April 28, 2020

The School Board

...... heard Board member, Susan Daiber, recite the Elkhart Promise.

...... approved the following items under a consent approval: Minutes from April 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Claims totaling \$6,831,100.92

Fundraisers

Personnel Report:

Employment of the following seven (7) certified staff members for the 2020-2021 school year: Loraine Benifiel, grade 2 at Woodland; Alexis Carroll-Troyer, Kindergarten at Beck; Elizabeth Fleming, special education at Woodland; Brett Herschel, grade 6 at Cleveland; April Kauffman, ENL at North Side; Brooke Martin, art at Woodland; and Taylor Sotebeer, grade 2 at Eastwood.

Retirement of certified staff member, Tammy Smith, ENL at Beardsley.

Change to Maternity Leave for certified staff member, Jennifer Miller, grade 2 at Cleveland.

Resignation of certified staff member, Maria Hite, special education at Feeser.

Employment of the following ten (10) classified employees: Rachel Buckley, secretary at Cleveland; Shawn Burton, bus driver at Transportation; Mario Caicedo, support technician at Technology Services; Charde Calbert, food service at Cleveland; Vince Edwards, custodian at Central; Tiffany Faigh, service desk coordinator at Technology Services; Kiara Lee, food service at Pierre Moran; Tawasha McKnight, bus helper at Transportation; Sandra Mondragon Lara, secretary at Pinewood; and Yngry Nieves Colmenarez, paraprofessional at Memorial.

Resignation of classified employee, Lauren Smith, food service at Commissary.

- was presented proposed new Board Policy 9211 Trademark Use, for initial consideration.
- adopted a Resolution for one designation of a school number for Elkhart High School.
- was presented the Monthly Insurance Update. Mr. Scott reported claims year-to-date were 71.9% of same period last year.
- awarded the bids for EHS Phase II and EACC Construction Projects to Gibson-Lewis, LLC of Mishawaka as the lowest and best, most responsive and responsible bidder for a total, with approved alternates, of \$7,969,600.

- heard audience member, Kerry Mullet, ETA President, state she has never been prouder of Pam Melcher and workers she was with at the Commissary earlier in the day. Many volunteers from various departments have come together to help provide meals for students.
- heard Superintendent Thalheimer report surveys have been sent out and discussions held regarding graduation; per Dr. McCormack, the end of school is June 30th, with no activities in the buildings prior to that date unless there is a change to the Executive Order.
- heard Tony Gianesi, chief operating officer, state there will be on-site COVID testing in the parking lot of Hawthorne, Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Mr. Gianesi also noted that over 82,600 meals have been distributed and also acknowledged all the responsible; and when a request for volunteers was sent thru the Weekly Learning Brief, over 100 responded; and the social workers have worked in conjunction with the feeding sites to distribute supplies such as hygiene materials and diapers from Feed the Children.
- heard President Mullins also remark on the efforts of the District and staff to distribute meals; she also acknowledged recent retirees.
- heard board member Rocky Enfield also praise those helping with food distribution, and firsthand knowledge having assisted at Woodland and Pinewood.
- heard board member Susan Daiber quote Mr. Rogers: "look for the helpers You will always find people who are helping.