

- ..... heard Board member, Babette Boling, recite the Elkhart Promise.
- .....heard from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives Isaiah Fortoso, a sophomore from Central High School (CHS) and Elizabeth Weimer, a junior from Memorial High School (MHS). Isaiah Fortoso also performs in various choirs and participates in lacrosse and wrestling in addition to SSAC. Mr. Fortoso reported the on the success of the music programs at the recent Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competitions and upcoming performances of the wind ensemble Friday and the symphony orchestra on Saturday at Penn. Also, the CHS music ensembles, have qualified for the ISSMA All-Music award for 2018-2019. Mr. Fortoso also reported spring sports are under way and at the recent art show Sarah Bailey was awarded the Tom Grove Memorial Scholarship for Photography. Sarah Weimer is involved in band, marching, concert and jazz as well as tennis, and will be inducted into the National Honor Society on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Weimer reported on Memorial's ISSMA activity and invited all to attend the competitions on Friday at Penn, Saturday at Memorial, and the Jazz Café on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Spring sports are underway with both boys and girls track teams off to a great start. The athletic department is hosting the annual free IHSAA physical night on May 29<sup>th</sup> with support from OSMC.
- .....heard Superintendent Thalheimer recognize Louann Nommay, media specialist at North Side; Nancy Sanders, special education at Riverview, Frank Serge, principal at Central; and James Wasikowski, sixth grade teacher at Woodland for their 40 years of service to Elkhart Community Schools. Dr. Thalheimer noted the following facts from forty years ago: the top song was *My Sharona*; the price of gas was 88 cents a gallon; McDonald's introduced the Happy Mean; and the Dow Jones closed at 815. In honoring each of the recipients Dr. Thalheimer noted their dedication, commitment, and effort to go the extra mile for their students. Mayor Neese congratulated three of the recipients and awarded each of them a Key to the City. Mrs. Nommay was unable to attend.
- .....heard the following team from the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy describe their group project: Darlene Anderson Wilson (Feed The Children); Natalie Bickel (Elkhart Community Schools); Ryan Gomez-Wengerd (ADEC); Lee Herschberger (Beacon Health System); Nick Pittman (Trine University); and Jill Yoder (Elkhart Public Library). The team created the Cultivate Culinary Food Rescue Backpack program. The project is currently serving 20 students at Woodland Elementary with backpacks containing eight frozen meals each Friday. The food which had been prepared but never served by local catering businesses, restaurants, and schools is rescued by Cultivate, a local non-profit organization. The program has garnered extensive national and international recognition and requests for the program model.
- ..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$351.50 from Safe Fleet Mirrors for Bully Prevention programs; two anonymous donations to food service in the amounts of \$130 and \$81 to pay for three students' lunches for the rest of the school year at Pierre Moran; and \$500 from Luna Language Services of Indianapolis and \$3,000 from the SOURCE of Elkhart County to be used toward the Elkhart Culture Series: Though Leadership Conference.

- ..... 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 Kevin Scott provide the current insurance report noting claims are again down from the same time last year.
- ..... approved the bid award of the Progressive Design/Builder and Best Value contract for the 2019 Engineering, Technology and Innovation Building Project to Brown & Brown General Contractors.
- ..... approved amended revisions to Board Policy 8340 – Letters of Reference or Employment Reference, as initially presented at the Board's April 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- ..... was presented proposed new Administrative Regulation GCR – Providing a Reference, as initially presented at the Board's April 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation GDBA-10 – Miscellaneous Position Pay Schedule, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation IGBB-1 – Elkhart Community Schools High Ability Identification Procedure and Application Form, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Board Policy 5112 – Entrance Requirements, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JEA – School Admissions, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed deletion of Administrative Regulation JEA-1 – Elkhart Community Schools Kindergarten Early Entrance Procedure and Application Form, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC-(1) – Guidelines for Good School Order, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC-(2) – Rules for Student Conduct, for initial consideration.
- ..... approved the submission of a grant to Epic Games for Epic MegaGrant from the EACC in an estimated amount of \$62,500.
- ..... approved the following overnight trip requests: 30 Memorial government students to travel to Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, MI on May 28 -29, for leadership skills and team building; and confirmed the overnight trip request for 19 Memorial and Central ElkLogics Robotics team members to travel to Kokomo, IN on April 11 - 13, to compete in their first Robotics Indiana State Championship.
- ..... approved two agreements regarding unpaid time for certified staff members.

- ..... confirmed the retirement of the following four certified staff members: Adriana Alburitel-Burton, grade 5 at Osolo; Mary Teeter, supervisor at Cleveland; Nancy Troyer, grade 4 at Osolo; and James Wasikowski, grade 6 at Woodland.
- ..... approved maternity leave for certified staff member, Shayla Yoder, grade 2 at Cleveland.
- ..... approved medical leave for certified staff member, Jami Young, homebound at ESC.
- ..... approved parental leave for certified staff member, Lisa Haeck, special education at Roosevelt.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following eight (8) certified staff members: Kathleen Bain, math at Memorial; Sarah Brown, grade 2 at Roosevelt; Jamie Haradine, grade 4 at Pinewood; Sarah Horn, math at Memorial; Julie Plaia, grade 6 at Hawthorne; Carmen Ritchie, music at Roosevelt; Kaleigh Swinehart, grade 4 at Feeser; and John Tomac, social studies at Central.
- ..... confirmed employment of the following twelve (12) classified employees who have completed probation: Tina Allen, food service at West Side; Kayla Brookshire, paraprofessional at Memorial; Vilma Carrocio Ortiz, paraprofessional at Central; Ivy Copeland, food service at Pierre Moran; Dvynn Mohrman, custodian at Roosevelt; Diane Pilarski, promotions manager at WVPE; Chakiea Jackson paraprofessional at Pierre Moran; Megan Plasterer, paraprofessional at Cleveland; Tracy Sheppard Jr., bus helper at Transportation; Ursula Taylor, food service at Bristol; Dranda Washington, bus helper at Transportation; and Norman Wilson, food truck driver at Commissary.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) classified employees: Nicole Crandall, secretary at Beardsley; Anthony Horvath, mechanic at Transportation; and Justin Stebbins, mechanic at Transportation.
- ..... confirmed the retirement of the following three (3) classified employees: Suanne Brazzell, paraprofessional at EACC; Susan Gilpin, food service at West Side; and Cynthia Kaser, paraprofessional at Pinewood.
- ..... approved leave for classified employee Julie Grosser, bus driver at Transportation.
- ..... approved medical leave for the following two (2) classified employees: LeAnn Mehl, food service at Daly; and Belinda Siler, custodian at Memorial.
- ..... approved the termination of a classified employee in accordance with Board Policy 3139.01S.
- ..... heard Dr. Thalheimer thank those who attended public information meetings and help dispel misinformation, noting an additional meeting will be scheduled for the next week.
- ..... heard Board member, Susan Daiber, congratulate all the EACC participants and medalists (20 bronze, 9 silver and 9 gold) at the Indiana SkillsUSA state championship and thanked all of the volunteers who help with the United Way's Spring Into Reading program.