



July 11, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board welcomes new instructional leader at Arbury Hills School

The Summit Hill District 161 Board of Education approved the employment of Jeff Gerard as the new Principal of Arbury Hills School effective July 12, 2012. Mr. Gerard began his professional career serving as a first, second, and fifth grade teacher for 11 years and transitioned to administration by serving as an assistant principal in Troy School District for the last two years. Superintendent Rains commented, "We welcome Mr. Gerard to District 161. He is a strong instructional leader whose strengths match the goals and objectives of the District."

In personnel matters, the Board:

- re-employed Sandra Schlesselman, Kyle Fischer, and Joseph Cardinal as teachers for the 2012-2013 school year and Lauren Clough as a Teacher to fill a family medical leave. All four teachers were called back from the Honorable Dismissal list.
- accepted requests for a family medical leave and an extraordinary leave.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the Second and Final Reading of Board Policies 2:125, 3:40, 4:60, 4:110, 5:125, 5:280, 6:110, 6:180, 6:235, 6:290, 7:50, 7:190, 7:270 and 7:340;
- approved the 2012-2013 Summit Hill District 161 Band Handbook;
- approved the purchase of a replacement cargo van;
- approved the Dr. Julian Rogus School parking lot project;
- approved the 2012-13 Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Joint Agreement District 843 budget;
- discussed strategies and progress targets related to Board goals for the 2012-13 school year;
- discussed the District 161 Honors Program;
- heard a report of topics discussed throughout the year at the Superintendent Advisory Committee meetings. Topics to be implemented in the fall include parent communication regarding Common Core standards and the development of parent PR liaisons at each school to help share information with the community via the local media.
- heard a presentation concerning hosting a Grade 5 Math Summer Bridge pilot program; and
- heard that 720 students have not yet re-registered for the 2012-13 school year.

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