

- ..... heard Superintendent, Dr. Steve Thalheimer, recite the Elkhart Promise.
- .....heard from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) representatives Hank Smith, a senior from Memorial High School (MHS) and Taryn Roberson, a sophomore from Central High School (CHS). Mr. Smith has played basketball for four years and will be attending Grace College in the Fall and playing basketball there. Mr. Smith reported students in choral program spent four days in New York City over Spring break performing at the Worldstrides Heritage Arts festival where the women's choral earned a second place award in the treble choir division, and the chamber choir placed third in the mixed choir group. In other activities: the robotics team recently qualified for state competition on April 13 and received the Gracious Professionalism Award, their first one in team history; spring sports are off to a good start; and the National Honor Society 2019-2020 induction ceremony is April 30. In addition to SSAC, Taryn Roberson is involved in Student Athletic Council (SAC), PEERS, basketball, volleyball, softball and track, and plays the cello in the symphony orchestra. In music, the choirs will participate in ISSMA competition on Thursday; bands and orchestras on Friday; two art students were in the top 11 of the District 2 Congressional Art Show & Competition; and auditions for the improv show are coming up.
- ..... accepted with appreciation a donation made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) in the amount of \$1,000 from Emil and Kelly Diaz to Central's football team to purchase equipment.
- .....opened the public 1028 hearing on the Engineering, Technology and Innovation (ETI) building project. Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, reviewed the public/private partnership and the vision of the ETI building to provide a regional training center for high school students and adults who want to improve their skills in the areas of welding, manufacturing, mechatronic and engineering. The project will be using a progressive design build approach. With no comments from the audience, the hearing was closed.
- .....adopted a resolution confirming execution of the amendment to lease.
- .....adopted a resolution approving additional appropriation for the proposed 2019 Engineering, Technology and Innovation building project.
- ..... 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.
- .....authorized the purchase of twelve busses through the State Bid List purchasing program. The purchase includes three 72-passenger, one 84 passenger and seven 78 passenger busses. The total cost of \$1,247,332 incorporates the trade-in value of \$22,350 for seven busses. Discussion followed regarding GPS units, stop arm cameras, on-going violations by motorists, and school start times.

- ..... approved revisions to Board Policy 3120.07ACS – Employment of Consultants, as initially presented at the Board’s March 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Mr. Thorne stated the revisions were due to the changes of funds by the DLGF.
- .....was presented proposed revisions to Board Policy 8340 – Letters of Reference or Employment Reference, for initial consideration.
- ..... was presented proposed new Administrative Regulation GCR – Providing a Reference, for initial review.
- ..... approved the recommendation to appoint Jeri Stahr to a four-year term through June 2023, to the Elkhart Public Library Board.
- ..... approved the recommendation for Pearson Education as the vendor for elementary ELA curriculum materials. In response to Board inquiry, Tara White, director of literacy, noted the curriculum materials are both print and digital formats.
- ..... approved the recommendation for the purchase of Discovery Mathematics Techbook as the resource for middle school mathematics.
- .....confirmed the submission of the following grants: NOVO Foundation: Education First for an SEL Innovation Award, Restorative Justice Education: Changing the Culture of Our Schools from student services for \$50,000; and to Safe Fleet for a Bullying Prevention grant from student services for \$5,000.
- ..... approved an overnight trip request for four EACC Ag/Motorcycle/Outdoor Power Tech students to travel to Bowling Green, KY and Indianapolis, IN on April 24-27 for the Hot Rodders STEM/FFA State contest.
- ..... confirmed employment of certified staff member, John Gassere, special education at Eastwood, for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ..... confirmed employment of the following six (6) classified employees who have completed probation: Deron Anderson, bus helper at Transportation; Kathleen Loy, registered nurse at Woodland; Amanda Moberg, custodian at Eastwood; Lory Stewart, food service at Riverview; Deanna Suggs, bus helper at Transportation; and Lori Ward, secretary at ESC.
- ..... confirmed the resignation of the following five (5) classified employees: Rochelle Bock, food service at Osolo; Alix Davis, custodian at Building Services; Corrie Finch, food service at North Side; Jacob Pace, bus helper at Transportation; and Michele Salman, paraprofessional at Riverview.
- ..... approved leaves for the following three (3) classified employees: Liesl Bell, secretary at Pierre Moran; Blanca Gonzalez, paraprofessional at Riverview; and Alysa Shultz, paraprofessional at Osolo.
- ..... heard an audience member address reasons for loss of teachers.

- ..... heard an audience member thank staff for their work with special needs at Pinewood. Also, asking for clarification of referendum wording, and the need to engage the community.
- ..... heard an audience member speak in support of the referendum, noting the legislators causing school districts to become self-funded, and a need to leave a legacy to the students.
- ..... heard an audience member speak in support of the referendum, and stressing how important it is for voters to ask questions, not rely on social media.
- ..... heard an audience member express concerns regarding communication between Cleveland and Growing Kids. Also, spoke regarding single parents and referendum tax increases.
- ..... heard Dr. Thalheimer present additional information regarding the referendum including the equation for computing the potential tax increase. Lengthy discussion followed with regard to the referendum.
- ..... heard Board member, Rocky Enfield, reiterate the need to value public education.
- ..... heard Board member, Babette Boling, speak to the need for the referendum, for the community to pull together and to do what is best to educate our youth.
- ..... heard Board member, Susan Daiber, thank those responsible for the Kiwanis KID Knowledge is Dynamite luncheon honoring 4<sup>th</sup> graders for their significant efforts towards personal growth and improvement.