



February 25, 2009 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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### Walker School students share artwork, literature with Board

At Wednesday night's meeting, Walker Reading Specialist Stephanie Delgrosso and members of the Walker Book Club presented their review of "The Tale of Despereaux" (pictured left). The six pillars of character served as a springboard for book club discussions. Students worked to identify examples and non-examples of each character trait. Students Kelsey Browning, Riley Conlin, Violet Kuchta, Owen McGee, Rachel Pappas, Erik Pikowitz, Karli Pikowitz, Sara Tam, and Mariah West shared their thoughts and story illustrations. Also at the meeting, under the guidance of Walker Art Teacher Alison McCarthy, 5<sup>th</sup> grader Jennifer Pozza and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Allison Michaluk shared what they had learned in art. Jennifer explained how she used contour line drawings to illustrate her shoe. Allison presented her book making project.

#### **In personnel matters, the Board:**

- employed Hilary Smith as a speech pathologist, for the 2009-2010 school year; and
- employed April Bernico as a paraprofessional to fill a family medical leave from March until the end of the school year.

#### **In other business, the Board:**

- reviewed sections of the Board Policies;
- reviewed the Board Workshop that was held on Saturday, February 21 and received direction for the planning for the coming year;
- received information regarding the registration of kindergarten students for the school year;
- reviewed the results of the EXPLORE testing that was completed by students in Grade 8;
- noted that there are currently 3,747 students enrolled in Summit Hill District 161; and
- heard a report of the February 19 District Improvement Team Meeting.

The next Board meeting will be March 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Administrative Center.