

-heard Dr. Brad Sheppard recite the Elkhart Promise.
-accepted with appreciation a donation of \$500.00 from Phyllis Tubbs to Elkhart Memorial's extra-curricular fund for the purchase of state championship rings for the Unified Track team.
-confirmed the submission of a School Technology Advancement Account petition to implement technology projects to enhance student instruction and engage learners throughout the district.
-heard Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, give a brief overview of the Annual Financial Report for 2017-2018.
-granted permission for the administration to hold the annual auction at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 18th at the service building located at 1135 Kent Street. Bartel & Company will advertise and facilitate the auction.
-approved an extra-curricular purchase request from Elkhart Memorial (MHS) for a sound system for varsity baseball in the amount of \$2,413.37.
-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 the monthly insurance update from Mr. Scott. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Scott indicated the next update would include the number of members on the plan for comparison.
-reviewed Administrative regulation JFCA - Guidelines for Secondary Athletics, as initially presented at the June 26th regular meeting. Doug Thorne, district counsel/chief of staff, explained the suggested changes were made to align with IHSAA guidelines as to the number of courses a student must pass.
-reviewed new course offerings for the 2018-2019 school year: Film Literature HS0531; Intro to Computer Science HS3651/HS3662 and Peer Tutoring HS9661/HS9672. In response to Board inquiry, Dr. Sheppard indicated when new courses are offered they are aligned with IDOE academic standards and are monitored through observation and assessments.
-confirmed the submission of a grant to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for Secured School Safety Grant program for all elementary schools and technology for a \$50,000 matching grant.
-approved the submission of the following grants: Community Oriented Policing Services for the School Violence Prevention Program to fund cost of training for local law enforcement in preventing student violence; Bureau of Justice Assistance for Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program to fund forming a threat assessment team; Governor of Indiana for 50 free handheld metal detectors.

- approved the submission of the Elkhart Education Foundation 2018-2019 Fall Extracurricular grants as reported by EEF Executive Director, Ashley Molyneaux: Memorial High School – girls basketball for \$3,700 for training and outfitting excellence; boys soccer \$800 for Help us Play and Help us Eat!; volleyball for \$900 Purdue Team Camp; Unified Track for \$800 for State Champion Rings; Theatre for \$3,500 for One for the Money, Two for the Show; and Academic Competition teams for \$1,500 for Charging Minds. Central High School – boy’s soccer for \$700 for team warm-up jerseys; softball for \$2,768.85 for softball pitching machine; cross country team for \$2,500 for player packs; Art café for \$3,500. Mary Feeser Elementary for \$4,000 for peaceful playground.
- confirmed the appointment of the following two (2) administrators: Dr. Bradley Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; and Dr. Dawn McGrath, Director of Special Services.
- approved regular employment of the following fourteen (14) certified staff members for the 2018-2019 school year: Mackenzie Bontrager, grade 3 at Hawthorne; Tara Butler, social worker at Memorial; Amanda Corda, social studies at North Side; Peggy DeLanghe, kindergarten at Eastwood; Stan Karagiannis, language arts at Elkhart Academy; Dana Lawdenski, science at Central; Kent Miller, mathematics at Central; Lindsey Morehouse, grade 3 at Roosevelt; Rychard Nagy, grade 6 at Osolo; Cheri Puetz, grade 6 at Pinewood; Debra Robinson, special education at Hawthorne; Caroline Stopiak, physical education at Monger; ShayInn Tinkel, academic dean at Hawthorne; and Sharon Tipton, science at North Side.
- confirmed the retirement of James Wooten, grade 5 at Mary Daly, with 22 years of service.
- confirmed the resignation of the following sixteen (16) certified staff members: Philip Cartwright, grade 6 at Daly; Melissa Danner, special education at Central; Katherine Greene, speech pathologist at PACE; Franchesca Hawkins, special education at Memorial; Ann Jagla, FACS at Memorial; Karen Kijak, special education at Central; Stephanie Kimmerly, assistant principal at Roosevelt; John Pletcher, math at Central; Nouri Marrakchi, ASL at Memorial; Molly Merrilat, kindergarten at Daly; Jacqueline Moore, special education at Feeser; Kathy Nusbaum, social studies at Central; Ryan Smaka, grade 6 at Pinewood; Victoria Toney, supervisor of special education at ESC; Aaron Turner, grade 6 at Roosevelt; and Kristy Turner, behavior support at Beck.
- confirmed retirement of the following two (2) classified employees, with years of service in parenthesis: Thomas Doke, maintenance engineer at Memorial, (11); and Mark Firtl, lead electrician at Building Services, (16).
- confirmed the resignation of the following two (2) classified staff members: Tara Butler, social worker at Bristol; and Corey Mull, Tech Support Technician at Tech Services.
- approved regular employment for the following two (2) classified staff employees who have successfully completed their probationary period: Curtis Hines, custodian at Central; and Joe Wilson, custodian at Central.
- approved an unpaid leave of absence for Sarah Troncoso, bus driver at Transportation.

- heard Cheryl Waggoner, director of Human Resources, report 67 teaching positions have been filled for the 2018-2019 school year; and still need to fill special education openings, food services, transportation, and paraprofessionals.
- heard from an audience member on her concern regarding communication to parents of changes made at Mary Beck Elementary; the need for more male coaches at the Elementary level and the safety of students walking to school.
- heard from Board President Karen Carter the search for Superintendent has begun and the University Superintendent Search Team has been engaged to assist the district.
- heard from Board member Carolyn Morris appreciation to the Elkhart Education Foundation for their ongoing support.