



August 8, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board of Education presented with overview of Common Core Standards

Gail Bohnenstiehl presented an overview of the Common Core Standards to kick-off the District's three-year plan of implementation. Ms. Bohnenstiehl, Common Core facilitator for Area 1C for the Regional Office of Education, is also a member of the State Language Arts Advisory Committee and a Literacy Consultant for the Professional Development Alliance. In addition to the overview, Ms. Bohnenstiehl discussed the shifts in teaching and learning associated with the rigor and complexity of the standards and also what the Reading/Language Arts assessment will look like. She also will be presenting to District staff on the second Institute Day. A Common Core presentation for parents will be held in September.

District 161 selected by ISBE as pilot site for new state Kindergarten assessment

District 161 was selected by the Illinois State Board of Education as a pilot site for the state's new state Kindergarten Readiness assessment. Implementation date for the state assessment is anticipated to be the 2013-14 school year. The assessment looks at a child's development in the following domains of school readiness: English language development, social and emotional development, self-regulation, language and literacy development, and math development. The goal of the assessment process is to provide information about children's competencies across developmental domains over time and to inform whether Illinois' kindergarteners have the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in school. Staff training will take place this month.

In personnel matters, the Board:

- employed Jen Medendorp and Lauren Clough as teachers for the 2012-2013 school year
- employed Shirley Prince and Anna King as teachers to fill family leaves;
- employed Laura Vlosak as a nurse for the 2012-2013 school year;
- accepted the resignation of Nicole Murawski; and
- granted a request for a family leave.

In other action, the Board:

- recognized Kathy Klein, Jason Isdonas, Dan Pierson, Jennie Probst, Maura Sherman, and Molly Ward for their participation as presenters at the statewide PBIS conference on August 1 & 2;
- approved the first reading of Board Policy 4:110 - Transportation;
- approved the 2012-2013 Honors Handbook;
- approved the 2012-2013 Budget Hearing to be conducted on Sept. 26, 2012 at 7 p.m.;
- authorized the 2012-2013 Ivy League contract;
- authorized the process to refund Series 2005 bonds; and
- authorized the sale of surplus furniture to District 843.