

..... met at Mary Daly Elementary School.

..... heard Board member Carolyn Morris recite the Elkhart Promise.

..... heard Jeff Komins, energy education specialist/elementary activities, report on the building audit performed on Monday, October 10th at Mary Daly Elementary School at 4:50 a.m. Mr. Komins reported 66% of the 47 areas were in compliance and received "Thanks for Saving Energy" stickers. Daly's cost avoidance is \$13,162 through August. The district's cost avoidance for the year through August is \$983,192, and could possibly exceed \$1.3 million this calendar year.

..... heard Josh Nice, principal at Mary Daly Elementary, present an overview of activities at Daly. Mr. Nice and Carolyn Lesperance, assistant principal, reported Daly students attained the highest percentage of third graders' growth in the district on NWEA, and received 95.6 of 100 possible growth points on ISTEP+. Daly's school improvement plan focuses on reading growth in NWEA and writing growth on rubrics. The Daly Pledge was rewritten to incorporate all aspects of P.R.I.D.E. Program highlights included: trips to Kercher's for agricultural studies; job fair and career studies; the Daly dash and block party including the build-up to the event with the run club; All Pro Dads and iMoms breakfasts; and promoting a love of literacy. Mr. Nice congratulated his staff on their dedication to the students and their families.

..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$250.00 in school supplies and \$680.00 to Memorial High School's (MHS) special education intense program from Dr. Mark Lindholm of Natural Health Family Chiropractic; \$200.00 to Eastwood from Trinity United Methodist Women to help with supplies needed by the nurse; \$1,000.00 to Central High School's (CHS) wrestling team from C&K Manufacturing; 22 LED light fixtures for the library at Monger from BABSCO; and \$350.00 from Northern Indiana Volleyball Association (NIVA) to Eastwood for their volleyball program.

..... opened the public hearing on the proposed 2018 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans, with no comments from the audience, the hearing was closed.

..... heard an audience member speak in regards to the number of busses on the south side of Elkhart and concern for young children walking to school and their safety. After some discussion, it was noted the concerns would be reviewed by staff.

..... 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.

..... heard a presentation on school counseling services from counselors from both high schools, Sarah Flagg, Michelle Kessler and Regina Roberson. Advisory services include: college and career information, career pathways, career exploration, character building through PRIDE, journals, grade checks, and scheduling through Naviance software. The same directives are being used at both high schools.

-heard Levon Johnson, supervisor of corporate/community partnerships, present an update on partnership activities. Manufacturing day was a big success with 34 businesses hosting 869 eight graders. 346 Central seniors participated with Beacon, Genesis, Patrick Industries and Thor human resource departments to learn resume building, interview processes, and the importance of benefits along with wages. Thor has hosted 455 elementary students for on-site field trips. Move2Stand had 255 students participating this year. 103 Memorial students worked with Agdia taking samples at the Farm. In the month of October, 1773 students interacted with partnering businesses. Mr. Johnson reported on the programs receiving Teachers' Credit Union donations. The Work Ethic Certification program has 107 ECS students and 350 students countywide. At future Board meetings Mr. Johnson will introduce representatives of partnering businesses.
-heard Dee Wappes, director of assessment & data, review the 2017 Accountability Grades. Mrs. Wappes presented statistics on the accountability grades, ISTEP+ passing and NWEA growth percentages by school. Mrs. Wappes explained the formula used for accountability grades and the increase of growth points for various schools, as well as long-term goals for overall improvement.
- approved an alternative residential services agreement for a Elkhart Community Schools' student.
- approved new course offering for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with Board policy. The new course is Fiber Arts/4046.
- approved an overnight trip request for the Central marching band to travel to Indianapolis on October 20 and 21 to compete at the Bands of America Indianapolis Super Regional Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium.
-approved submission of the following grants: Potawatomi Zoo Grant to Target in the amount of \$812.00 from Mary Beck; Indiana Literacy Early Intervention Grant to Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) in the amount of \$61,726.50 for ECS; School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Rebate to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for \$15,000 - \$20,000 per eligible bus purchase for ECS; Elkhart Culture Series; Art Café to Elkhart Community Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for ECS; Title I School Improvement Grants to the IDOE in the amount of \$500,000 each for Mary Daly and Roosevelt.
- approved consent agreements regarding unpaid time for two (2) certified staff members.
- confirmed the resignation of certified staff member, Elizabeth DeMeester, grade 3 at Roosevelt.
- approved change to maternity leave for certified staff member, Kaylie Dvorak, grade 1 at Beardsley
- heard of the passing of certified staff member Judith Bridges, dental health at EACC on October 1st.

- approved regular employment for the following five (5) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Jacqie Abbott, paraprofessional at EACC; Kierilee James, bus driver at Transportation; Amanda O'Brien, secretary at ESC; Betty Sterling, bus helper at Transportation; and Meghan Sutton, secretary at Eastwood.
- confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) classified employees: Robin Creer, bus helper at Transportation; Kelly Martin Del Campo, food service at North Side; and Morgan Winters, food service at North Side.
- approved rescinding the resignation of classified employee, Darci Koch, food service at Roosevelt.
- confirmed retirement of classified employee, Darci Koch, food service at Roosevelt.
- approved unpaid leave for classified employee, Jeffrey DeCook, support tech 1 at Technology Services.
- approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy 3139.01s.
- heard Board Vice President, Karen Carter, report on the Board members' recent trip to Indianapolis for the Indiana School Board Association's annual conference and the variety of sessions available to attend. Two of her choices included cyber-security and audits.