

- approved an extra-curricular purchase request from Pierre Moran Middle School for electronic equipment for sound reproduction for the music department in the amount of \$3,979.99.
- heard Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, give a brief review of the last 10 years of insurance coverage changes and expenses. Mr. Scott provided a review of the insurance Request For Proposal (RFP) sent to traditional insurance providers such as UMR, Anthem, CIGNA and Aetna as well as to Beacon and St. Joseph locally on July 10th regarding self-funded medical and prescription drug programs. New and unique items in the RFP include: an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) arrangement; athletic training and related sports medicine services; on-site clinic services; occupational health services; nursing services; other health and wellness initiatives such as an employee assistance plan; and an interest in being a signage partner/sponsor.
- was presented revisions to Board Policy 2623 - Student Assessment, for initial review. Doug Thorne, district counsel/chief of staff, explained the revision covers all statewide testing as required by the Board of Education.
- was presented revisions to Board Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements, for initial review.
- was presented revisions to Board Policy 5530 - Drug Prevention, and Board Policy 8400 - School Safety, for initial review. Mr. Thorne stated the Safe School Committee described in Board Policy 8400 shall be responsible for addressing issues regarding drug prevention and school safety.
- was presented potential conflicts of interest from the following administrators: Jill Balcolm, Brian Buckley, Rod Roberson, Jacqueline Rost, Gary Sawtelle, and Kevin Scott. Board member, Karen Carter, explained the purpose of the potential conflicts reporting process.
- approved submission of a 2017-18 WorkINdiana Grant to Indiana Department of Workforce Development from Adult Education/Community Education for \$60,000; and Carl D. Perkins Title IV grant to Indiana Department of Education from the Elkhart Area Career Center for \$647,162.
- heard Dawn McGrath, deputy superintendent, present a review of the presentations given on June 28th during a session with the Ford Next General Learning (NGL) program, a contractual relationship under consideration to support the high school pathway implementation. Dr. McGrath provided details of what has been accomplished district-wide so far to support the intent of the strategic plan. Progress and successes included highlights regarding the Elkhart Area Career Center; the Beck Lab School and Early Childhood Center; Pierre Moran becoming a STEAM magnet; Roosevelt receiving STEM certification and 21st Century Learning Community Grant; Work Ethics Certification and PRIDE; instructional cycle committees; expanding access to high ability programming; improving professional impact through intentional professional development; adopting Naviance; developing college and careers curriculum; 'thinking with one mind' by the two high schools; and establishing of six potential schools of study.

- confirmed the administrative appointment of the following effective August 1, 2017: Scott Sassaman, from assistant principal at Pierre Moran to assistant principal at Central; and Viressa Davis, from academic dean to assistant principal at Pierre Moran.
- approved regular employment for certified staff member Hannah Beachey, special education at Beardsley for the 2017-2018 school year.
- approved maternity leave for certified staff member, Lindsay Gagy, grade 3 at Daly.
- confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) certified staff members: Penelope Lambdin, grade 3 at Beardsley; Jean Milfort, assistant principal at Central; Lauren Phipps, special education at Roosevelt; Tracy Sanders, special education at Memorial; and Kimberly Wallace, grade 1 at Beardsley.
- confirmed the resignation of classified employee, Jennifer Allen, paraprofessional at Beardsley.
- approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy 3120.01S.
- heard Board member, Doug Weaver, comment on a recent article in *The Elkhart Truth* regarding automation and offshoring trends and necessary changes in education systems such as the strategic plan.
- heard Board member, Karen Carter, report on a presentation at Kiwanis regarding divorce rate among coaches and a free counseling program being offered under the direction of retired Bethel coach, Mike Lightfoot.
- heard Board member, Susan Daiber, report on the Elkhart Education Foundation's fundraiser held Monday evening featuring author, Adriana Trigiani. The event raised nearly \$20,000 for continuing improvements in the elementary libraries.