



Oct. 22, 2008 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,700+ students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

Summit Hill Jr. High students highlight curricular activities, sports accomplishments

At Wednesday night's Board meeting, Summit Hill Jr. High students highlighted curricular activities and accomplishments in volleyball and cross country. Seventh grade Language Arts students from Mr. Barnas' class (pictured right) sang a song about Pronouns and also talked about their classroom project about the Titanic, seventh graders from Mrs. Heiden's Language Arts class read poetry entitled, "I Am", and Mrs. Putz's seventh and eighth grade art class displayed paintings in the style of Georgia O'Keefe to serve as a backdrop at the Board meeting. Additionally, members of the seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams and cross country teams were congratulated by the Board for their accomplishments this season.



In personnel matters, the Board:

- approved the employment of Joan Wordelman as a teacher for the period of October 23, 2008 until approximately January 16, 2009;
- approved the employment of Jeannie Loichinger as a teacher for the period of approximately November 21, 2008 until approximately January 21, 2009;
- approved the employment of Leah O'Connell as a teacher for the period of approximately February 23, 2009 until the end of the 2008-2009 school year;
- approved the employment of Barbara Hotter as a paraprofessional for the period of October 27, 2008 until December 5, 2008; and
- approved the regular status employment of Stephanie Frigo, effective October 14, 2008; Lisa Harper, effective October 15, 2008; and Rod Guerrero and Gary Ingram, effective October 18, 2008.

In other business, the Board:

- discussed plans for yearly parent surveys during Parent Conferences;
- approved the purchase of online board packet software;
- heard a report from Supt. Pain concerning the recent District Improvement Team Meeting;
- heard presentations from Principals concerning School Improvement Plans;
- received the 2008 ISAT Writing scores of students in grades 5, 6 and 8;
- heard a report from the Director of Special Services concerning assuming speech pathology services from District 843 for all District 161 programs beginning in 2009-2010;
- authorized the Superintendent to release the School Report Cards to the public on Oct. 24;
- appointed Arliss Bouton as the Local Election Official for the April 7, 2009 School Board Election and Barb Rains as alternate;
- was informed that there currently are 3,741 students enrolled in District 161; and
- was informed of the status of state medical compliance for district students.