

..... heard Board member, Babette Boling, recite the Elkhart Promise.

..... recognized Ellen Coget, Kindergarten teacher at Hawthorne, for her 50 years of service at Elkhart Community Schools. Cheryl Waggoner, director of human resources, introduced Ms. Coget and commented on current events of 50 years ago. Eric Chandler, principal of Hawthorne, presented Ms. Coget with an award and thanked her for her continued dedication to the Kindergarten program at Hawthorne. Ms. Coget thanked everyone for the recognition and remarked she is ready for another group in the fall.

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

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Claims in the amount of \$7,013,298.26.

Gift Acceptance:

Donations of \$2,000.00 from Radio Horizonte for EACC student scholarships; and \$1,939.61 for the butterfly garden behind Mary Beck’s library from Belmont Mennonite Church in remembrance of Elaine Hostetler, a member of their church and lifelong educator.

Grant Submissions:

A Kindergarten Celebration Virtually! Grant from Meijer for Eastwood in the amount of \$100.00; and a Donors Choose Wilson Reading Program grant from Donors Choose for Eastwood in the amount of \$817.18.

Conference Leave Requests

Personnel Report:

Employment of the following nine (9) certified staff members for the 2021-2022 school year: Laura Clements, grade 4 at Beck; Grace Combes, art at Freshman Academy; Joseph Fairbotham, academic dean at PACE; Rachel Fisher, speech pathologist at Roosevelt; Brittany Hedman, grade 6 at Osolo; Nancy Howells, speech pathologist at Daly; Angela Ness, counselor at EHS; Laura Reverman, special education at Osolo; and Amy Seng, special education intern at TBD.

Retirement of certified staff member, Anita Gorden, FACS at EHS-East.

Resignation of the following twelve (12) certified staff members: Timothy Adams, counselor at PMMS; Scott Allen, special education at Pinewood; Jennifer Benak, grade 4 at Beck; Jaime Borkholder, grade 6 at Hawthorne; Sarah Bowerman, business at EHS-West; Jennifer Brown, grade 1 at Feeser; Christian Ciesielski, grade 6 at Pinewood; Maria Hite, special education at Daly; Deborah Gilles, special education at EHS-West; Bridget Huffman DeFauw, special education at Riverview;

James Mackiewicz, math at EHS-East; and Katherine Wilhelm, grade 2 at Hawthorne.

Leave for certified staff member, Nicole Gray, grade 2 at Daly.

Employment of the following four (4) classified employees: Thomas Bjornstad, bus helper at Transportation; Erica Curtis, registered behavior technician at Eastwood; Kerry Lawson, paraprofessional at Eastwood; and Wannetta Probst, paraprofessional at Beardsley.

Resignation of the following nine (9) classified employees: Sherman Bailey, custodian at ETI; Maria Carrillo, secretary at Daly; McKayla Fielstra, secretary at EHS-East; Shelley Green, paraprofessional at Osolo; Stacia Lanum, food service at Hawthorne; Pamela Manley, food service at EHS-West; Jennifer McKelvey-Galindo, secretary at Beardsley; Retha Miller, bus driver at Transportation; and Shawna Williams, paraprofessional at Daly.

Retirement of the following two (2) classified employees: Leigh Bell, assistant supervisor at Transportation; and Annie Wiley, bus driver at Transportation.

Reassignment of classified employee, Amy Seng, to certified position.

Leave for classified employee, Maria Gonzalez, paraprofessional at Riverview.

Revision to leave for classified employee, Brenda Goethals, food service at EHS-West.

.....approved proposed new Board Policy 5461 – Transfer and Recognition of Credits, as initially presented at the May 11th regular meeting.

.....was presented proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation JFC – Guidelines for a Safe Learning Community, for initial review. In response to Board inquiry, Doug Thorne, District Counsel/Chief of Staff, stated suggestions would be reviewed prior to next meeting.

.....heard Brad Sheppard, assistant superintendent of instruction, present proposed new course offering for the 2021-2022 school year: Robotics Design and Innovation, for Board review.

.....heard Ms. Moore provide the current insurance update reporting claims were lower in April than in March, and still keeping pace with last year.

..... was presented a 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, for initial review. A lengthy discussion regarding who, how much, the qualifications, and timeline was held. Additional details will be presented at a future meeting.

..... postponed the vote on the 2021-2022 Cost Reductions as presented by Dr. Thalheimer, and voted to hold a Special Board Meeting, on Tuesday, June 1st.

..... approved the 2021-2022 Bell Schedule.

..... heard an audience member thank the administration for the recently gifted blankets; expressed concern regarding elementary students and the newly approved bell schedule; and the recent issue regarding masks on the busses with the increased temperatures this week.

..... heard an audience member express concern regarding the bell schedule related to child care.

..... heard an audience member speak regarding the possibility of closing a building the potential repercussions of such action; and a request to reevaluate close contact tracing.

..... heard Board President, Rocky Enfield, invite everyone to participate in the Fish Fest being held in Elkhart on June 5th and 6th.