



February 22, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board votes to close a school as part of its financial savings plan

At the February 22, 2012 meeting of the Summit Hill 161 Board of Education, the Board voted to close Mary Drew School for the 2012-2013 school year. The decision was made following months of deliberation and presentations of numerous cost containment scenarios and building closure models to Board Members and the school community to address the District's financial deficit. Earlier this month, the Board approved reductions in consumables, Gr. 1-4 club stipends, before and after school bus activity runs, and the number of administrators.

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the retirement of Jan Zevkovich, Principal of Walker School, effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year; and
- approved the employment of Kelly Arthur as a teacher, Eileen Scroggin as a lunchroom supervisor, and Leroy Molitor as a substitute custodian.

In other matters, the Board

- recognized Kiwanis students of the month and District Spelling Bee participants;
- heard a presentation about Presidents' Day by Mary Drew School students;
- heard an update on the Response to Intervention implementation;
- heard a report on the review of the Gifted/Honors program;
- heard an update on maintenance projects; and
- heard an update on progress on the 88th Avenue sidewalk project