The School Board March 24, 2020

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

...... approved the following items under a consent approval:

Minutes from March 10, 2020 – Public Work Session March 10, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting March 17, 2020 – Special Board Meeting

Claims totaling \$5,009,746.26

Acceptance of the following gifts made to made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$150 from Placon, \$250 from D & W, Inc., \$25 from Gustafson Lighting, \$500 from North American Moulding to Mary Daly for the 13th annual Mary Daly Dash; \$1,781 from Culver's for the Ag/Motorcycle/Outdoor Power Technology class; Cardinal Buses provided transportation for the Diesel Service Tech class to travel to the National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA) Work Truck Show in Indianapolis on March 5, 2020; a Bach trumpet (valued at \$150) from Christine Beyer to the music department; and \$250,000 from Welch Packaging for the ETI Building Fund.

Extra-curricular purchase requests: from West Side for lunch cost during music trip in the amount of \$1,000; and from Memorial for charter bus or choirs in the amount of \$4,900.

proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy. The funds raised through the listed activities are deposited into each school's extra-curricular fund.

Grant submission for Game on Grant to Action for Healthy Kids from Daly in the amount of \$2,500.

Personnel Report:

Administrative Appointments: Lisa Ernsberger, Director of High Ability; Bryan Hammontree, Elkhart Academy/Alternative Programs Principal; and Gregory Stover, Engineering, Technology & Innovation Principal

Employment of the following two (2) certified staff members for the 2019-2020 school year: Ashley Kovach, grade 1 at Cleveland; and Michael Mitchell, physical education at Beardsley.

Retirement of the following three (3) certified staff members: Teri D'Hoore, special education at Riverview; Michael Maloney, collision repair at EACC; and Nancy Sanders, special education at Riverview.

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

Resignation of the following two (2) certified staff members: Michael Kelly, counselor at Central; and Wesley Molyneaux, director of technology at ESC.

Employment of the following five (5) classified employees: Dominique Bellard, food service at Feeser; Hillaree Biddlecome, social worker at Pierre Moran; Bryan Fossett, bus helper at Transportation; Nicole LeCount, paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Kelly Neff, paraprofessional at Memorial.

Resignation of the following seven (7) classified employees: Justin Allen, paraprofessional at Memorial; Dayna Corkins, paraprofessional at Hawthorne; Clacy Heston, paraprofessional at West Side; Kevin Hunter, bus helper at Transportation; Betty Lou Kline, secretary at Central; Ashley Kovach, paraprofessional at Cleveland and Kristina Wiskotoni, food service at Elkhart Academy.

Retirement of the following three (3) classified employees: Janice Beutter, social worker at Beardsley; Rosetta Bloss, secretary at Memorial; and Kimberly Sevrey, paraprofessional at Bristol.

Leave for the following three (3) classified employees: Natashia deJesus, bus driver Transportation; Maria Gonzalez, paraprofessional at Riverview; and Elsa Verde Zamudio, paraprofessional at EACC.

- was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JEA-1, Kindergarten Early Entrance Procedure and Application Form, as presented at the March 10th regular meeting.
- authorized the appointment of Sarita Stevens, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, to the Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties Head Start Consortium Board.
- approved the purchase of computer storage equipment with a cost greater than \$250,000 to meet the current and future needs of the school district. With over 200 virtual servers and 1,000 cameras in the district, the need for additional storage has become critical.
- adopted a Resolution Confirming Execution of the Fifth Amendment to Lease 2020 Career Center Renovation Project.
- adopted a Resolution Confirming Execution of the Sixth Amendment to Lease 2020 High School Renovation Project. In response to an audience question, Kevin Scott, chief financial officer, clarified the bonding authority of the District.
- adopted a Resolution Confirming Execution of Lease –2020 Freshman Center Renovation Project.
- adopted an Appropriation Resolution 2020 Career Center Renovation Project.
- adopted an Appropriation Resolution 2020 High School Renovation Project.
- adopted an Appropriation Resolution –2020 Freshman Center Renovation Project.
- approved the cash tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Scott stated the rate for students in grades K-12 will be \$6,500.

- was presented the Monthly Insurance Update. Mr. Scott reported in terms of medical plan experience, February 2020 was favorable compared to the same month in the prior year. On a year to date basis we are just over \$408,000 ahead of prior year. Once again we are off to a great start to the year
- adopted a Resolution amending the previous Resolution adopted on March 17, 2020 regarding COVID-19 pandemic related policies.
-heard Superintendent Thalheimer report buildings will be closed effective tomorrow through May 1, 2020 pending future directives from the State; eLearning will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with planning and student contact on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Multiple sites have been set up with more planned for the future for food distribution. Over 8,500 meals have already been distributed.