

..... met at North Side Middle School.

..... heard Superintendent, Dr. Steve Thalheimer, recite the Elkhart Promise.

..... accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$3,100 from the Elkhart Kiwanis Club to assist with the purchase of platform swings for the elementary schools; monthly donation of 18 cases of healthy snacks to Roosevelt STEAM Academy and Pierre Moran students who participate in the 21st Century Community Learning Center Before/After School program from The Snack Box – Phillip Shank; \$327.70 from an anonymous donor to Food Services to pay negative balances at Pinewood, North Side and Memorial; and \$1,000 from the Elkhart Education Foundation to Eastwood for winning the 2018 Ugly Sweater Run school contest by having the most race participants.

..... accepted with appreciation a donation from the estate of Barbara Wich. Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, stated Ms. Wich taught kindergarten at Cleveland for two years in the late 1960's. Ameriprise Financial will process a payment to ECS in an amount approaching \$40,000 once the proper documentation is in place. In response to Board inquiry regarding the use of the funds, Mr. Scott stated there will be a review of potential one time, unique uses for this generous gift.

..... heard Kevin Scott provide a list of checks that have been outstanding for over two years as of December 31, 2018. Per Indiana Code, the listing must simply be provided as an informational item to the Board in order for the checks to be eligible to be voided.

..... adopted a resolution regarding the Fourth Amendment to Lease. This action is the first step by the Board in the process of securing financing for the Engineering, Technology Innovation building.

..... 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 stating claims are down from the same time last year.

..... approved the submission of a grant to the Indiana Department of Education for a Digital Learning Grant from the district in the amount of \$50,000.

..... confirmed the following overnight trip requests: Central boys swim team to travel to Indianapolis, IN on February 22-23, to participate in the swimming and diving state competition; and 14 Central wrestlers to travel to Indianapolis on February 15-16 to attend the state meet.

..... approved an agreement regarding unpaid time for three (3) certified staff members.

..... approved a change to maternity leave for certified staff member, Ashley Perez, kindergarten at Beardsley.

- confirmed the resignation of certified staff member, Lisa Milanese, physical education and special education at Central.
- confirmed employment of the following five (5) classified employees who have completed probation: Marianne Glick, food service at Memorial; Annabel Guerrero, paraprofessional at Eastwood; Christopher Hipsher, paraprofessional at Beck; Nicole Sparr, food service at Commissary; and Andrea Yeager, paraprofessional at Hawthorne.
- confirmed the resignation of the following three (3) classified employees: Alice Breedlove, bus driver at Transportation; Jill Gude, paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Melinda Riley, parent liaison at Roosevelt.
- confirmed the retirement of classified employee, Jeffry Watson, assistant supervisor at Building Services.
- approved leave for classified employee Ellen Springer, food service at North Side.
- heard superintendent Thalheimer, comment how saddened the community is with the recent loss of two students. Dr. Thalheimer noted how the community has been supporting the families and schools affected and the multitude of resources made available, all factors that reaffirm the positive and caring environment within the district. Dr. Thalheimer thanked the Board for their time spent at the two-day retreat last week, and noted the upcoming meetings scheduled to discuss the direction of the strategic plan.
- heard Board member, Babette Boling, also state how extraordinary the staff has been in regards to the recent tragedies. Mrs. Boling also stated how heart warning it has been to see the outpouring of support from individuals, Ryan's Place, and the community, all helping with the needs of the families including donations toward funeral expenses.
- heard Board secretary, Carolyn Morris, ask for clarification on the Board's legislative liaison. The Board will discuss the appointment at a future meeting.
- heard Board member, Rocky Enfield, report he received a packet of letters from sixth graders at Pinewood regarding the one high school mascot. The letters are available for Board review.
- heard Board president, Doug Weaver, report his attendance at the ETHOS Engineers Society dinner last evening, commending Patsy Boehler and Teresa Hill on the success of event.