



May 9, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board approves new Director of Finance and Director of Special Education

At the May 11 meeting of the Board of Education, members approved the employment of Susan Krautstrunk as Director of Finance and Bridget Nolan as Director of Special Education. Ms. Krautstrunk presently is the Director of Finance at Plainfield Consolidated SD 202. She previously was a senior accountant in Elgin U-46. Ms. Nolan is currently a Special Education Administrator and Director of the Extended School Year Program in Plainfield. Previously she was a special education teacher in Kirby District 140. Transitioning will begin later this month.

Board honors teachers as local Those Who Excel recipients

At the May 11 meeting of the Board of Education, members recognized Christine Coffey and Ryan Hagen as District 161 Those Who Excel program honorees. Ms. Coffey was selected as the recipient in the student support personnel category. She is an English Language Learner teacher who has been with the District since 2010. She works with students at Mary Drew and Indian Trail Schools. Mr. Hagen was selected in the classroom teacher category. He is a Math teacher at SHJH and has been with the District for four years.

In personnel matters, the Board:

- approved the retirement/resignation of Mary Kruzel, District Office;
- approved the contract extension of Angie Ziemba; and
- approved two FMLA requests.

In other action, the Board:

- recognized SHJH students as Kiwanis Students of the Month and Math contest winners;
- recognized Band Teacher Kim Coughlin as one of the winners of this year's Chicago land Outstanding Educator Award sponsored by Quinlan and Fabish music company;
- recognized the Summit Hill Band on its first place honor in State competition;
- heard a presentation by Frankfort Square students on art awareness;
- heard an update on the K-4 Social Studies adoption;
- heard a report concerning the May 18 Institute Day which includes the annual Staff Recognition luncheon;
- heard a report on the Lincoln Way Curriculum Council;
- heard a variance report describing the preliminary amended budget which indicated that overall, District 161's budget improved from a deficit that was \$2.1 million in the original budget adopted in September 2011 to a deficit that is now projected to be \$1.7 million;
- approved the Johnson Controls maintenance contract which included a reduction of \$40,000 through reduced software service and reporting changes without an overall reduction in maintenance service to the District; and
- approved certified employee job descriptions.