



October 28, 2015 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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### **Board members congratulate 46 staff members as Wall of Gratitude recipients**

Board Members congratulated 46 staff members who have been recognized by their peers for going above and beyond the call of duty during October. Distinguished staff members honored as Wall of Gratitude recipients include: Administrative Center - Karen Diehl, Mary Ellen Graff, and Teri Witt; Arbury Hills School - Barbara Diehl, Jody Diehl, Daneen Klauba, Philip Puente and Judy Radusewicz; Dr. Julian Rogus School - Anita Biedermann, Judy Chathas, Kathy Cheverud, Lori Coverick, Sajida Farooqi, Dawn Goshko, Pam Maynard, Jenna O'Callaghan, Brooke Roach, and David Ruklic; Frankfort Square School - Laura Fifer and Amanda Sabo; Indian Trail School - Deniz Aslan, Audrey Fields, Deb Manning, Patricia Pfeiffer, Joe Renardo, Lucy Rios, Linda Schober, Jody Tedeschi, Larry Trotter, Pam Wandersen, and Dana Wright; Summit Hill Jr. High School - Colin Bradley, Zac Miller, and Dan Pierson; Walker School - Elizabeth Braun, Heather Cheske, Tracy DeCesare, Erik Donovan, Leah Fischer, Laura Goebel, Marianne Hourihan, Sharon James, Lauren Mondt, Lauren Neubauer, Steve Radostits, and Meghan Sepessy.

### **Board recognizes Walker student, SHEF, and building administrators**

At Wednesday's meeting, the Board recognized Walker 6<sup>th</sup> grader Hallie Hoger for competing in the IESA Class 3A state cross country meet. Hallie ran her best two-mile race of the year finishing with a personal record of 13:14. In addition, the Board recognized the Summit Hill Educational Foundation (SHEF) for the outstanding efforts with the Haunted Hustle. SHEF raised \$5,400 from this event. Also at the meeting, the Board celebrated Principal Appreciation Day by recognizing principals and assistant principals for the work they do throughout the year supporting students, staff, and parents.

### **First edition of the Illinois Report Card to be released October 30**

The release of this year's first edition of the online Illinois Report Card [www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com), is scheduled to occur on Friday, October 30. This year's rollout will follow a slightly different process than years past due to the state's transition to the PARCC test. Student performance data from the PARCC assessment is not yet available for inclusion in this release, but will be available in a second release. What will be included in the report card is student and teacher demographics, enrollment, district-level financial information, and Illinois 5Essentials Survey information. On October 30, a link will be added to each school's website and paper copies of the report card will be available at each school.

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

- employed Stephanie Narel and Amanda Flanigan as paraprofessionals;
- employed Lori Lysik, Shaneka Fields, and Michelle Fischer as lunchroom supervisors; and
- accepted the resignation of Rachael Garcia.

### **In other matters, the Board**

- approved contracts to purchase natural gas and electricity through Vanguard Energy Services;
- approved up to three additional clubs at each elementary school for the 2015-16 school year;
- accepted gifts, with appreciation, from Arbury Hills STARS in the amount of \$610.29; Dr. Julian Rogus School RESCO in the amount of \$13,814; Frankfort Square School SCO in the

amount of \$4,294.51; Indian Trail School SCO in the amount of \$620.10; Walker School SCO in the amount of \$1,330.59; Summit Hill Jr High SCO in the amount of \$769.69; Summit Hill Jr. High and Walker Band Boosters in the amount of \$1,574.20; and Summit Hill Jr High and Walker Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$4,740.10.

- heard a report on the Superintendent Advisory Committee meetings for Board Goal 2 and Board Goal 3;
- heard a follow-up report on the October 9 in-service; and
- per Board Policy 4:30 – Revenue and Investments, heard a quarterly investment report from Charlie Czachor from PMA.

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