

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

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

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Claims in the amount of \$7,362,699.40.

Gift Acceptance:

Donations of \$5,000 from the Elkhart Education Foundation, \$1,000 from Sweetwater Sound, Inc., and \$500 from Stephen Bowers to purchase new music apparel for Elkhart High School (EHS) bands, choirs and orchestras; \$1,500 from NIBCO, Inc. for EHS cheerleading program; and a \$200 donation from Jared Huss in memory of Dawn Hostetler to establish a scholarship at EACC for students enrolled in Mr. Martin Hostetler’s Automotive Technology class.

Proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy.

Overnight Trip: approved an overnight trip request for 14 FFA students to travel to Trafalgar, IN on May 22-23 to attend leadership training.

Conference Leave Request

Personnel Report:

An agreement regarding payment of retirement benefits for a certified staff member.

Employment of the following two (2) certified staff members for the 2020-21 school year: Brianna Miller, grade 1 at Daly; and Ryan Rudicil, social studies at North Side.

Retirement of the following two (2) certified staff members: Rodney Donigan, business education at EHS-East; and Dana Soptich, special education at EHS-West.

Resignation of the following two (2) certified staff members: Kathryn Case, language arts at EHS West; and Angela Garcia, ENL at EHS-East.

Employment of the following three (3) classified employees: Yessenia Cisneros, building translator/parent liaison at Woodland; Melisa Machowiak, registered behavior technician at Eastwood; and Cesar Ramos, Jr., bus driver at Transportation.

Resignation of the following seven (7) classified employees: N’Ronn Bailey, custodian at Pierre Moran; Valorie Books, LPN at North Side; David Chaney, bus driver at Transportation; Sandra Iavagnilio, secretary at EHS-West; Nicole LeCount, paraprofessional at Eastwood; Tammy Oldenburg, secretary at food service; and Diane Pilarski, promotions manager at WVPE.

Retirement of the following four (4) classified employees: John Bloom, maintenance at Building Services; Michael Linville, business account manager at WVPE; Linda Price, food service at EHS-East; and Cynthia Thompson, paraprofessional at EHS-West.

Rescinded resignation of classified employee, Elizabeth Osowski, food service at EHS-West.

Leave for the following two (2) classified employees: Jocelyn Gordon, food service at EHS-West; and Sonia Thomas, food service at EHS-West.

Termination of the following two (2) classified employees: Terrin Allen, food service at Hawthorne; and Niquan Whitener, food service truck driver at Commissary.

Death of classified employee, Frances Eggink, food service at West Side, on 3/5/21.

.....approved revisions to Board Policy 3120.01S – Employment of Support Staff, as presented at the March 9th regular meeting, with the additional change eliminating extension of probationary period provision.

.....removed from the table and approved revisions to Board Policy 2210 – Curriculum Development, as presented at the March 9th regular meeting.

.....was presented proposed new Board Policy 2260.02 – Language Assistance Program, for initial consideration.

.....approved the Added Pay Schedule of the Master Contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

.....was presented the 2021-2022 School Calendar, for initial review. In response to Board inquiry, additional information will be provided prior to the next regular meeting on April 13th. The proposed first day of school will be August 12th, which students attending five days per week, and no early release days.

.....authorized the submission of a Petition to the Indiana State Board of Education for an advance from the Common School Fund in the amount of \$1,147,500.00.

.....approved the cash tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year. Valerie Moore, supervisor of accounting, audits and investments, stated the rate for students in grades K-12 will be \$6,600.

.....Ms. Moore provide the current insurance update reporting claims are below the same month last year.

..... authorized a premium holiday for all staff currently participating on the ECS benefits plan. The payroll date will April 30, 2021.

..... heard a student audience member speak regarding input, timing and consequences of returning to the classroom setting.

- heard Kerry Mullet, ETA president, briefly review the historical timeline of department chairs beginning in 1965, in light of changes to come in the Fall with the schools of study.
- heard Board member, Dacey Davis, commend the student speaker for his correspondence to the Board regarding the return to school and his comments this evening.
- heard Board president, Rocky Enfield, also commend the student speaker and to clarify the lengthy process by which the return to classroom decision was made.
- heard Board member, Troy Scott, report on the joint, four county event hosted at Warsaw High School to speak out against current pending legislation. The event was attended by key business, community, and education leaders from Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall, and St. Joseph counties. Mr. Scott provided a copy of the Declaration to Indiana Legislators and Governor Eric Holcomb in opposition to House Bill 1005 and Senate Bills 412 and 413.
- heard Board member, Susan Daiber, remind everyone, in light of world events, to be kind.