



March 27, 2013 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,289 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

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### **Arbury Hills School students and staff feature Showcase of the Arts**

At the March 27 meeting, Arbury Hills Principal Jeff Gerard led the Board through a presentation which showcased the music, physical education, and art programs at Arbury Hills School. Music Teacher Ritz Binzen led second grade students in singing the school song and Expectation Rap and Physical Education Teacher Lori Dusek shared various movement activities that encourage student learning. Artwork produced by Arbury Hills students was shared and a brief overview of the AVIC (Art Volunteers in the Classroom) program was presented.

### **Board renews Superintendent's contract for an additional year**

The contract of Supt. Barb Rains was renewed for the 2013-14 school year by the Board of Education. After the renewal was approved, Mrs. Rains stated, "I am honored to continue to be part of Summit Hill District 161. Since the day I was hired five years ago, I knew this District was very special. People here work so hard and are so passionate to ensure students receive what they need to become successful learners. There is deep sense of community, caring, and commitment in Summit Hill. The students we serve truly are our children. I'm sure you will agree that our administrative team is second to none. Our teachers and staff take great pride in the successes of our students and our families work in harmony as our partners in education. Thank you for the opportunity to continue as Superintendent of District 161. By working together, I know we can continue to make a difference in the lives of Summit Hill students."

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

- offered two teachers second-year probationary contracts, ten teachers third-year probationary contracts, six teachers fourth-year probationary contracts and 16 teachers tenure contracts for the 2013-2014 school year;
- approved the employment of Kimberly Leyendecker and Celeste Golden as sub-lunchroom supervisors; and
- adopted a resolution authorizing non-renewal of three non-tenured personnel.

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

- approved the second and final reading of Board Policies: 2:160, 4:45, 4:60, 6:65, 6:235 and 8:20;
- approved seeking bids for the extension of roof warranties at Indian Trail and the District Administrative Center/Mary Drew buildings; and
- heard an update on the District's technology plan.

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