



April 12, 2017 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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### **Board, administration thank Mrs. Kohlbacher, Mr. Ward for service to the District**

At Wednesday night's meeting, Board Members Pam Kohlbacher and Rich Ward were honored for their years of service on the Summit Hill School District 161 Board of Education. As a special recognition for Mrs. Kohlbacher's service on the Board, as a District administrator, and as a teacher in the District, the teacher training room at the District Administrative Center has been named the PSK Teacher Training Room in recognition of her support of staff development throughout the years.

### **Board authorizes supplemental bus program**

At Wednesday night's meeting, members of the Board approved a supplemental bus program to provide service to and from district schools for students that live within 1.5 miles of their school and do not cross an Illinois certified hazard point, making them ineligible for state reimbursable bus service. The supplemental bus program was authorized for the 2017-2018 school year only and requires reauthorization by the Board for continuance in 2018-19. Highlights of the program include:

- Registration will be required for supplemental bus riders and any student not registered will not be eligible for the program.
- The registration process will be set by the Superintendent or designee. (The process will be communicated mid-May.)
- A supplemental bus fee will be set at the prior year per student transportation cost as calculated for the District's submission to the state for reimbursement, but will be capped at \$250 per student per school year.
- The supplemental bus fee may be waived or altered for hardship or any other cause at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.
- Bus routes will be determined prior to consideration of the supplemental bus riders and under no circumstance will bus routes be added to accommodate additional supplemental bus riders.
- Supplemental bus riders will be taken on a first come basis should any or all routes become full.
- Bus routes will be established prior to the consideration of supplemental bus riders and bus stops may only be added at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

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

- accepted the resignation of Linnea McNicholas; and
- approved the employment of Suzette Fitzpatrick and Linda Gonzales as FMLA teachers.

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

- thanked Mrs. Lauren Neubauer's Individualized Instruction students for sharing the puzzle piece pins they made to promote autism awareness. Students raised \$563 for Autism Speaks;
- approved the District's organizational chart;
- honorably dismissed three educational support staff members due to a reduction in force necessitated by the elimination of the Supervisor of Building and Grounds, Technology Manager, and Tech Applications Specialist positions;

- approved noncertified job descriptions for the positions of Manager of School Operations/Transportation, Building and Grounds Maintenance/Manager, Technology Specialist/Manager, Building Technician Coordinator, Building Level Computer Technician, and District Level Tablet Specialist;
- employed Frank Zajac as Manager of School Operations/Transportation; James Jakubowski as Building and Grounds Maintenance/Manager, and Kevin Perkins as Technology Specialist/Manager;
- approved the non-retention of five educational support staff;
- approved the 2017-2018 non-certified hourly rate proposal as presented:
  - ✓ Non-certified staff - average 3% hourly rate increase with some years of service adjustments.
  - ✓ Lunchroom supervisors - 0-5 years' experience: \$13.25; 6-9 years: \$14.25; 10-19 years: \$15.25; and 20+ years: \$17.25.
  - ✓ Paraprofessionals - 0-2 years' experience: \$13.25; 3-8 years: \$14.25; 9+ years: \$15.25.

Additionally, all insurance eligible non-certified staff will be offered an annual bonus of \$2,500 should they waive the offer of health insurance from the District. (Meetings will be held in the near future to share the details.)

- approved the first reading of Board Policy 2:100, 3:70, 4:15, 4:180, 5:70, 5:80, 5:110, 5:120, 5:125, 5:140, 5:210, 5:230, 5:300, 5:320, 5:285, 6:70, 6:235, 7:100, 7:190, and 7:270;
- approved E-rate projects in the amount of \$37,000;
- approved the last day of school as June 1, 2017;
- reviewed updates for the 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook; and
- heard an update on the Technology budget and Operations and Maintenance budget; and
- heard a discussion on the National School Lunch Program requirements.