



May 22, 2013 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board of Education hears student achievement update

At the May 22 meeting, members of the Board heard an update on student academic growth as referenced in this year's NWEA MAP scores. District 161 NWEA averages and growth by grade level in Reading, Math, and Language was presented. It was reported that every grade level scored above the national average in 24 of 25 categories -- with a tie in one category -- on the Spring NWEA test. Of special note is that this year the District utilized the Common Core bank of questions for NWEA MAP test administration.

Board of Education recognizes exemplary students

Members of the Board acknowledged the students recognized by the staff of their school for their exemplary academic progress during the 2012-13 school year. Students honored by the Board include Arbury Hills 4th grader Trevor Vuillaume, Frankfort Square 4th grader Jacquelyn Furlong, Indian Trail 4th grader Colin Visser, Rogus 4th grader Luca Spinelli, Walker 6th grader Javier Jones, and Summit Hill Jr. High 8th grader Kerolos Sam.

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved a request for a year leave of absence for a tenured teacher.

In other matters, the Board

- recognized the Summit Hill Jr. High Track team for participating in the IESA State Tournament;
- approved the newly developed certified evaluation instrument;
- approved the first reading of Board Policy 4:60, 6:290, and 2:150 as presented. These revised policies will be posted on the District website under the Board link later this week;
- set fees for the 2013-14 school year as follows: club fees to be maintained at \$30 per student, athletic fees to be maintained at \$50 per student, and band fees for 5th and 6th graders to be set at \$80 per student and 7th and 8th graders to be set at \$120 per student;
- set the location of all Board of Education meetings to be held at the District Administrative Center;
- announced that Pam Kohlbacher, Richard Ward, and Sean Doyle would serve as Board Policy Committee members;
- announced that Rich Marron would serve as the Superintendent Finance Advisory liaison;
- announced that David Faber would serve as the Insurance Committee liaison with Sean Doyle as the alternate;
- began a discussion of class size guidelines;
- will continue its discussion of the location of the Early Learning Program at a Special Meeting on May 29;
- was updated on summer maintenance projects and the roofing schedule;
- was updated on the Summer Bridge and ELL Summer programs; and
- following closed session, approved a motion to restore the salary of the Superintendent to its current level for the 2013-14 school year.