Because the five year agreement with EACS’ PPO Parkview/Signature Care is set to expire in December 2013, the PPO vendor Request for Proposal (RFP) process began in June 2013. Specs were sent to Parkview and Lutheran to bid on a new five year agreement starting January 1, 2014. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent, along with Old National Insurance representative Steve Gille, explained the RFP criteria and process, as well as the proposal evaluation process.

Kirby Stahly presented further Budget information along with additional proposed cost reductions. The Budget must be approved by no later than the October 15th Board meeting to meet the state deadline.

Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities, reviewed GO Bond information along with a list of prospective projects that could be completed with a $2M GO Bond. The Board asks that a building utilization study be conducted.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Budget.

A new Board meeting Agenda format was introduced beginning this meeting.

Kirby Stahly presented the Board with the most up-to-date information regarding the Group Health Insurance PPO/Hospital contract.

The EACS Technology Department — including Keith Madsen, Ben Byers, Kurt Dager, Brenda David, Cindy Fritz, Shelley Jenkins, Pete Miesle, Mike Phommachanh, Jeff Prentice, Ken Sorg, Jon Stauffer, Dietrick Thomas, and Joanne Turney, under the direction of Marilyn Hissong — were recognized for their stellar job with the recent iPad distribution. Over the last weeks and months many many hours were worked by all. Awesome job and great teamwork everyone!

~ Welcome New Hires~
- Jennifer Basting, CRT, WOPS
- Doreen Biggins, RtI Specialist, PHJH/NHMS
- Lauren Hall, teacher, PCA
- Craig Helfrich, teacher, PCA
- Judith Hunt, teacher, NHHS
- Dennis Koomer, Learning Center Supr., NHHS
- Ginger Louden, secretary, HEHS
- Sherrie May, food service, HEEL
- Ellen Oberley, CRT, NHIS
- Lacy Rose, teacher, PCA
- Heidi Schaadt, teacher, PCA
- Ina Scott, paraprofessional, NHHS
- Therese Sloan, paraprofessional, NHPS
- Tasha Tumbleson, nurse, HEEL

~ Administrative Change ~
- Jenny Snyder to Manager of Special Services

~ Resignations~
- Ambia Cooper, paraprofessional, PHLC, eff. 9/27/13
- Ashley Headley, teacher, CEEL, eff. 8/30/13
- Valerie Larimore, DW Educational Interpreter, eff. 8/1/13
- Ephraim Smiley, Learning Center Supv., NHHS, eff. 8/16/13

~ Retirement ~
- Jilene Merriman, paraprofessional, NHHS, eff. 8/5/13