The School Board...

-welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives Patrick Yeakey, a sophomore from Central High School (CHS) and Krystal Grubb, a senior from Memorial High School (MHS). In addition to being president of SSAC, Ms. Grubb participates in student government, varsity club, and Rotary Interact. Spring announcements included: all divisions of the music department received the ISSMA all music award, which in turn qualified Memorial for the "total department" all music award. Only 12 schools in Indiana received that award and only four schools that have an orchestra program; SSAC coupled with the Jazz cafe and had a multi-cultural cook off the same day and congratulated Mrs. Daiber on winning; spring sports are wrapping up regionals and sectionals scheduled this week; in girls tennis our number one doubles team advanced in sectionals. Ms. Grubb is also advancing in sectionals at number one singles with the individual tournaments continuing this week in Northridge; the special Olympics unified track team placed runnerup in sectionals and is advancing to regionals in Kokomo. Patrick Yeakey reported on Central's spring sports including boys track team sending 19 on to regionals. At the prompting of Superintendent Rob Haworth, Mr. Yeakey also retold a story about the 5 boys who created the 'shooting hoops tour 2017' over Spring break.
-was introduced to the winners of the artwork for the anti-bullying calendar and bookmarks by Mary Yoder Holsopple, bully prevention coordinator. Mrs. Holsopple reported thanks to the support of Teachers' Credit Union, 14,000 bookmarks were printed with the three winning designs. The Spread Kindness calendar contest had over 300 design entries from which the Move2Stand students helped select the winning designs. The winners for calendar artwork were: Elliot Turner, Vanessa Lopez, Josh Polasky, Stephen Blacklaw, Lucy Kristoff, Breanna Davis, Esmeralda Lopez, Gisela Melendez, Breona Rhodes, Kaylynn Reynolds, Amy Camacho, and Lilyana Leers. Bookmark artwork winners were: Elle Davis, Sara Contreras, and Andeli Moreno. The winners provided each Board member with their bookmark. Mrs. Holsopple introduced Tyler Scott, the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) graphic design student who is assembling the calendar and created the cover. Calendars will be available at the start of school in the Fall and will be given to each of the design winners.
-was introduced to the winners of the Subway Big Cheese Behavior Incentive Program by bus driver Michelle Ivey. The following winners were presented certificates for bicycles by the bus drivers who recommended them: Jerry Fuller, bus #111 to Braeden Kleitz; and Donna Miller, bus #140 to Havanna Hershberger. Jasmine Marquez, recommended by Amber Wodtkey, bus #126 was unable to attend.
-accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): a Malmark Handchime "G5" valued at \$45 from Chris Beyer to complete the handchime set; 12 new Honda engines from Ivy Tech Community College for use in the Recreational & Mobile Equipment and Small Engine Repair classes at the EACC; stationery and picture paper from Frances Fraser for students in the arts programs at EACC, valued at \$100 by donor; and a 2001 Caterpillar model GC25 for lift, with an owner estimated value of \$2,500, from Morrison Industrial Equipment for use in the Recreational & Mobile Equipment and Small Engine Repair classes.

-was presented with the 2018 budget timeline for Board review. Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, stated the timeline starts a month later than in the past due to additional state reporting requirements.
- approved extra-curricular purchase requests from Pierre Moran Middle School for 1,100 lanyards in the amount of \$2,024.50 from the ID account; and from West Side Middle School for a memory bench in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- 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 new Board Policy 3214.04ACS Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students for initial review. Doug Thorne, district council/chief of staff, explained this new policy is supplementing the existing one in NEOLA. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Thorne stated changes usually made within a month in the electronic version of the policies available on the district's website.
- approved proposed revisions and waived second reading of Board Policy 3422.06S Secretarial/Business Compensation Plan. Mr. Thorne clarified the requested changes are needed to recognize those employees who change from a part-year position to a full-year position and the computation for vacation days.
-approved submission of a Believe in Reading grant to the Believe in Reading Foundation from Adult Education/Community Education for \$10,000.
- approved an overnight trip request for EACC's SkillsUSA state winners to travel to Louisville, KY on June 19 -24 to compete at the national competition.
- heard Wes Molyneaux, director of technology integration, provide an update on the program designed for all faculty and staff to have access to all workshops being offered by the district. The program allows individuals to register for classes, track professional growth points, and has an embedded Google calendar. All of the components work towards a more comprehensive approach benefitting class participants, presenters and administrators. In the future, a self-paced on demand segment will be added.
- confirmed the retirement of certified staff member, Jill Slisz, math at Central, effective the end of the 2016-2017, with 21 years of service.
- approved regular employment for certified staff member, Jeffery Wallace, social studies at West Side and head girls basketball coach at Memorial, effective 2017-2018 school year.
- confirmed the resignation of the following eight (8) certified staff members: Jennifer Barth, art at Hawthorne; Rosalie Bickel, science at Pierre Moran; Kimberly Boynton, director of grant development at ESC; Allyson Cora, grade 3 at Woodland; Emily DeVincent, orchestra at North Side; Janice Joldersma, special education at Beardsley; Jeffery Kreider, grade 3 at Monger; and Kristen Stooksbury, music at Beardsley.

- approved regular employment for classified employee, David Salmon, bus helper at Transportation, who has successfully completed his probationary period.
- confirmed the resignation of the following eleven (11) classified employees: Jalethia Black, food service at Beck/Roosevelt; Joan Brzozowski, secretary at ESC; Bernice Chavis, food service at Osolo; Rachel Fletcher, paraprofessional at Hawthorne, Barbara Gropp, secretary at Bristol; Christy Jackson, food service at Memorial; Rachel Magyar, bus driver at Transportation; Brian Prugh, trainer/dispatch at Transportation; Jamie Schultz, paraprofessional at West Side; Kimberly Stoll, food service at Commissary; and Anthony Zinich, paraprofessional at Woodland.
- approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy 3139.01s.
- confirmed the administrative appointment of certified staff member, Eric Chandler, assistant principal at Beck effective 8/1/17.
- confirmed the administrative appointment of classified employees, William Drehmel, director of building services, effective 5/23/17; and Rod Roberson, district director of co-curricular and extracurricular program, effective 7/1/17.
- heard an audience member express concerns of the repairs necessary at Monger, the \$10M bond, and the 2016 maintenance plan.
- heard an audience member discuss concerns with strategic plan and a need to revise the plan. She presented student population reports from the Indiana Department of Education. Asked for clarification regarding the elimination of the PEP program; and a request to 'take a step back, rewrite, and move forward'.
- heard an audience member speak in support of the work of the Board and administration in regards to the strategic plan. She thanked the Board for their leadership and expressed her excitement for new opportunities for students and staff, stating currently there is more support than ever especially regarding technology.
- heard an audience member question the recent comments she has heard regarding the PEP program no longer being offered and her concerns as a parent of a student currently in the PEP program.
- heard Superintendent Rob Haworth ask everyone to have 'dry thoughts' in regards to Sunday's graduations.
- heard Board member Doug Weaver comment on the \$3.4M in scholarships offered to graduates this year. Mr. Weaver thanked the staff and teachers for their efforts in making that happen.
- heard Board member Glenn Duncan remind everyone that as a practice the Board does not respond to comments made at the meeting but asked Dr. Haworth to follow up and respond to speakers with additional information.

...... heard Board member Karen Carter report the City Council has stated as of June 30th no funds will be available to pay the crossing guards and per Indiana Code the district is unable to hire crossing guards. Mrs. Carter expressed her concern for the safety of the children, that they are also citizens, and urged parents to contact their City Council representatives and hopes the administration will send a letter to parents notifying them of the Council's decision. Mrs. Carter did state talks are on-going with City representatives.