The School Board June 8, 2021

...... heard Board member, Troy Scott, recite the Elkhart Promise.

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

Minutes – May 25, 2021 – Public Work Session Minutes – May 25, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting

Claims in the amount of \$5,288,842.72.

Gift Acceptance:

Donations of \$500 from the Welter Foundation and \$500 from Naturescape Services for the Elkhart High School volleyball team; and a German cello with a fair market value of \$1,000 from Cherish Patterson to the music department.

Grant Submission:

A CTE Summer Bridge Program Grant from the Governor's Workforce Cabinet in the amount of \$20,765.00.

Proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy.

Overnight Trip: approved an overnight trip request for the EHS girls' basketball team to travel to Fairland, IN on December 28 – 29, 2021 for a basketball tournament.

Conference Leave Requests

Personnel Report:

Employment of the following four (4) certified staff members for the 2021-2022 school year: Taylor Bryant, special education at Beck; Shawnna Dickerhoof, special education at Beardsley; Kristina Roberts, special education intern at EL; and Ashley Schuman, special education at Bristol.

Administrative appointment of the following three (3) certified staff members: Carolyn Lesperance, principal at Feeser; Timothy Pedley, principal at Bristol; and DeVetta Farrow, principal at Hawthorne.

Retirement of certified staff member, Edward Hibshman, science at EHS-West.

Resignation of the following eight (8) certified staff members: Aden Bachtel, grade 2 at Woodland; Denise Downing, special education at EHS-West; Katrina Gammage, grade 1 at Hawthorne; Brittany Isaac, grade 5 at Daly; Micah Lambert, principal at Feeser; Kimberly Wallace, kindergarten at Beardsley; Paige Walters, speech pathologist at Beck; and Courtney Wesdorp, kindergarten at Beardsley.

Maternity leave for certified staff member, Darcy Burns, ENL at Freshman Academy.

Employment of classified employee, Elizabeth Parsons, secretary at EACC.

Resignation of the following four (4) classified employees: Cesilia Celestino, paraprofessional at Eastwood; Cierra Johnson, bus driver at Transportation; Lucas Shirey, custodian at EHS-East; and Sonia Thomas, food service at EHS-West.

Retirement of the following two (2) classified employees: Rosemary Krull, secretary at EHS-East; and Rosie Washington, food service at EHS-West/Hawthorne.

Reassignment of classified employee, Shawnna Dickerhoof, to a certified position.

Termination of the following two (2) classified employees: Irenna Coleman, food service at EHS-West; and Jacquelyn Zayas, bus driver at Transportation.

-was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC Guidelines for a Safe Learning Community, for continued review. In response to Board inquiry, Doug Thorne, District Counsel/Chief of Staff, stated the text making reference to a specific vendor will be removed.
- adopted the proposed Resolution related to payment of a stipend to district employees as a result of additional duties performed by school employees due to the state of national public health emergency for COVID-19 subject to approval by State regulatory authorities.
- approved the revisions to the 2021-2022 Cost Reductions as presented by Dr. Thalheimer.
- authorized the Business Office to publish a Request For Proposal for 2021 Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract Project.
- awarded the bids for food, commodities, fresh produce, supplies, bakery supplies and dairy supplies for a grand total of all bids being \$4,051,356.419 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidders: food bids to Gordon Food Service, Stanz Foodservice, Commercial Foods, 7-Up Snapple and Vistar; commodities bid to Gordon Food Service and Stanz Foodservice; fresh produce bids to Gordon Food Service and Piazza Produce; supply bids to Gordon Food Service, Stanz Foodservice, Wallace Packaging, Daxwell, and Commercial Foods; bakery bids to Gordon Food Service, Alpha Kreamo Bakers, Stanz Foodservice and Aunt Millies; and dairy bid to Dean Foods and Stanz Foodservice.
- appointed Board member, Troy Scott, current at-large trustee, to become the District A trustee effective July 1, 2021, due to the resignation of Susan Daiber, current District A trustee, as of June 30, 2021. After lengthy discussion regarding the options available to fill the vacated position, it was determined the most efficient process would be to name Mr. Scott to District A, and to fill the subsequent at-large vacancy as dictated by Indiana Code and Board Policy Bylaw 0142.3. A press release concerning the vacancy, and calls for letters of interest and resumes, will be distributed June 9, accepting requests from candidates through June 18.
- heard Board member, Babette Boling, request the consideration of moving future Executive sessions to be held prior to the public work sessions.

- heard Board President, Rocky Enfield, provide an update on the Fish Fest held in Elkhart in response to Board Member, Doug Weaver's request. Mr. Enfield reported the event was a success with 155 participants of all ages.
- heard Board member, Susan Daiber, remind everyone of the upcoming Jazz Festival to be held June 17 20.
- heard Mr. Enfield acknowledge the recent state track and field competitors and congratulate Mia Pulianas, as the first ever Elkhart Lion State Champion, and the first ever Elkhart female State Champion at the IHSAA Girl Track and Field state finals.
- heard Mr. Enfield also report on River Oaks Community Church's thank you to all ECS employees with a BBQ meal supplied by "That Guys Gourmet Ribs" and "Smoking Fatty's" distributed on Sunday. In conjunction with the event, the Board provided the dessert.