

..... heard Board member, Anne VonDerVellen, recite the Elkhart Promise.

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

Minutes – December 14, 2021 – Public Work Session
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Claims in the amount of \$5,020,582.14

Gift Acceptance:

Donation of \$500 from OBECO, Inc. to continue the growth of EHS Boys' Wrestling Program; and 12,000 backpack blinkers for distribution to all students from Monteith Tire with a donor value of \$25,000.

Proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy.

Conference Leave Requests

Overnight Trip Request from Elkhart High School for 21 cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, FL on February 11-15, 2022, for participation in the National High School Cheerleading Championship.

Personnel Report:

A settlement agreement regarding retention for two classified staff members.

Resignation of certified staff member, Claire Troyer, grade 1 at Osolo.

Employment of the following eight (8) classified employees: Yesenia Alvarez, EL Community Translator at West Side; JoeyAnne Blossom, food service at West Side; Tanita Bynum, food service at Osolo; Jimena Gomez, secretary at West Side; Taylor Johnson, RBT Paraprofessional; William Patterson, adult education at EACC; Rebekah Shaw, paraprofessional at Daly; and Chantyle Zilm, food service at Osolo.

Retirement of classified employee, Joseph Johnson, custodian at Roosevelt.

Resignation of the following three (3) classified employees: Bryan Dufour, custodian at Building Services; David Murray, business account manager at WVPE; and Jeri Strebinger, food service at Feeser.

.....authorized the renewal of Bus Driver/Helper Retention, Referral, and Sign On Bonus Payments.

.....awarded the bid for Fuel for 2022 to Ceres Solutions/North Central CO-OP, as the most responsive and most responsible bidder.

-awarded the bid for the Transportation Fuel Center to R Yoder, Inc. of Nappanee, Indiana as the lowest and best, most responsive and responsible bidder, with a bid of \$1,358,000. The project includes the construction of a new fuel island on the Kent Street property to replace the existing fuel island and underground fuel storage tanks. The new fuel island will consist of two above ground storage tanks, new fuel pumps, and a canopy covering the pumps. Funding for the project will come from the bonds for the Elkhart High School Master Campus Plan project.
-approved the increased scope of work and authorized the Business Office to contract with Elevate K12 for the Second Semester. The increase is primarily driven by the additions of periods to be taught at Pierre Moran. The estimated total annual cost will be \$324,200.
-approved the Agreement for ESSER Project – Installation and Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for Daly, West Side and Elkhart High School for a total of \$7,691,360 and the Performance Guaranteed Agreement with a minimum energy savings of \$89,802 per year in utility costs. The project is funded by ESSER funds and focuses on improving HVAC systems that in turn improve indoor air quality, ventilation and learning environment.
-adopted a Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to Operations Fund.
-adopted a Resolution to transfer funds to the Rainy Fund.
-heard Dr. Thalheimer express his appreciation to all staff in light of the year’s challenges and wished everyone a good holiday break.
-heard Board members wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.