



October 14, 2009 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,687 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

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### **Board Members recognize music students, sports teams, and staff**

At its October 14 meeting, members of the Board of Education acknowledged District personnel who will receive recognition by the State at the 2009-2010 'Those Who Excel' education awards program to be held in Peoria on October 24. District nominees receiving an Award of Recognition include Dottie Kirwan, Walker School; the Mary Drew School Improvement/RTI Team; Julie Fiocca, Mary Drew School teacher; and Jenny Probst, SHJH and Indian Trail school psychologist. Receiving an Award of Merit are Dean Gerdes, Director of Finance; and Julie Arvia, community volunteer.

Also, members of the Board recognized several Summit Hill Jr. High students. Choir students Mary Ciszek, P.J. Doody, Katie Sheehan, Lauren Vitiritti, Brandy Benak, Savanna Steck, and Elizabeth Warkocki will participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association Junior Choir that will be held on November 7. Band students Bethany Dombkowski, Jimmy Kreuz, Kyle Stanuch, David Woods, and T.J. Gaertig will participate in the upcoming Illinois Music Educators Association Band and Jazz Festival on November 14.

Additionally, the Board acknowledged Summit Hill Jr. High boys' baseball players who took third place in the Class 3A State Baseball tournament. Team members include Jon Mazanec, Kyle Ostrowski, Matt Murawski, Josh Mutter, Erik Eggert, Brett King, Joey Frederickson, Brandon Butler, Zach Hoekstra, Steven Stremme, Dan Brown, Kevin Graff, Nathan Harnett, D.J. Lee, Mike Rissley, Mike Madgziarz, Dominic Valentine, and Conor Grove. Members of the 8th grade boys' volleyball team also were recognized for capturing the conference tournament. The team has been undefeated for two years. Team members include Mike Balcerzak, Jimmy Dusek, Kevin Dusek, Scott Dusek, Austin Faller, Chris Filicette, J.T. Limon, Brad McFarland, Colin O'Connell, Ryan Swiecicki, Spencer Town, and Jake Walenga.

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

- employed Rich Schereck as a full time teacher from approximately September 28 until approximately November 20;
- employed Kyle Fischer as a teacher from approximately January 4, 2010 until the end of the 2009-2010;
- employed Anita Beidermann as a lunchroom supervisor at Dr. Julian Rogus Kindergarten;
- granted family medical leaves of absence to three employees; and
- accepted the resignation of clerical aide Deb Hill.

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

- articulated how the District will improve educational services for special education and ELL students this year;
- heard a report of the District Student Wellness Assessment program;
- discussed the various resolutions that will come before the Illinois Association of School Board Delegation Assembly in November at the IASB Convention;
- discussed the online parent survey that will be used during Parent Conferences;
- discussed the distribution of student report cards and FITNESSGRAM results at Parent Conferences during the first quarter;
- agreed to appoint a hearing officer to decide student residency cases that have been questioned;
- heard a presentation by the District's auditing firm and accepted the Fiscal Year 2009 Audit;
- authorized the Superintendent to publish the Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Financial Report;

- authorized the Superintendent to publish notice of the 2009 Levy Hearing at 8 p.m. on December 9, 2009;
- authorized the Superintendent to sign the agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for reimbursement of expenditures for the school based health services program;
- allowed the Superintendent to engage in limited university teaching for the Spring Session 2010;
- heard a report on the Legislative Luncheon Meeting, the Three Rivers Division Dinner Meeting and from the Board President concerning a NSBA STEM Webinar in which he participated;
- heard a report of the October 14 District Improvement Team meeting;
- was made aware that there are currently 3,689 students enrolled in District schools; and
- was made aware that State School Report Cards will be made public on Friday, October 16 and will be posted on the District's websites.

### Student groups recognized by the Board



Student groups honored include (*top left*) music and band students, (*above*) representatives from the volleyball team and (*left*) representatives from the baseball team.

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