

- was presented the colors by Boy Scout Troop 747. The scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- heard vice president, Doug Weaver, recite the Elkhart Promise.
- accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$12,500 from Patrick Industries for renovations to Rice Field and North Side Gym; hygiene products, food and clothing valued at \$500 from Jennifer and Darrell Higgins, for Pinewood families in need; a transmission (donor valued at \$1,343) from Subaru of America to the automotive technology classes at the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC); a 1985 Mercedes (owner estimated value of \$3,500) from William and Dona Kovach to the diesel service technology classes at the EACC; and a trailer with 4 bays for hauling racing shells, two 8+ racing shells, and one 4+ racing shell with owner estimated values of \$2,500, \$900 and \$700, respectively, from the Elkhart Education Foundation.
- adopted a resolution authorizing the use of the design/build method of contracting for the proposed 2018 Elkhart Area Career Center Annex Building Project. Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, explained the design/build method expedites the process and time is of the essence for the building project.
- approved extra-curricular purchase requests from West Side Middle School for a storage rack for string basses in the amount of \$919.00; and from Memorial High School to purchase speakers for the choir/orchestra room in the amount of \$1,387.79.
- heard the monthly insurance update from Kevin Scott, chief financial officer. The Board thanked Mr. Scott for including the additional information requested at the July 24th regular meeting including cost per employee per month.
- heard Jeff Komins, energy education specialist/elementary activities, review the current energy audit report. Mr. Komins stated overall cost avoidance has improved in 2018. He anticipates surpassing the ten million dollar amount by the end of September for cost avoidance since the inception of the plan in 2009. Additional LED lighting, motion detectors and creative scheduling are being used to reduce continuing increases in utility costs.
- heard Dr. Bob Woods, director of elementary instruction, report the results of the auction of surplus items conducted by Bartel & Company held on Saturday, August 18th. Gross sales were \$13,154.50, after expenses net proceeds were \$8,419.50.
- tabled Board Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure, to clarify Paragraph B regarding notification of a parent or guardian within 24 hours. The revised policy and associated administrative regulation will be presented at a future Board meeting
- approved the Board of School Trustees meeting schedule for 2019. It was recommended a discussion regarding the location of meetings take place at a future work session.

..... heard Dr. Brad Sheppard, assistant superintendent of instruction, report on the notice received from the Indiana State Board of Education stating Roosevelt Elementary School received the lowest designation of school improvement, based on student performance during the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Dee Wappes, principal of Roosevelt, outlined the school's improvement plan in response to the notice. Mrs. Wappes stated changes for the better include: a new administrative team; a staff who wants to be at Roosevelt; guaranteed viable curriculum; collaboration built into the schedule; and partnerships. In order to build consistency, a new mission statement – all students will learn at or above grade level; a new vision – to develop our capacity to function as a professional learning community; new values and goals are also being created. Mrs. Wappes added River Oaks Church has 'adopted' the Roosevelt community, including mentoring, hosting movie nights, and welcoming students on opening day.

In response to an audience question, Mrs. Wappes stated a public meeting to update parents on the school improvement plan is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5th.

In compliance with the Notice, all audience members were requested to sign-in.

..... President Carter opened the public hearing for comments from the audience. With no comments from the audience members, President Carter declared the hearing closed.

..... approved the School Improvement Plan for Roosevelt Elementary School.

..... reviewed the following new course offerings: Everyone Can Code MS7494 and ACP (Advanced College Project) L202 – DC0463 for the 2018-2019 school year.

..... approved submission of a High Ability Grant to the Indiana Department of Education for \$84,198 from the District; and a Pets in the Classroom Grant to the Pet Care Trust for the cost of a selected pet from Pierre Moran. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Thorne stated the grant is not in conflict with Board policy regarding animals in the classroom.

..... confirmed Elkhart Education Foundation Innovative Teaching grants as reported by EEF Executive Director, Ashley Molyneaux: Memorial – Spanish class for \$540 for free voluntary reading library; Memorial – art \$3,499.80 'digital' drawing boards; Monger – Kindergarten \$1,000 for supplies for self regulation activities; Memorial – \$1,000 for GENESIS online platform: West Side – social studies \$760.88 for Defenders Throughout History; Cleveland – K-6 \$1,600 for Learning Through Sensory Play; Cleveland – Kindergarten \$3,496.70 for Kindergarten is Magical; Beck – all grades \$2,500 for Makerspace Magic; Memorial – technology \$3,500 for a Student Technology Service Hub; Central – math \$3,000 for flexible seating; and North Side agri-science \$1,200 for a garden project.

..... confirmed employment of the following seven (7) certified staff members for the 2018-2019 school year: Alyssa Anderson, Kindergarten at Osolo; Jennifer Beck, math at West Side; Nicolai Hyer, social studies at Memorial; Julie Jerzak, business education at Central; Leah Michel, grade 4 at Hawthorne; Michelle Tibbs, early college at Memorial; and Brandon Whitsit, social studies at Memorial.

- confirmed the resignation of the following eleven (11) certified staff members: Margaret Agnew, grade 4 at Hawthorne; David Delgado, AF JROTC at Central; Lance Carter, math at Memorial; Angela Irwin, grade 3 at Woodland; Michael McCauley, math at West Side; Adam Meyers, social studies at Memorial; Jennifer Mohrbach, grade 2 at Daly; Sidney Shafer, social studies at Memorial; Corey Sheets, Kindergarten/grade 1 at Osolo; Heather Walker, language arts at Memorial; and Bryon Whitten, social studies at Memorial.
- approved maternity leave for certified staff member, Brenda Cruz, ENL at West Side.
- approved administrative transfer for certified staff member, Kevin Beveridge, assistant principal supervisor of instruction at Roosevelt.
- confirmed the resignation of the following eighteen (18) classified employees: Jacqie Abbott, paraprofessional at EACC; Bianca Avendano, bus driver at Transportation; Debra Baker, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Sierra Coulahan, paraprofessional at Daly; Kimberly Craig, food service at Beardsley; Robin Creer, bus driver at Transportation; Hannah Efsits, paraprofessional at West Side; Luella Hanks, paraprofessional at North Side; Jessica Leng, food service at North Side; Gary McDaniel, maintenance at Building Services; Jason Paulson, custodian at Building Services; Heather Rhodes, food service at Memorial; Casey Ruble, bus driver at Transportation; Sanara Warren, bus driver at Transportation; Nancy Whittaker, paraprofessional at EACC; Sue Williams, paraprofessional at Daly; Deidre Wright, bus driver at Transportation; and Karen Young, paraprofessional at Beck.
- approved unpaid leave for classified employee, Anita Byrd, food service at Beardsley.
- thanked Boy Scout troop 747 for attending the meeting and asked each to introduce themselves.
- thanked Ashley Molyneaux for all of the work that went in to hosting the Kick-Off and the continued support provided by the Elkhart Education Foundation.