



February 26, 2014 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,339 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

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### **Board hears update on Education Foundation's successful districtwide fundraiser**

At Wednesday's meeting, members of the Board of Education heard a report from SHEF President Amal Lenart. Mrs. Lenart said the Harlem Wizards event was a huge success and that SHEF has received numerous positive e-mails from parents. "I am proud of our District teachers and staff for stepping out of their comfort zones to raise money for our District schools. It is always about our District kids and making our six District schools better," said Mrs. Lenart. Revenue from the event was \$52,760. Factoring in the Harlem Wizards fee and overall event expense, the net event profit was \$41,714. The Board thanked Mrs. Lenart and members of the SHEF Board of Directors for all their time and energy to support District students and staff.

### **Superintendent Advisory for Technology begins review of applied tech modules**

The Superintendent Advisory committee recently met to update members on the progress being made to revitalize the applied tech encore class at the junior high. Members had the opportunity to be the first group to begin the review process of a variety of modules to determine which would best suit our students. Input from SHJH teachers will also be sought. After the modules are determined, administration and staff will work through the processes of incorporating the modules into the encore rotation. The next advisory meeting is April 10 at 6 p.m. in the District Administrative Center. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

### **Summer program planning begins with call for proposals**

The District is planning summer academic enrichment offerings, the reading bridge and math bridge programs, ELL camp, band camp, and athletic camps. The bridge programs have student eligibility requirements and ELL is open to students currently receiving services. A call for staff proposals for athletic and enrichment offerings will go out next week. Once the proposals are received, the District will communicate program offerings, dates, and fees to parents.

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

- approved the employment of Samantha Catain to fill an FMLA;
- approved the employment of Larissa Reed and Lori Trosen as lunchroom supervisors; and
- accepted the resignations of Marlo Fishback and Beth Guerrero.

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

- recognized SHJH students Sean Fischer, Julia Maylone, Suvidhi Shah, Brianna Toman, Thomas Brady, and Tyler Win for their perfect score in the recent Illinois Grade School Music Association solo and ensemble contest;
- heard a presentation by Rogus Kindergarten teachers and students on common core skills in the areas of phonics and word awareness related to high frequency words;
- heard an update from the students' perspective on the technology pilot at Walker School;
- approved the purchase of Renaissance Learning's Early Literacy and Numeracy, Reading, and Math assessment services to replace NWEA MAP beginning in the fall of 2014-15;
- approved the recommendation for a one-time stipend, in addition to their contract, of \$1,000 for each qualifying building principal and \$500 for each qualifying assistant principal;
- approved maintaining club fees at \$30, athletic fees at \$50, and annual band fees (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade at \$80 and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at \$120) for 2014-15;
- approved the IRS reimbursement rate for business miles driven to be 56 cents; and
- heard a presentation on an energy conservation program for three district buildings.

**Next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.**

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