



March 14, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,406 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Common Core implementation to continue as central focus in 2012-13

At Wednesday night's meeting of the Summit Hill Board of Education, members were updated on the District's efforts to continue to incorporate the new Common Core Standards in teaching and learning. The Standards provide for a single set of expectations for all students which include rigorous content and application of knowledge and skills. The Standards are organized around College and Career Readiness anchor standards. The K-5 math standards provide students with a solid foundation in whole numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals which is the foundation for more demanding math concepts. The 6-8 standards describe robust learning in geometry, algebra, and probability and statistics. The English/Language Arts standards provide an integrated model of literacy and incorporate requirements for reading and writing in Social Studies, Science, and other content areas. Technology requirements are blended throughout. Implementation will continue through the 2013-14 school year. A new national assessment aligned to the Common Core will be replacing the ISATs in 2014-15. The District is partnering with the Professional Development Alliance for staff training. Funds will come from federal grants. The District is planning a parent forum on the Common Core Standards this fall.

In personnel matters, the Board:

- approved the employments of Sabrina Mangan, Bridget Quealy and Erin Boers as teachers to fill FMLAs; and
- approved the resignation of Angela Beckstrom.

In other action, the Board:

- recognized students who were District and State winners in the Young Authors Contest;
- recognized the Spartan Competition Cheer Team for placing 2nd in the IESA State Championship and the ICCA State Championship;
- recognized the Summit Hill Jr. High 8th Grade Chess Team for participating in the IESA State Chess Tournament;
- recognized Summit Hill School District and all attendance centers for receiving the Certificate of Recognition for the 2011-2012 school year;
- accepted, with appreciation, a gift in the amount of \$2,000 from The Intermec Foundation;
- approved the proposal from Legat Architects for the 10-year Life Safety review for Dr. Julian Rogus School;
- approved the realignment of the Summit Hill Jr. High encore program;
- approved maintaining the Pre-K program at its current level;
- authorized the preparation of the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2012;
- approved the first reading of Board Policies 2:100, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220E2, 2:260, 4:170, 5:10, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125, 5:190, 5:210, 5:220, 5:260, 5:285, 6:150, 7:20, 7:70, 7:100 and 8:70;
- approved adjustments to school boundaries to balance school enrollments;
- discussed increasing fees for next year for clubs, activities, and band;
- noted the approximate cost savings from the closing of Mary Drew School to be \$670,808; and
- heard that there currently are 3,406 students enrolled in District schools.

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