

- .....met at North Side Middle School.
- .....authorized the purchase of twelve 72-passenger conventional busses from Midwest Transit through the State Bid List purchasing program. Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, reported on the funds available to make the purchase. Discussion ensued on the cost of more energy efficient engines, the age of busses being traded in, and on-going debate regarding the use of seatbelts on school busses.
- .....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500.00 from an anonymous donor to the Elkhart Area Career Center's (EACC) Health Occupations classes to assist with student lab fees; and a donation of a 1996 GMC K3500 from Hudson Ryker, a former EACC student, with an approximate value of \$2,500.00 to the EACC's Diesel Technology class to be used for training purposes.
- ..... approved extra-curricular purchases for Memorial High School: lodging for 55 students at Country Inns (\$1,800), tickets for My Fair Lady Lyric Opera of Chicago (\$1,600), and dinner at Giordano's (\$1,200) for the Chorale and Chamber Choir students; and the purchase of orchestra spirit wear for \$1,845.63.
- ..... 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.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation GDBA-10 – Miscellaneous Position Pay Schedule, as initially presented at the Board's February 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. The noted changes include deleting reference to before and after school child care positions and adjustment of wages for food service substitute positions.
- ..... adopted a resolution to acquire a surplus fire truck and personal fire protection equipment from the City of Elkhart to the EACC.
- ..... approved an alternative residential services agreement for an Elkhart Community Schools' student.
- .....approved submission of a grant request to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation from Adult Education for a Dollar General Adult Literacy grant in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- ..... approved the following overnight trip requests: FTC Robotics Team to travel to Crawfordsville, IN on February 24 and 25 for the state championship at Crawfordsville High School; ElkLogics Robotics Team students from Central and Memorial to travel to Indianapolis on March 23 thru 25 for a robotics competition at Perry Meridian High School; and Memorial's Chorale and Chamber Choirs to travel to Naperville and Chicago, IL on May 11 and 12 to perform at Nequa Valley High School and see a musical in Chicago.
- ..... approved an agreement regarding compensation and employment for a certified staff member.

- ..... approved regular employment for certified staff member, Bryan Hammontree, social studies at School Without Walls.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of the following four (4) certified staff members at the end of the 2016-2017 school year with years of service in parenthesis: Annette Kaufman, intervention at Roosevelt (25); Kathleen Kielce, grade 6 at Eastwood (15); Susan Moore, speech pathologist at Elkhart Academy (37), and David Whittaker, social studies at West Side (40).
- ..... confirmed the resignation of certified staff member, Agustin Yomond Jordan, veterinary at EACC.
- ..... approved maternity leave for certified staff member Tiara Corkins, grade 3 at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved medical leave for certified staff member Carrie Clark, health occupations at EACC.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of classified employee Michelle Fluegge, therapist at PACE.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following two (2) classified employees: Jacqueline Coots, paraprofessional at EACC; and Rachel Furnivall, food service at Central.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following seven (7) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Leticia Armstrong, district wide substitute teacher at ECS; Sherry Auker, secretary at Osolo; Debra Ball, permanent substitute teacher at Beck; Kenneth Hunt, food service truck driver at Commissary; Carrie Landesman, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Lisa Rose, district wide substitute teacher at ECS; and Michele Salmon, paraprofessional at Riverview.
- ..... confirmed the revision of the retirement date reported on the February 14, 2017 Board report for James Rowe, head mechanic at Transportation.
- ..... heard Mr. Scott review the petition-remonstrance process and timeline.
- ..... heard Karen Carter announce the March 10th Third House meeting will be held at the Elkhart Public Library and many school-related bills are to be discussed including H.B. 1043 which would amend the thresholds applicable to the petition remonstrance process and the referendum process. Mrs. Carter also discussed the City of Elkhart's Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) fund having a \$4.5M balance in respect to the City having adequate resources for the payment of wages for city-employed crossing guards. Mrs. Carter also noted the number of local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds which divert any economic increases to the TIF districts, leaving no growth in tax revenue for the schools, libraries, etc.
- ..... heard Board Secretary, Doug Weaver, comment on the success of Memorial's Booster Bash. In response to his inquiry, it was reported approximately \$25,000 was raised.
- ..... heard of the passing of Memorial language arts teacher Elizabeth Fackelman earlier in the day.