



June 10, 2009 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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### Board recognizes SHJH track team accomplishments

At Wednesday's meeting, members of the Board of Education recognized several members of the Summit Hill Jr. High Boys' and Girls' Track Teams for their recent accomplishments. Over Memorial Day Weekend, the teams competed in the IESA State Track and Field competition in East Peoria. Summit Hill qualified 22 athletes in the meet. Among the highlights was 7th grader Julian Hylton winning the state title in the long jump competition. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team brought home a 4<sup>th</sup> place team finish.



### District receives Bright Star Award for educational excellence

For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Summit Hill District 161 has been awarded the School Search 2008 Bright Star Award for achieving high student performance while managing the finances of the district. District 161 is one of the 68 Illinois school districts (out of 868 school districts) to be honored with the award in

2009. The district has received the honor yearly since the award originated in 1995. Award criteria are based on districts whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper one-third of Illinois school districts, but whose expenditures per pupil ranks in the lower one-fourth of Illinois school districts.

The ranking is based on 2008 Illinois Report Card data, which is the most recent data available. The Bright Star Award is distributed by School Search, an educational research and consulting firm that publishes online rankings of school systems.

#### In personnel matters, the Board:

- employed Kevin Perkins as Technology Applications Specialist effective August 17, 2009;
- employed Kim Weber, Ann Spadoni, Stephanie Spellman, and Kristi Trezek as paraprofessionals;
- employed Gerald Spehar as summer technology intern from June 11<sup>th</sup> through August 7, 2009;
- employed Lauren LaRoche, Kyle Fischer, Kristi Linke, and Lauren Gatto to fill various family medical leaves of absence during the 2009-10 school year;
- employed Richard Schereck as a .5 PE teacher and Julie Groos as a Kindergarten teacher for the 2009-2010 school year;
- employed lunchroom supervisor Christie Soto for the 2009-2010 school year;

- accepted the resignation of Foreign Language Teacher Nicole Dunnill at the end of the 2008-09 school year; and
- set salaries for continuing non-certified personnel.

**In other matters, the Board:**

- reviewed Section 7 of the Board Policy Manual;
- authorized Administration to submit the General State Aid Entitlement Claim and the Annual Claim for Pupil Transportation Reimbursement for 2008-09;
- confirmed the existence of hazardous transportation routes;
- authorized submission of the ARRA, the IDEA, the NCLB, Reading Improvement Block, and Preschool for All grants on behalf of the District;
- approved the first reading of Board Policy 5:330;
- discussed tentative dates for a Board Workshop meeting and also Board member attendance at the November IASB Conference;
- heard a report concerning the June 3 Frankfort Township Planning Commission meeting; and
- was made aware that the District ended the 2008-09 school year with an enrollment of 3,752 students, 42 more than at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

**Also at the meeting...**

The Board recognized Mary Gorski, a fourth grade student at Arbury Hills School, who was named the Illinois and Northern Indiana School Safety Patroller of the Year award by AAA.

She was recognized along with Other patrollers from neighboring states at the National AAA School Safety Patrol award event in Washington D.C. Mary is pictured with Supt. Keith Pain, Arbury Hills Principal Pam Kohlbacher, and Board President Sean William Doyle.

