

- ..... welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives from both high schools: Giovanni Parga, a senior from Central High School (CHS) and Brooke Troyer, a junior from Memorial High School (MHS). Brooke Troyer announced the presentation of Willy Wonka based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory opens Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Troyer reported the jazz band, jazz strings and vocal jazz all received gold ratings and high scores at the recent ISSMA Jazz Festival and Maddie Crosbie performed with the Indiana Bandmasters Association All-State Band last weekend. In sports the following athletes competed at the state level: three wrestlers, Christian Mejia, Tristen Geering and David Eli; swimmer Mitchell Rockrohr; and the bowling team with Brooklyn Shoots being named Indiana's Bowler of the Year. The awards program for winter sports is Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. In academics, Ms. Troyer reported students have enjoyed the new electives of jewelry making and American Sign Language this year. Also, SSAC is continuing to work on two projects: helping incoming freshmen gain school spirit with the annual class Olympics, and the multicultural cook off scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition to SSAC, Giovanni Parga participates in symphony orchestra, PEERS teaching, is president of Key Club, Early College program, and is co-president of the National Honor Society (NHS). Mr. Parga reported on the recent success of the production of Hairspray; ISSMA competition results; the NHS sponsored blood drive, mock exams, ISTEP testing, the start of spring sports; and invited the Board to Blazerfest scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$750.00 from MOR/ryde International and \$500.00 from Jonathan and Mollie Krider, for the Central/Memorial ElkRobotic team to be used for registration fees and expenses at competitions; and \$500.00 each from Hartland RV, LLC and Elkhart Plastics for Memorial's volleyball program for lodging, food, transportation and other associated costs.
- ..... approved cash tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year.
- ..... approved proposed school fundraisers with noted correction in accordance with Board policy. The funds raised through the listed activities are deposited into each school's extra-curricular fund.
- ..... heard Tony England, assistant superintendent of student services, report on the success of the Anne Frank: A History For Today tours and the presentation by Eva Kor. Continuing with the Elkhart Culture Series, Mr. England provided the schedule of presentations by author, Trudy Ludwig, at the end of this month. Mr. England and Tessa Sutton, supervisor of connective leadership & inclusion, presented information being gathered and the creation of a response planning committee comprised of district staff and many local agencies. The committee will develop protocol to respond to families facing struggles and fears about the national landscape regarding immigration, and to ensure our schools are safe spaces. A parent meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Pierre Moran to help answer frequently asked questions.
- ..... was presented with proposed revisions to Board Policy 3120.01A – Employment of Support Staff, for initial consideration.

- ..... confirmed submission of the following grants: 2017-2018 Adult Education Grant to Indiana Workforce Development (IWFD) for \$800,000 and 2017-2018 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grant to IWFD for \$75,000 from Adult Education.
- ..... approved agreements regarding unpaid time for two (2) certified staff members.
- ..... approved regular employment for certified staff member, Katie Green, grade 5 at Osolo, for the 2016-2017 school year.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of certified staff member Brett Schuler, grade 5 at Pinewood, with 15 years of service.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of certified staff member Jennifer Pummill, grade 6 at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved health leave for certified staff member Judith Bridges at EACC.
- ..... approved personal leave for certified staff member Lisa Haeck, special education at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved parental leave for the following two (2) certified staff members: Adria Anderson, kindergarten at Bristol, and Brandy Hill, intervention at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved maternity leave for certified staff member Penelope Clayton, kindergarten at Bristol.
- ..... approved change to maternity leave for certified staff member Alyssa Lanting, special education at Monger.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of classified employee Maxine Williams, food service at Pierre Moran with 12 years of service.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following seven (7) classified employees: Lori Arisman, food service at Memorial; Chatuan Bailey, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Miranda Doolittle, custodian at Roosevelt; Lori Elliot, secretary at EACC; M. Jayne Hammontree, secretary at Pierre Moran; Tamara Robison, paraprofessional at Beck; and Toya Sheppard, bus helper/food service at Transportation.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following five (5) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Asa Ennis, district wide substitute teacher for ECS; Kristie Hess, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; Eddie Neal, paraprofessional at Memorial; Tameka Pittman, bus driver unassigned at Transportation; and Jeffrey Rohrer, bus driver unassigned at Transportation.
- ..... approved medical leave for classified employee, Kayla Magyar, bus driver at Transportation.

..... heard Carolyn Morris and Susan Daiber provide a report on the recent trip to Nashville, TN to study their academy and pathways programs. The 12 representatives of the district were part of 400 attendees to participate in school tours and conference sessions led by the leaders of the district. Mrs. Daiber commented on how this program is aligned with our Strategic Plan initiative to prepare all students for careers or college and with community partners' involvement become part of Elkhart's future. Dawn McGrath, deputy superintendent, and Mrs. Diaber commented on how the Career Center's success compares to the Nashville programs and how all students participate in a major project at the end of the year. A recent project mocked a catastrophic event, a bank hold-up taking place in the in-school bank, that encompassed all academies such as medical, media, theatrics and news reporting. Dr. McGrath also noted the opportunity to learn about block scheduling and community partner development, and the value of the time the team had together to further develop the ideas of what they saw in the context of the Elkhart vision. The involvement of all students, the engagement of student ambassadors, and the enthusiasm of the team was noticed by all who attended. Board member Glenn Duncan suggested future study trips include middle school staff members.

..... heard Bob Woods introduce Lamar Chupp who located a 1928 class ring while diving in a nearby Michigan lake. Mr. Chupp opened his remarks by thanking the Board for their efforts and how pleased he is with the education his children are receiving in the district. The ring he located has been added to memorabilia display in the lobby. When asked about other finds, he mentioned locating a lost wedding ring and a buck knife he was able to return to the owners.