

.....heard Board vice president Troy Scott recite the Elkhart Promise.

.....heard Maggie Lozano present with great pleasure that she is here to recognize and celebrate the retirement of our hard working classified and certified staff, today we honor those who have spent years of serving our students as teachers, therapists, social workers, paraprofessionals, food service, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, and administrators. As we celebrate the retirement of these individuals, let us take a moment to reflect on the impact they have made on the lives of students. Each and every one of them has played an important role in shaping the future of our young people. They have inspired, challenged, and supported our students and for that we are forever grateful.

Classified Retirees

- Susan Clifton, 23 years
- Emily Grant, 25 years
- Ann Henderson, 10 years
- Candy Kirchner, 36 years
- Thomas Labuziowski, 10 years
- Loria Mayes, 42 years
- Roxanne Niemzyk, 19 years
- Debra Scott, 10 years
- Mae Sims, 34 years
- Renee Strieby, 15 years
- Mikel Weaver, 10 years
- Sherree Wilkey, 15 years

Certified Retirees

- Dawnrachelle Allen, 26 years
- Helene Dauerty, 16 years
- Elaine Fiwek, 36 years
- Heidi Krusenklous, 32 years
- Stephanie Lee, 32 years
- Theodore Miller, 21 years
- Timothy Miller, 28 years
- Cynthia Pinkowski, 17 years
- Laurie Ritchie, 33 years
- Christopher Scalise, 26 years
- April Schneider, 33 years
- Warren Seegers, 25 years
- Michael Swanson, 29 years
- Alejandrina Teifert, 21 years
- Denise Wappes, 17 years
- Jana Wilde, 16 years

.....heard Mayor Rod Roberson present Loria Mayes with a Key to the City for her 42 years of service. He also spoke of her outside work in the community thanked her for her dedication.

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

Minutes – May 9, 2023 – Public Work Session
Minutes – May 9, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

Claims in the amount of \$2,048,677.07.

Proposed school fundraisers in accordance with Board policy.

Gift Acceptance

Accepted with appreciation the following donations made to Elkhart Community Schools (ECS): \$1,300 to Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from Cheers to Wheels to be used for 2 graduating students who plan to attend Trade School; \$500 to EHS volleyball team from Compress Air to help with the purchase of travel apparel and training equipment for the volleyball program; \$1,200 to Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from Elkhart High School class of 1960 for the scholarship fund for an Elkhart student; \$500 to EHS volleyball team from Gemstone to help with the purchase of travel apparel and training equipment for the volleyball program; \$500 to EHS volleyball team from Heart City Toyota to help with the purchase of travel apparel and training equipment for the volleyball program; \$500 to EHS volleyball team from OperationsRX to help with the purchase of travel apparel and training equipment for the volleyball program; 1981 Volkswagen Jetta Diesel valued at \$450 to Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from Madison Motors to be used in the Diesel Tech Services class; \$1,200 to Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from Michiana Porsche Club for the Michelle Hostetler Memorial Scholarship Fund; Roscoe Rollpac III with an estimated value of \$500 to Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from Rieth-Riley for our Diesel Tech class; and Backdrops and studio lighting to Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) from Serra Zimmerman to be used in our Commercial Photography class.

Conference Leave Requests

Approved overnight trip request for Elkhart High School Japanese Program to travel to Yokohama City, Japan July 20 – August 4, 2023 to stay with host families to experience language and cultures.

Personnel Report:

Employment of two (2) certified employees for 2023/24 school year: Sydney Bias, Grade 4 at Beck; Christina Cline, Mathematics at Elkhart Academy.

Retirement of the following one (1) certified staff: Carol Fish, School Psychologist at ESC.

Resignation of the following six (6) certified staff: Rachel Cason, Art at Daly; Bernerd Haskins, PE at Woodland; Scott McDougall, PE at EHS; Allison Schrock, Grade 1 at Daly; Sydnie Schultheis, PE at EHS FD; and Nancy Whittaker, Medical Assisting at EACC.

Rescission of Resignation of the following one (1) certified staff: Megan Screes, Grade 6 at Beck.

Leave of the following one (1) certified staff: Michelle Hilliker, Counselor at EHS.

Unpaid Leave of the following one (1) certified staff: Shalon White, Kindergarten at Bristol.

Extension of an unpaid leave for the following one (1) certified staff: DeVetta Farrow, Assistant Principal at Pierre Moran.

Employment of the following seven (7) classified employees: Aylin Arriaga, RBT at Roosevelt; Melissa Coffman, bus driver at Transportation; Ann Marie Doyle, paraprofessional at Elkhart Academy; Charmayne Hooley, secretary at Riverview; Charity Ives, custodian at Woodland; Frances Jackson, food service at EHS; and Aurora Leon Bautista, paraprofessional at Pierre Moran.

Resignation of the following six (6) classified employees: Wisdom Chigwada, TA at Feeser; Sharon Dutkowski, Transition Specialist with Exceptional Learners; Katherine Gregg, food service at EHS; Alexandra Neighbors, food service at North Side; Dimitri Sanders, food service at EHS FD; and Heidi Sigman, food service at North Side.

Unpaid leave for the following four (4) classified employees: Christina Green, bus driver at Transportation; Cliftina Gwilt, paraprofessional at North Side; Emily Lewandowski, social worker at Monger; Maria Martinez, paraprofessional at Monger.

.....heard Doug Thorne present Board Policy 5430 – Class Rank for final approval. The Board unanimously approved.

.....heard Doug Thorne present Administrative Regulation IKAB – Reporting Student Progress to Parents for final review.

.....heard Dr. Thalheimer present proposed new course offerings for the 2023-2024 school year: Introduction to Culinary Arts and Hospitality.

.....unanimously approved Lacrosse Program Restructuring to a club sport and no longer funded by the Athletic Department.

.....heard Doug Thorne present Proposed Revision to Miscellaneous Positions Compensation Plan (3422.12S).

A. Requested to approve and waive 2nd reading for addition of EACC Career Coordinator position. This was unanimously approved by the Board.

B. Presented the addition of Assistant Supervisor of Food Services for initial consideration.

.....heard from Kevin Scott recommending approval of Cisco SmartNet maintenance contract. This was unanimously approved by the board.

.....received the monthly financial report and found everything to be in order.

.....received the monthly insurance report.

-heard from Kevin Scott recommending approval of a one-time premium insurance holiday for all staff currently participating in the ECS benefits plan for May 26, 2023. The board approved with one board member abstaining due to being on the insurance plan.
-heard one (1) audience member express concern about Transportation.
-heard one (1) audience member express several positives in Transportation.
-heard Dr. Thalheimer give thanks to all staff for their hard work on all of the events, recognition of students and staff, and also reminded of the graduation this coming Sunday, May 28th.
-heard Board Member Anne VonDerVellen thank all retirees for giving themselves for the district and our students for so many years. Also wanted to recognize Kevin Scott as he was awarded the John Lamplighter Award from IASBO for his work in Business Management.
-heard Board Member Troy Scott also thank the retirees for their hard work and the impact they have made. Also thanked all staff for their work this year. Shared results from a couple of athletic events currently going on.