

.....met at Monger Elementary School.

.....welcomed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives from both high schools. Ty Windy, a freshman from Central High School (CHS) participates in baseball, cross country, basketball and band. Mr. Windy reported on the following activities: the orchestra was a state finalist; the cardboard boat races were last Friday; a two day NIC track meeting is underway; baseball coach Steve Stutsman got his 300<sup>th</sup> career on Saturday against Angola; AP testing is on-going this week; the Best Attitude luncheon is Friday; and 44 students will graduate from Ivy Tech on Thursday through the dual credit program. Tyler Lehner, a freshman from Memorial High School (MHS), is the quarterback of the football team, and runs both track and unified track. Mr. Lehner congratulated Board President, Susan Daiber, on winning the cultural cook-off hosted by the SSAC with her Italian mushroom lasagna. In sports this week the varsity track team travels to Warsaw, junior varsity will compete in a Northern Lake Conference (NLC) meet hosted at Memorial, the unified track meet at Warsaw, last baseball game is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, girls' tennis team heading to NLC tournament, and the softball team has two games this week. Mr. Lehner commented on the seniors being very busy in their last few weeks of school including senior awards and 'grad walks' at the elementary schools.

.....heard Jeff Komins, energy education specialist/elementary activities, report on the building audit performed on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Monger Elementary School. Mr. Komins reported 80% of the areas were in compliance and receive 'Thanks for Saving Energy' stickers. Monger is consistent with their shutdown procedures and recently broke their school record with a cost avoidance of \$5,368. Current cost avoidance district wide is ahead of last year. Total program cost avoidance is at 27.1% which is valued at \$8,216,362. Mr. Komins congratulated the staff on their continued efforts to save energy.

.....was welcomed by April Walker, principal, Monger Elementary School. Mrs. Walker had the following students introduce themselves and present information about the school: Brianna Davis – students are proud to be Monger Mustangs; Paola Vazquez – more than 80% of the student population is made up of minority groups; Lucy Kreider – 92% of the students receive free or reduced lunches; Hayden Dinehart – Monger has the highest percent in the district of students on free and reduced lunch who passed both ELA and math on ISTEP; Carlos Adame – highest percentage of English Language Learners who passed both ELA and math on ISTEP in the district; and Cyanna McKnight – Monger's African American student population led the district with highest passing percent in ELA, highest passing percent in math, and highest percent of students who passed both ELA and math on ISTEP. Mrs. Walker credits the success to the outstanding teachers and support staff, the shared belief that all students can and will learn, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Clubs. Mrs. Walker introduced all of her staff. Students then demonstrated some of the equipment made available for STEM clubs through a supplemental grant of over \$60,000 awarded in the spring. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Clubs contribute to the success of Monger students and provide opportunities to make connections and build relationships with the students.

- .....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): two trial Highlanders from Toyota Motor to be used in the Auto Tech and Collision Repair classes at the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC), the donor estimates the approximate value of each vehicle at \$20,818; promotional items to ECS from A-One Apparel, Signs, and Designs valued at \$1,073.28; \$5,000.00 from WSBT I Love to Read Challenge to Hawthorne for being named School of the Year to be used for the purchase of stools for classrooms to create reading centers; and \$500.00 from Lippert Components to the CARES program at Osolo to be used for interactive games and creative problem solving activities.
- ..... approved the following extra-curricular purchase requests: from CHS Children's Care for a Little Tykes Tree in the amount of \$3,205.05; and from MHS for choir t-shirts for each choral ensemble to wear as they perform in the annual Spring Sing concert in the amount of \$1,500.
- ..... 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.
- ..... approved new course offerings for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with Board policy. New courses include: Agribusiness Management/HS5002 and Agriculture Power, Structure and Technology/HS5088.
- .....approved submission of the following grants: to Safe Haven/Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for a Bullying Prevention grant for \$31,000 - \$35,000 from ECS; and to Dollar General Literacy Grant for a GrapeSEED Language Literacy grant for \$3,980 from Hawthorne.
- ..... approved an overnight trip request for CHS Future Problem Solvers to travel to LaCrosse, WI on June 8 - 11 to compete in the International Competition for Future Problem Solvers.
- ..... confirmed the administrative appointment of certified staff member Micah Lambert, principal at Feeser, for the 2017-2018 school year.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of the following two (2) certified staff members at the end of the 2016-2017 school year with years of service in parenthesis: Elaine Dulaney, math at Memorial (16); and Gayle Wise, interventions at Woodland (22).
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) certified staff members at the end of the 2016-2017 school year: Jacqueline Collins, grade 6 at Monger; Megan Fitz, grade 2 at Pinewood; and Brittany Sears, grade 1 at Beck.
- ..... approved personal leave for certified staff member Steven McGrath, math at West Side.
- ..... approved maternity leave for the following two (2) certified staff members: Penelope Lambdin, grade 3 at Beardsley; and Hannah Rohrer, grade 2 at Beck.

- ..... confirmed the retirement of the following five (5) classified employees with years of service in parenthesis: Mary Ann Bloomingdale, secretary at Food Service Admin. (15); Deborah Kratzer, food service at Feeser, (18); Timothy Lockhart, assistant supervisor at Transportation, (13); Debra Simons, food service at Memorial (22); and Barbara Vargo, paraprofessional at Eastwood, (22).
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following seven (7) classified employees: Carrie Conway, paraprofessional at West Side; Mayra DeLuna Aguilar, food service at Pierre Moran; Robin Truman, food service at Central/Monger; Jessie VanKalveren, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Michael VanKalveren, paraprofessional at Roosevelt; Jennifer Weldy, registered nurse at Hawthorne; and Bethany Zartman, secretary at Eastwood.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following seven (7) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary periods: Tori Bubac, paraprofessional at Feeser; Haley Byrd, paraprofessional at PACE; Nikole Dinehart, paraprofessional at Monger; Robert Klinger, custodian at Beardsley; Mark Paustian, mechanic at Transportation; Kristin Robison, paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Barbara White, food service at Commissary.
- ..... approved the revision of retirement date for Cathy Spry, paraprofessional at Monger.
- ..... heard an audience member ask when will there be some answers to previously asked questions about a breakdown of the costs of the strategic plan. In response, Board president, Susan Daiber, replied it is not the practice of the Board to respond during audience comment periods but did state the current projects being considered would not exceed \$40 million. Superintendent Robert Haworth added professional development expenses come from other funding sources.
- ..... heard an audience member speak regarding components of the strategic plan including specifics as to expenses of entire plan, training, timeline, and public input. Asked the Board to take more time and reconsider consolidating the high schools.
- ..... heard an audience member speak regarding the strategic plan, asking for examples of other pathway schools, staff training, and stated never surveyed except for the one regarding the school calendar.
- ..... heard an audience member ask the Board to please slow down and reconsider the plan. Is in support of pre-K and 6-8 grade concept, and pathways but not the high schools merging. Concerns regarding lengthy travel time for Bristol students. Stated teachers need more support. Does not feel the plan was well thought out.
- ..... heard an audience member state support of the Board, their decision making process, and the strategic plan. Appreciates the time and effort put in to the plan.
- ..... heard an audience member recognize the Board's ability to adapt the plan for the best interest of the children. Clarified the OneElkhart page is not a district page but is made up of a community group in support of the strategic plan.

- ..... heard Board member Glenn Duncan state that in the 26 years he has been a Board member, never has the Board passed a budget that was not balanced. Even with major construction projects at Beck, Osolo and Bristol the tax rate has remained consistent. Mr. Duncan stated he takes offense to statements regarding the plan was not 'thought out', when the Board worked on developing the plan for more than one and one half years. The plan was voted on, approved, and will go forward as designed.
- ..... heard Board member Rodney Dale restate the strategic plan was voted on last year. Mr. Dale added no one will lose out, the need to accept change, and the fact no one group will be 100% satisfied.
- ..... heard Board member, Karen Carter, clarify the two votes taken in the past include adoption of the strategic plan and adoption of the 1028/Preliminary Determination/Reimbursement Resolution for the 2018 High School Renovation Project bond in the of \$10 million. The \$40 million cost previously mentioned did not refer to the adopted resolution, and may be reduced by some of the changes at the middle schools.