

- ..... heard Board member Rodney Dale recite the Elkhart Promise.
- .....accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$500.00 to Memorial High School's (MHS) boys/girls cross country team from The Sarah Crane Foundation; \$200.00 to Hawthorne from Trinity United Methodist Women to help with supplies needed by the nurse; a 1989 Ford Ladder Truck to the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from the Bristol Fire Department for use in firefighting classes; and \$2,000.00 from Northern Indiana Volleyball Association (NIVA) to West Side for their athletic program.
- ..... was presented with the proposed 2018 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans for review. Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, reported the total budget amounts to \$133,984,495. Budgets are reported to the state through the Gateway online reporting system, as required by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). Mr. Scott reviewed the various budget documents. He also requested approval for a public hearing to present the budget on October 10, 2017.
- ..... authorized Kevin Scott to advertise the required documents related to the 2018 Budget, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans and to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2017.
- ..... authorized the administration to enter into an agreement for architectural/design services with Cripe Design (architecture – interior design) who will lead the team consisting of Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR), TMP Architecture (educational specialist/interior design), Frost Engineering and Consulting (structural), Primary Engineering (mechanical, electrical, plumbing), and JPR (civil and landscape). The team will provide architectural and engineering services for the construction of additions and renovations to the current Memorial High School. The recommendation by the administration was made after multiple firms were interviewed.
- ..... heard Kevin Scott provide the current insurance report including medical plan experience costs.
- ..... approved an application for an advance from the Indiana Department of Education Common School Fund Loan in the amount of \$1,254,000. Kevin Scott reported the funds will be used to purchase equipment for the one-to-one program.
- ..... 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 proposed revisions to Board Policy 3121ACS – Personal Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Arrests, as initially presented at the Board's September 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

- ..... was presented revisions to Administrative Regulation IKE – Retention of Students in Grades K-8, for initial consideration. After much discussion, Doug Thorne, district counsel/chief of staff, stated the administrative regulation would be revised to address concerns of the board regarding parent involvement.
- ..... approved the Agreement between Elkhart Community Schools and ETHOS, Inc. Mr. Thorne noted revisions had been added addressing concerns regarding participation at board meetings and use of the science to go bus as discussed in previous work sessions.
- ..... approved alternative residential services agreements for three (3) Elkhart Community Schools’ students.
- ..... heard of a potential conflict of interest of administrator, Dawn McGrath.
- ..... approved submission of the following grants: Title I School Improvement Formula Grants to the Indiana Department of Education in the amount of \$40,000 each for Beardsley, Beck, Daly, Roosevelt and Pierre Moran; and a Good Neighbor grant to the Community Foundation of Elkhart County from Memorial and Central guidance departments for \$7,500.00.
- ..... approved consent agreements regarding unpaid time for two (2) certified staff members.
- ..... confirmed the Superintendent’s administrative appointment of Nicole Serge-Nemes, assistant principal at Beardsley, effective September 25, 2017. Mrs. Serge-Nemes thanked the Board for the opportunity, her parents and Valerie Priller, principal at Beardsley.
- ..... approved regular employment for certified staff member, Sherri Holston, grade 4 at Feeser, for the 2017-2018 school year.
- ..... approved rescinding personal leave for certified staff member, Steven McGrath, math at West Side.
- ..... approved regular employment for the following two (2) classified employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Miranda Austin, food service at Cleveland, and Nicole Harris, bus driver at Transportation.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following four (4) classified employees: Darci Koch, food service at Roosevelt; Donisha McBride, bus helper at Transportation; Shawanie Riley, food service at Bristol/Feeser; and Mariana Villalobos, paraprofessional at Roosevelt.
- ..... approved unpaid leave for classified employee, Sabrina Dempsey, bus driver at Transportation.
- ..... approved medical leave for classified employee, Lanasha Taylor, food service at Central and Roosevelt.
- ..... approved the termination of two (2) classified employees in accordance with Board Policy 3139.01s.

..... had a moment of silence for the loss of a North Side student who recently drowned.

..... in participation of the current Tackle a Good Book literacy program, each announced the books they are currently reading: Jeri Stahr – Carrying Divine by Kristin P. Baker and Henrietta Ngenga; Carolyn Morris – The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin; Karen Carter – The Missing Masterpiece by Jeanne M. Dams; Susan Daiber, Josiah’s Fire by Tahni Cullen; Glenn Duncan – a variety of Reader’s Digest short stories; Rodney Dale – Play Ball by Lolah Lace; Doug Weaver – Red Notice by Bill Browder; and Doug Thorne - Palace of Treason by Jason Matthews.