

..... heard Board member, Doug Weaver, recite the Elkhart Promise.

..... heard Brandon Eakins, director, EACC, present the Moment of Pride. Hot Rodders of Tomorrow is a career and technical education student group that gives students the opportunity to begin careers in the automotive industry; scholarships are just one of the benefits. During the competition, they are exposed to potential future employers and industry experts at a young age, which opens the door to various opportunities in the automotive trade. The EACC team advanced to the national finals event at the Performance Racing Industry show in Indianapolis this past December. Teams have three timed runs to disassemble and reassemble a standard Chevy small block engine with hand tools. There are guidelines that must be followed and time penalties assessed for errors. Times are averaged to determine placement and the EACC placed 7th in the nation, culminating with a perfect run on their third attempt, which was only the 2nd of the entire competition. Team members Luis Abrajan (Penn), Jonathan Skopec (Penn), AJ Brunson (Elkhart), Alexander Robakowski (Elkhart), Nestor Luna-Ramirez (Elkhart), and Isaiah Verde (Mishawaka). Each team member earned \$7,500 in scholarship dollars.

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

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Claims in the amount of \$12,854,382.34.

Gift Acceptance:

Donations of \$500 from Edward F. Camp Wealth Management; \$250 from The McCollester Group, Inc.; \$200 from MORyde; and \$500 from OBECO, Inc. to the EHS Cheerleading program; \$400 from the Mary Abigail Rydson Memorial Fund through the Community Foundation for the EHS Swimming program; a \$300 anonymous donation for the EHS Girls' Track program; and a 2004 Honda CRV (owner valued at \$750) from John Martens to the EACC to be used in the Automotive cluster.

Personnel Report:

A settlement agreement regarding unpaid time for a certified staff member.

Employment of certified staff member, Sara Strack, grade 3 at Feeser for the 2021-2022 school year.

Resignation of the following (4) certified staff members: Michael Fritschi, business education at EHS; Joshua Nice, principal at Daly; Allison Schrock, grade 5 at Daly; and Clarence Thomas, social studies at Freshman Division.

Accepted the rescinded resignation of certified staff member, Allison Schrock.

Maternity leave for certified staff member, Mackenzie Bontrager, grade 3 at Beck.

Employment of the following three (3) classified employees: Michael Chastain, custodian at Pierre Moran; Sherri Macigewski, food service at Commissary; and Sarah Yoder, RN at Bristol.

Resignation of the following two (2) classified employees: Carrie Faught, food service at Daly; and Sarah Fox, registered behavior technician at Riverview.

Death of classified employee, Deanne Eick, paraprofessional at Roosevelt.

Leave for the following three (3) classified employees: Brittnee Taylor, food service at Hawthorne; Joseph Temple, technical assistant at PRIDE Academy; and Charlena Thompson, bus driver at Transportation.

.....heard Dr. Thalheimer report COVID numbers have seen an increase since the holiday break.

.....approved proposed revision and waived second reading of Board Policy 3422.14S – Employees in Technical Services Positions Compensation Plan. Doug Thorne, district counsel/chief of staff, noted the proposed revision is merely a title change from Infrastructure Services Coordinator to Systems Administrator.

..... accepted a potential conflict of interest presented from the Superintendent Thalheimer.

.....authorized the bulk sale of 581 iPads having reached the end of their lifecycles.

.....heard Dr. Thalheimer welcome staff back for the second semester and thanked Rocky Enfield for his year as Board president. Dr. Thalheimer also noted this is the last Board meeting for Susan Ott and thanked her dedication and service to him, the Board and the district.

.....heard each Board member comment and thank Mrs. Ott for her service.