



September 11, 2013 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,308 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Board hears overview of Common Core and 2013 ISAT scores

The Board heard an overview from Supt. Rains on Common Core and the 2013 ISAT scores. Students in grades 3 through 8 completed the annual ISAT in March. Most students and parents are quite familiar with this annual assessment. However, students, parents, and the District will notice a change in the 2013 results based on increased expectations for students set by the State's new cut scores. The new expectations for determining if a student's score falls into "exceeds, meets, below, or academic warning" increased over the previous year's ISAT tests (through the adjusted scoring) to accommodate the higher performance expectations of college and career readiness being set by the Common Core Standards. The new expectations do not mean students know less than they did before or are any less capable than they were in previous years. Instead, it means that the bar has been raised on how well students are prepared to meet college and career readiness benchmarks. The 2013 ISAT is a brand new measurement of a student's achievement, one that will continue with the 2014 ISAT this coming March. To view the presentation from the Board Meeting, please click [here](#). A letter of further explanation will be mailed to parents on Sept. 30. Individual student ISAT reports will be sent home with students on Oct. 4.

Board to appoint candidate to fill vacancy created by recent resignation

At the September 11 meeting, Board President Sean Doyle shared that he received a letter of resignation from Board Member George Perros, effective immediately. Fellow Board Members acknowledged the countless hours of dedicated service Mr. Perros has given during the last two years and wished him well. The Board now has 45 days to fill the vacancy. The term of the vacancy will be until April 2015. Interested candidates are to complete a letter of intent expressing a desire to fill the position and the candidate information form. The Candidate Packet is available [here](#) or in hard copy at the District Administrative Center. Completed documents must be e-mailed to brains@summithill.org or delivered to the District Administrative Center by 5 p.m. on Sept. 23.

In personnel matters, the Board

- employed Samantha Catain as a teacher to fill a FMLA;
- employed Susan Shea as a .5 Special Education Resource teacher;
- accepted the resignation of Nancy Hutchinson; and
- accepted a request of a family medical leave.

In other matters, the Board

- heard a report on the upcoming curriculum audit;
- reviewed the proposed settlement agreement between District 122 and District 843;
- welcomed Stacey Borgens as the MTSS (PBIS/RtI) leadership team liaison with Rich Marron as the alternate;
- approved the Summit Hill Jr. High 8th grade Washington D.C. trip;
- discussed procedures for community use of school facilities; and
- heard an update on graduation activities, with June 2 noted as the date of 8th grade graduation ceremony.

Next Meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25.

Sean William Doyle
President

Rich Marron
Vice President

David Faber
Secretary

Stacey Borgens
Member

Pam Kohlbacher
Member

Member

Richard Ward
Member