2) certified staff members for the 2016-2017 school year: Amber Genovese, grade 2 at Hawthorne; and John Zahlmann, grade 6 at Hawthorne.

- confirmed the resignation of the following two (2) certified staff members: Ricky Fiene, physical education at Pierre Moran; and Cherise Richards, grade 2 at Riverview.
- approved medical leaves for the following two (2) certified staff members: Rose Griffy, grade 2 at Roosevelt; and Amy Miller, special education at Roosevelt.
- heard of the passing on January 25th of certified staff member David Robinson, physical education at Monger.
- confirmed the retirement of certified staff member Jolene Ritchie, grade 5 at Hawthorne, with 41 years of service.
- confirmed the administrative appointment of the following two (2) classified employees: Anthony Gianesi, chief operating officer, and Magdalena Lozano, assistant director of Human Resources.
- confirmed the retirement of the following four (4) classified employees: Ruth Iannarelli, paraprofessional at Eastwood; James Rowe, head mechanic at Transportation; Cathy Spry, paraprofessional at Monger; and Barbara Yike, paraprofessional at Eastwood.
- confirmed the resignation of the following nine (9) classified employees: Jane Cooper, food service at Pierre Moran; Stanley Davis, food service at Pierre Moran; Denise Finn, bus driver at Transportation; Anthony Horvath, mechanic at Transportation; Dinorah Kuehn, paraprofessional at Pinewood; Renzo Olcese, paraprofessional at EACC; Meghan Swihart, academic trainer at Osolo; Tammy Watson, food service at Pierre Moran; and Brooke Wilcox, bus driver unassigned.
- approved regular employment for the following eight (8) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Fred Blaisdell, bus helper at Transportation; Jacqueline Coots, paraprofessional at EACC; Rachel Fletcher, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Mykayla Meachum, custodian at Central; Seth Miller, paraprofessional at Memorial; Mesha Olson, paraprofessional at Bristol; Brittnee Taylor, food service at Commissary; and Angela Turpin, permanent sub teacher at Elkhart Academy.
- confirmed the revision of the resignation date reported on the January 10, 2017 Board report for Brian Buckley, athletic director at Central.
- approved medical leave for classified employee, Sharon Kirkpatrick, food service at Pierre Moran.